

Dunkirk council creates fund for fire dept.

Money will be set aside to accumulate for equipment purchases

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review  
DUNKIRK — The city's fire department will begin building up funds for future equipment purchases. Dunkirk City Council on Monday approved the creation of a non-reverting fund for the fire department, allowing it to retain revenue from fire protection contracts over the long term. Council members had discussed the possibility for the last couple of months. The goal is to preserve funds the city receives from fire protection contracts with surrounding townships. (That money currently goes into the general fund.) The city is receiving nearly \$14,500 this year through fire protection contracts with Knox, Jackson and Richland townships in Jay County, and Niles Township in Delaware County. Christy Curts, the council member who serves as liaison to the fire department, said the department would like to allow the funds to accumulate to help pay for a new truck or other equipment. Council members Jesse Bivens, Dan Watson, Randy Murphy, Donna Revolt and Curts unanimously approved creating the new fund. Clerk-treasurer Kara Lowe noted she will bring a resolution to the next council meeting to allow fire protection funds already received this year to be transferred into the new non-reverting fund. See Fund page 2



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Blocking Meridian

A storm that blew through Portland about 7:30 p.m. Monday resulted in a tree snapping on the property of Trinity Arch Bridge Church in Portland. The tree blocked most of Meridian Street (U.S. 27) just south of the arch bridge. More rain and possible thunderstorms are in the forecast for tonight and Thursday.

Commissioner plans to step down

By CASEY SMITH  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com  
Indiana Commissioner for Higher Education Chris Lowery announced Tuesday that he will step down in October after three years in the role, citing a recent health scare and a desire to pursue personal and professional writing projects. Lowery announced his resignation in a message sent Tuesday morning to university and government officials. His departure will take effect Oct. 10. "After considerable thought,

Lowery cites recent health care, desire to work on other projects

contemplation, and prayer, I have decided to step away from my role as Commissioner for Higher Education," Lowery wrote in the email obtained by the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "Serving stu-

dents has been the highest honor of my professional career, and one that has been humbling and blessed." Commissioner for Higher Education officials did not immedi-

ately reply to the Capital Chronicle's request for comment. Lowery, who previously held leadership roles at Ivy Tech Community College and in the private sector, was appointed to the state's top higher education post in 2022. He cited a "health scare" earlier this year that prompted his decision to step down. "Everything is ok, but for a brief period I was left unsure and deeply reflective," Lowery wrote. "Again, considerable thought, contemplation, and prayer went into this decision." See Down page 2

Israelis call images 'fake'

By MICHAEL WILNER  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service  
WASHINGTON — The Israeli government is defending a top military officer who dismissed images of starving Palestinians as "fake" over the weekend, despite President Donald Trump stating Monday that he believes the pictures are real. The rupture comes amid growing international pressure on Israel over dire circumstances in the Palestinian enclave, and as two Israeli human rights groups, in a first, characterized the Israeli operation in Gaza as a genocide. In recent days, photographs and videos of desperate Palestinians crowding aid stations and of emaciated children have spread across the globe. Even so, Israel's prime minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, said Sunday that "there is no starvation in Gaza." And on Sunday, during a press tour of a small area of the Gaza Strip, Effie Defrin, a commanding officer and current Israel Defense Forces spokesman, told reporters that visuals emerging

Government defending top military officer despite statement from Trump

from Gaza were "breaking our hearts." "But most of it is fake, fake distributed by Hamas," Defrin said. "It's a campaign. Unfortunately, some of the Israeli media, including some of the international media, is distributing this information and those false pictures, and creating an image of starvation which doesn't exist." Carrying pots in their hands, Palestinians struggle to access food as a charity distributes meals in Gaza City, Gaza amid Israel's blockade and ongoing attacks, on Monday. Trump rejected that explanation on Monday, telling reporters during a visit to Scotland that the

United States would increase its efforts to get food into the strip. "That's real starvation," he said. "I see it, and you can't fake that." "Israel can do a lot," he added, replying to a question on whether the state could help end the hunger crisis. An Israeli official told The Times that the Israeli government stands by Defrin's remarks. Israel opened additional corridors for humanitarian aid and began its own air drops of food on Sunday. The Israeli official said that, while aid is getting in to Gaza, the United Nations and its affiliate organizations are failing to properly distribute it. See 'Fake' page 5



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On the 'phone

Senior Cora Kremer plays the xylophone during the Fort Recovery High School marching band's show reveal Friday at Fort Site Fieldhouse. This year's show has a "Top Gun" theme.

In review

Jay County Public Library will host its Back-to-School Bash and Pop-Up Food Pantry from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 31. The bash will include free school supplies and hygiene products for children. There will also be free food, games and other activities. For more information, go online to jaycpl.lib.in.us.

Weather

The high temperature was 87 degrees Monday in Jay County. The low was 74. There is a 50% chance of rain tonight with a low in the mid 60s. Expect mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers Thursday and a high in the mid 70s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay County Junior-Senior High School cheerleaders will host their Indiana State Fair preview show at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, in the main gym at East Jay Elementary School. The Indiana State Fair competition is Saturday, Aug. 2.

Coming up

Thursday — A story about the Marching Patriots ahead of the Indiana State Fair.  
Friday — Preview of the Jay County High School girls golf team's season.  
Saturday — Results from JCHS at Indiana State Fair Band Day.





# Capsule Reports

**Rear collision**  
A Portland teen crashed the vehicle he was driving into the back of an Ohio woman's car at the intersection of county roads 250 West and 550 North about 1:15 a.m. Saturday.

Kelly A. Spencer, 43, Ansonia, was driving her 2023 GMC Yukon XL north on county road 250 West when she began to slow down. She told police she was unfamiliar with the area. At the same time, Cayden C. Buckland, 18, was driving a 2004 Ford Mustang

behind Spencer. He told police he didn't realize Spencer was driving slowly, and he wasn't able to slow down or pass her vehicle before hitting it.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Both vehicles were towed.

**Vehicle crash**  
A Union City man was arrested after crashing a vehicle into the back of a Portland man's car about 3:10 p.m. Friday in Portland.

Luis G. Miranda-Bermudez, 28, was driving a 1999 Chevrolet Suburban west on Votaw Street. Fifty-four-year-old John A. Castillo, who was driving a 2007 Ford Edge in front of Miranda-Bermudez, stopped for traffic near Salon Karma. Miranda-Bermudez wasn't able to stop before striking the back of Castillo's vehicle.

Miranda-Bermudez told police he did not have a driver's license. He was preliminarily charged a Class C misdemeanor for the alleged crime and booked into

Jay County Jail on a \$1,000 bond.

The vehicle he was driving was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. It's registered to Alejandro Ramirez of Indianapolis.






**Turning accident**  
An Ohio man crashed a van into a Dunkirk woman's vehicle at the intersection of Industrial Park Drive and Lafayette Street in Portland about 4:17 p.m. Monday.

Timothy J. Miller, 21, Mendon,

Ohio, was driving a 2006 Chevrolet Express north on Industrial Park Drive. Rhyanne Baldauf, 18, Dunkirk, was driving her 2007 Ford Mustang in front of Miller and slowing down to turn east onto Lafayette Street. Miller wasn't able to stop in time before crashing into the back of Baldauf's vehicle.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000. The vehicle Miller was driving is registered to 4K Dikac Transport of Mendon, Ohio.

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Thursday 7/31	Friday 8/1	Saturday 8/2	Sunday 8/3	Monday 8/4
 <b>70/57</b> Thursday looks like a 50% chance of rain and thunderstorms.	 <b>77/54</b> Mostly sunny skies on Friday when the high will be in the upper 70s.	 <b>77/55</b> Saturday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a high around 77.	 <b>80/61</b> Mostly sunny on Sunday when the low will reach around 80.	 <b>81/64</b> Monday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of rain.

Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 7-35-36-43-62 Power Ball: 3 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$384 million	Daily Four: 2-0-5-6 Quick Draw: 1-4-6-10-13-16-17-23-27-39-42-44-47-49-52-59-64-71-74-77 Cash 5: 10-13-17-25-45 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$130 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 7-5-3 Pick 4: 8-7-5-5 Pick 5: 0-4-5-6-3 Evening Pick 3: 6-5-0 Pick 4: 7-5-5-3 Pick 5: 3-6-2-1-8 Rolling Cash: 4-10-24-30-35 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 6-8-5 Daily Four: 5-1-5-1 Quick Draw: 2-6-7-10-18-24-26-33-35-45-47-51-54-59-65-67-68-69-75-77 Evening Daily Three: 5-8-5	

Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.40 Aug. corn .....4.43 Sept. corn .....3.96	Aug. beans.....9.77 Wheat ..... 4.99
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.36 Aug. corn .....4.36 Sept. corn .....4.23	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.12 Aug. corn .....4.12 Beans.....10.09 Aug. beans.....9.98 Wheat .....5.04
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.23 Aug. corn .....4.23 Beans .....10.07	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.33 Aug. corn .....4.33 Beans.....9.87 Aug. beans.....9.57 Wheat .....4.75

Today in history

In 1863, automobile manufacturer Henry Ford was born on his family's farm in Dearborn, Michigan. He incorporated the Ford Motor Company in 1903.

In 1956, "In God we trust" became the national motto of the United States, replacing "e pluribus unum" (out of many one).

In 2014, The Portland Foundation pledged \$250,000 toward the \$1 million fundraising campaign for what would become Portland Water Park. The city was seeking about 30% in private

donations with public funds to be used for the remainder of what was estimated as a \$3.3-million project.

In 2018, the Jay County High School girls golf team's season opener was cut short by rain. The Patriots placed fifth in what ended up being scored as an 11-hole Bellmont Invitational at Cross Creek Golf Club in Decatur.

In 2022, the Jay County High School Marching Patriots placed fourth in the Drums at Winchester contest.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort	<b>Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, fire station, 1616 N. Meridian St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.

# Banks legislation approved

**By DAN CARDEN**  
The Times (Munster)  
Tribune News Service

U.S. Sen. Jim Banks, R-Ind., repeatedly has stood alongside President Donald Trump over the past six months as the Republican chief executive promoted his political agenda to audiences large and small.

Soon, however, the tables will turn and Banks will get to witness Trump sign into law the first measure the Hoosier legislator personally shepherded through the Senate.

The Maintaining American Superiority by Improving Export Control Transparency Act seeks to ensure the Bureau of Industry and Security is overseeing effective export control of key defense goods and national security tech-

nologies while protecting confidential information.

It does so by requiring the agency provide a detailed report to Congress at least once a year identifying every sensitive item submitted for export, along with a report on all export control enforcement activities over the past 12 months.

"I'm proud to share that my bill to protect American tech from Communist China just passed the Senate and is now on its way to President Trump's desk. It is a big win for our national security and a strong move to keep sensitive U.S. technology out of the hands of our adversaries," Banks said.

The legislation was approved by the Senate without opposition July 22 immediately after the chamber

unanimously endorsed a resolution designating July 26 as "National Day of the American Cowboy."

It previously was approved on an unrecorded voice vote by the House May 5 while Indiana U.S. Rep. Rudy Yakym, R-Granger, whose district includes part of LaPorte County, was acting as presiding officer.

It's not yet known when Trump, who currently is attending to public and private business in Scotland, will sign Banks' measure into law.

Banks has represented Indiana in the U.S. Senate since January after previously spending four terms serving the Fort Wayne area in the U.S. House and six years in the Indiana Senate.

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Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins also explained that the city has slowed the process of creating its first tax increment financing (TIF) district in order to implement it correctly.

Before moving forward, he said, two properties involved in a planned housing project must be annexed into the city. The city has hired Indianapolis-based consulting firm Baker Tilly to assist with the process.

The council also agreed

to contribute \$4,500 in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds to the West Jay Community Center gym floor replacement project. It had already committed \$500 from the mayor's promotional fund.

In other business, the council:

- Approved the use of Dunkirk City Park for the Spencer Calvert Co-Ed Softball Tournament; and payment of \$203,346.49 in claims.
- Heard from Robbins that stormwater basins and a

main ditch have been mowed.

- Learned from Revolt and Murphy, respectively, that the park shelter house is being painted and that downtown curb painting will begin Thursday.
- Heard from Curts that Dunkirk Moose Lodge will host its Back-to-School Bash from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 3. The event will include free haircuts, face painting, snow cones, hot dogs, inflatables and giveaways of school supplies and other items.

# Felony arrests

**Firearm possession**  
A Marion resident was arrested July 23 for possession of a firearm.

Darol L. Sorah, 48, 810 Indiana Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony.

Sorah was being held on a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

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During his tenure, Lowery spearheaded multiple policy overhauls, including a revamped higher education funding formula, a tuition freeze at public colleges, and efforts to simplify student aid access and boost completion rates.

He noted, too, that Indiana's college completion rates and ranking have

improved, up from 14th in the nation to 9th.

Even so, Indiana's overall college-going rate has fallen in recent years. State data released earlier this month showed just 51.7% of the state's 2023 high school graduates enrolled in college, a slight drop from the prior year and far below the state's peak of 65% a decade ago.

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# Parents dislike girlfriend

DEAR ABBY: My son is 20 and a senior in college. He's a baseball player and is about to ask the girl he's been dating for a year and a half to marry him. My wife and I don't get along with her at all. She has a myriad of health problems and takes eight prescriptions a day. Because of her conditions, she rarely has the energy to do anything but lie around when she comes to our house. She used to have a job packing groceries at a market, and she would frequently log 10 to 12 miles a day walking. She quit that job for a job at an ice cream shop where she does little walking.

We had a get-together at my other son's house, and she said she couldn't come because she was too tired. My wife sent my son a message saying, "Really? From scooping ice cream?" The girlfriend needed to use my son's phone and saw the message. Her feelings were hurt, and now she will have nothing to do with us. (They still expect us to pay for their wedding, and for gas and maintenance on his car to visit her parents almost daily.) We want to support our son, but we are over it with her. There is so much more I could tell you. Please help. — DAD WHO'S OVER IT

DEAR DAD: If your son's fiancée is taking eight medica-

Dear Abby



tions a day, she has real health problems. Her fatigue is likely part of it. It's a shame she can't perform up to your expectations. Under the circumstances, I can understand why she would be hurt by your wife's comment. If you want to support your son, apologize to her.

I should also point out that if your son is not self-supporting, he is not yet financially prepared for the responsibilities that marriage brings with it. His fiancée may be willing to help, but her income is limited right now and could diminish to nothing if she becomes sick. Given the current situation, it might be better if the wedding were postponed.

DEAR ABBY: My brother and his wife have three adult children. When his youngest daughter got married several years ago, my sisters and I were not invited to the

bridal shower. We were told it was because it was too costly, but it still caused hurt feelings on our side. I know her other aunts were invited.

Should I say anything to my brother? I'm only asking because now his eldest daughter is engaged. I assume my sisters and I will again be excluded. I just keep wondering if they don't like us or what happened. I don't remember doing anything to them growing up or speaking ill of them or their mother. Must I just let it go and move on? — UNINVITED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR UNINVITED: Rather than wait and wonder, call your brother and congratulate him on his daughter's engagement. When you do, tell him you and your sisters would love to come to the shower. His response will tell you what you need to know. If it doesn't, follow up that question with another about whether you may have done anything to cause a rift in the family.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# 'Annie' auditions begin next week

She's not just another orphan.

Jay County Civic Theatre will host auditions next week for its performance of "Annie."

Auditions are slated for 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and are open to anyone. Participants should prepare about 30 seconds of a song showcasing their voice. They may also be asked to read from a script.

Rehearsals are slated for this fall, with performances scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 4, 5, 6, 12 and 13, and 2 p.m. Dec. 14.

For those interested but unable to attend auditions, contact co-directors Rachel Tebbe or Ray Cooney in advance to make other arrangements. For more information, email info@jaycounty-civic.org.

## Fire up dwntwn

It's almost time to ignite downtown Muncie.

Fire Up DWNTWN is slated for 1 to 10 p.m. Saturday. The summer festival will feature live music, hot air balloons, fiery spectacles, interactive art and

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entertainment, craft vendors and food trucks.

For more details, visit downtownmuncie.org/fire up.

## Tall Cop

There's an upcoming educational opportunity to learn how to identify high-risk behaviors in youth.

Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition's "High in Plain Sight: Current Drug Trends" is slated for 9 a.m. to noon Aug. 29 at The Rock Church in Portland. The free, community focused event for adults will be led by officer Jermaine Galloway, also known as "The Tall Cop." Galloway will be sharing ways to prevent substance abuse by identifying possible high-risk behaviors in youth.

To register, visit bit.ly/highinplain-sight2025.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email news@thecr.com.

## Today

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for

all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

## Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

## Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. To learn more information, please call (260) 251-3259.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory

loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Aug. 1, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

## Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

## Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

## Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1

p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

## Tuesday

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8

p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E.

Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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## Tuesday's Solution

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# The right grill finally came along

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from July 27, 2005. Every so often, usually after a new employee arrived, Jack would invite the staff over for a cookout. It was a chance for the new addition to get to know everyone outside of the work environment and for Jack to show off his grilling skills. This week, we'll be welcoming a new sports writer as Ethan Oskroba joined The Graphic Printing Company's team. How much grilling will be involved remains to be seen.*

**By JACK RONALD**  
The Commercial Review

I've finally found the grill of my dreams.  
That's not a typo.

## Back in the Saddle



I found the girl of my dreams back in 1968 and married her in 1971.  
The grill of my dreams was a gift on Father's Day.  
Throwback that I am, charcoal has always been my preference when it comes to grilling.  
Our first grill was a cast-metal hibachi we received as a wedding present; we never got

over our disappointment since it came in a box that said "color television" on the side.  
That lasted us through the early years of marriage, but it was clunky and inevitably started to fall apart. (The grill, not the marriage.) We replaced it with a little tabletop model of the Weber Smoky Joe, a great grill, one which served so well that it's still in the attic of our garage gathering dust. We keep thinking we'll use it again some day. We won't, but that's what we keep thinking.  
It was followed by larger versions of the same grill, both of which were great but started to fall apart after years of use and misuse. (I found it easier to buy

a new grill top every few years rather than keep the old one as clean as I should.)  
In the interim, there was an odd little electric grill that we bought by mistake at a charity auction. You know how it goes. One minute you're trying to run up the bid to help the charity, the next minute you've bought something you don't need.  
But now, I have the grill of my dreams.  
Connie did her consumer homework and found something I never even knew existed.  
It's a charcoal grill, but it has a propane starter. You attach a little camping gas canister to one section of the grill. Then, when you want to fire the thing

up, you load the charcoal as usual. But instead of burning the hair off your arms when the lighter fluid gets going, you simply turn a valve and press a starter. The clean propane fire gets the charcoal going within a few minutes, then you simply turn the gas off.  
The result: Great coals and a great cookout, without the petroleum taste of lighter fluid and without the "whoomp" that comes when you toss in a match.  
There's no telling what I might cook up now that the right grill has come along.  
That's grill. As I said, the right girl came along back in 1968.

# NIH budget cuts are a setback for science

**Bloomberg Opinion**  
Tribune News Service

White House budgets, generally speaking, aren't serious governing documents. Even so, they're a declaration of national priorities — and by that measure, the latest blueprint is deeply troubling. What sort of administration aspires to shrink its budget for scientific discovery by 40%?

Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy Jr. recently testified before a House committee to defend cuts at the National Institutes of Health, the world's biggest funder of biomedical and behavioral research.  
The agency going forward "will focus on essential research at a more practical cost," the secretary said. His plan would end taxpayer support for "wasteful" academic areas, including certain gender-related topics.

It's fair for the administration to set its own research priorities. But one would expect such cuts to free up (if not increase) funding for other urgent concerns, including chronic disease. Confoundingly, Kennedy appears intent on shrinking the entire research enterprise, thereby jeopardizing the White House's stated goals of improving public health, maintaining global leadership in science and staying ahead of China, which is set on closing the gap.

His proposal also undermines the core principle that science is a vehicle for national progress. America's explicit commitment to support scientific research began in 1945. Inspired by wartime innovations, President Franklin D. Roosevelt asked his top science adviser to develop a program that would advance medicine, boost the economy and develop a cadre of young researchers. The resulting framework established science as a "proper concern of government" and sought to reward academic inquiry with generous public funding.

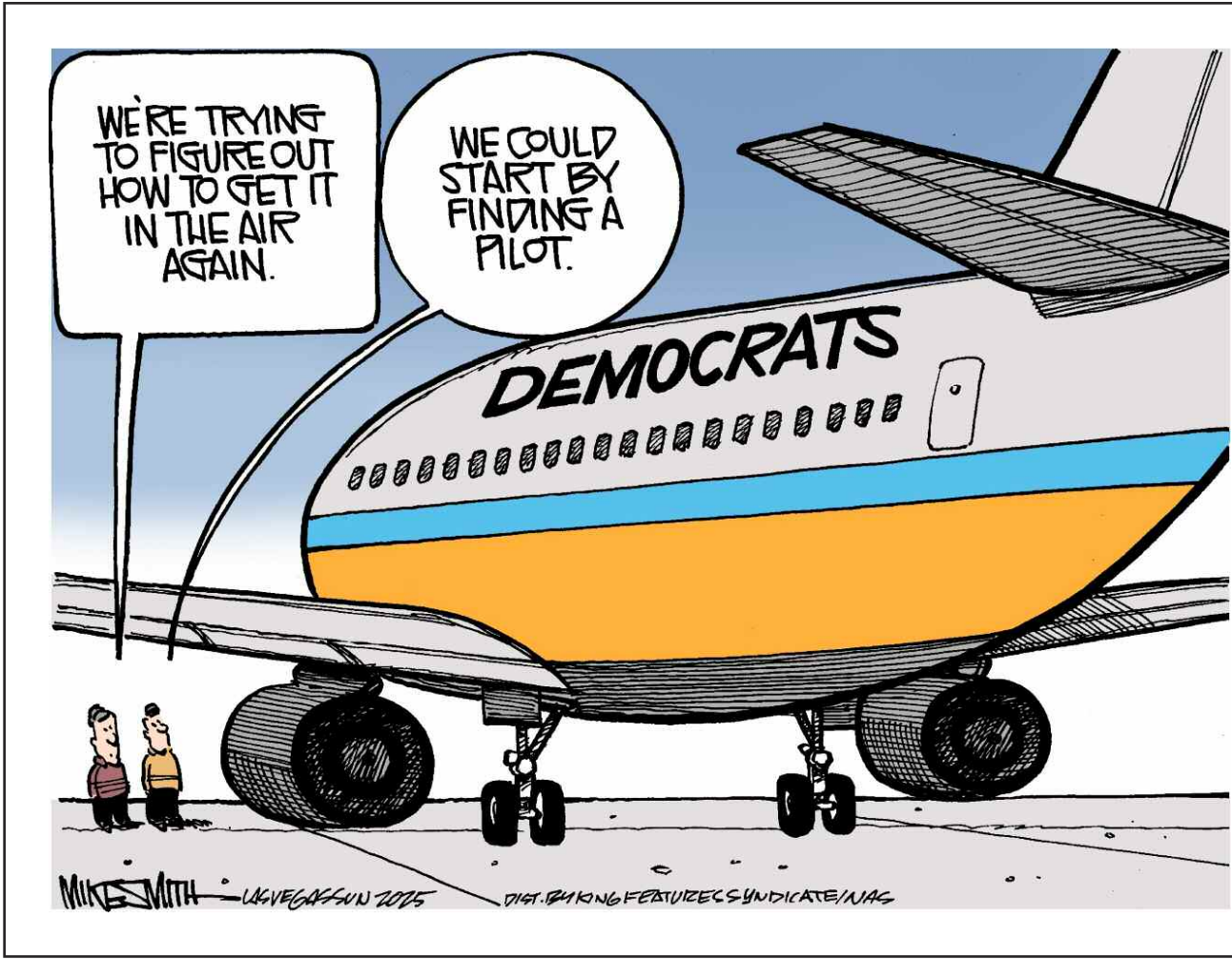
For the better part of a century, this formula worked quite well. The NIH enthusiastically funded basic research — largely through universities — and innovation bloomed. NIH grants have supported countless lifesaving advances, from cancer treatments and gene therapies to vaccines and diagnostic equipment. Almost a fifth of Nobel Prizes have been awarded to NIH scientists or grantees.  
Yet several factors have sown doubt about this model in recent years. Reports that the NIH supported Chinese research on

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coronaviruses, a type of which caused the COVID-19 pandemic, inflamed the public and increased scrutiny over grants writ large.  
Some lawmakers started to question whether the current system overwhelmingly favors established insiders to the detriment of promising junior scientists. Others raised doubts that elite universities — with their swelling administrative costs, staggering tuition rates and contentious ideological fixations — are prudent stewards of taxpayer dollars.  
For these reasons, the White House isn't wrong to scrutinize how universities spend federal money. A reassessment of the NIH's decades-old grant framework would be salutary. The process undoubtedly would benefit from including reviewers with more diverse professional backgrounds by, say, offering stronger incentives to participate. (The tiny stipends involved hardly compensate for the work required.)  
Ensuring more equitable distribution of grants among top applicants (for example, via lottery or "golden ticket" allocations) would make sense, as would more generous funding for high-risk, high-reward research.

Alas, such reforms don't appear to be what Kennedy has in mind. Instead of limiting some costs to improve systems and expand funds for critical research, the health secretary is seeking to issue 15,000 fewer grants by next year. In so doing, he threatens to impede crucial medical studies, shrink the number of new drugs and put American scientists at a needless disadvantage — all while China lavishly invests in research facilities, improves clinical trials and streamlines regulatory approvals.

Congressional appropriations ultimately will determine what gets funded — and judging by recent hearings, lawmakers are deeply skeptical about Kennedy's budget. By expanding support for science and encouraging careful oversight, Congress can do its part to redirect the secretary's ambitions. It unfortunately bears emphasizing that diminishing science sends the wrong signal about America's trajectory, to its citizens and to the world.



# Truckers need a place to park

**By CHRIS SPEAR**  
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Every day, more than 3.5 million professional truck drivers keep America's economy on the move. They haul more than 73% of the nation's freight, ensuring that food reaches our shelves, medicine arrives at hospitals and manufacturers stay in business. But there's one thing many drivers can't count on at the end of a long shift: a safe place to park.

For every 11 truck drivers on the road today, there is one truck parking space. When truck drivers are unable to find safe, authorized parking, they're stuck in a no-win situation — forced to either park in unsafe or illegal locations, or to violate federal hours-of-service rules that regulate their daily drive time to search for safer, legal alternatives.

Many spend upward of an hour each day searching for parking — time that's unpaid and amounts to an average of \$6,800 in lost compensation each year. In the worst cases, they're forced to park on highway shoulders, exit ramps or vacant lots, putting themselves and other motorists at serious risk. Delays in deliveries increase costs for businesses and consumers alike. Worst of all, the parking shortage contributes to thousands of accidents and dozens of fatalities each year.

One of those avoidable tragedies occurred in 2023, when a Greyhound bus struck three semitrailers parked on the shoulder of an Interstate 70 rest area ramp in Illinois, killing three passengers on board the bus. In the agency's report on the accident released just a few weeks ago, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman Jennifer Homendy put the cause bluntly: "Our investigation brought to light a critical shortage of safe truck parking and made clear a painful lesson: Until we address this important safety issue, lives are at risk on our nation's roads."

Chris Spear



For policymakers and business leaders alike, the message is clear: If we want our supply chains to remain resilient and our roads to remain safe, we must invest in truck parking infrastructure. More designated rest areas. More capacity at existing facilities. Smarter deployment of real-time parking information systems.

Last month, President Donald Trump's administration took a major step toward addressing this crisis, issuing project agreements to move forward more than \$275 million in grant funding to expand truck parking access nationwide. Among the projects funded is nearly \$180 million targeted at the Interstate 4 corridor in Florida, which will add 917 much needed parking spots across Volusia, Seminole and Osceola counties.

Department of Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy's leadership, backed by Trump's commitment to the trucking industry, is a clear signal that Washington is finally listening. By increasing funding specifically targeted toward truck parking, they are addressing one of the most pressing and solvable challenges our industry faces.

Congress can protect American motorists by passing the Truck Parking Safety Improvement Act, a bipartisan bill sponsored by Illinois Rep. Mike Bost that would authorize \$755 million in dedicated funding over four years to expand truck parking capacity. These funds could have prevented tragedies such as the 2009 murder of New York truck driver Jason Rivenburg, who was shot and killed for the \$7 sitting on the dashboard of his truck while parked in an

abandoned lot he used out of desperation for rest. The \$200 million allocated to truck parking in the House transportation appropriations bill released last week is a welcome start to preventing similar tragedies.

A dedicated federal funding stream, paired with state-level grant programs, would cut through the red tape that often sidelines critical parking projects. These resources must be allocated in a targeted, flexible way that allows states to build, expand and modernize truck parking across freight corridors and logistics hubs. It's not enough to authorize projects — we must fund them with real dollars that reflect the scale and urgency of the problem.

Accounting for 87% of truck parking spaces, the private sector plays a vital role in providing parking, but it cannot solve this alone. Market forces don't always align with safety and infrastructure needs. Truck stops face high land and development costs, and zoning hurdles often block new projects. That's why a public-private solution is not only prudent. It's essential.

Arkansas Republican Rep. Steve Womack has proved himself a staunch advocate who was instrumental in including \$200 million toward expanding trucking parking in last year's House transportation appropriations subcommittee funding bill. We need more champions like Womack in Congress who will help prioritize and accelerate funding, treating truck parking as the safety and commerce issue it is, rather than an afterthought.

Truckers don't ask for much. They don't expect luxury accommodations or special treatment. What they do expect — and deserve — is a safe place to stop after moving America's economy day and night.

Let's make sure they have it.

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# Mayor: Shooting targeted NFL

*Las Vegas man killed four at building in New York City*

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A Las Vegas man who drove across the country to carry out a shooting in Manhattan that left four people dead was allegedly found with a note that “expressed grievances with the NFL and claimed he suffered from CTE,” according to the New York Post.

According to the report, Shane Tamura’s note, which was three pages long, “blamed football for his apparent struggle with the neurodegenerative disease chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE),” sources told the NY Post.

Tamura reportedly also requested in the note that his brain be studied, the report said.

Sources told CNN that Tamura was a “competitive football play-



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New York Police Department Chief of Department John Chell reacts at a press conference following an active shooter in Midtown Manhattan, Monday, July 28, 2025. Shane Tamura, who has been identified as the shooter, was allegedly found with a note that “expressed grievances with the NFL and claimed he suffered from CTE,” according to the New York Post.

er in his youth,” but he never played in the NFL.

The Monday shooting took place at a skyscraper that is home to the headquarters of both the NFL and Blackstone, one of the world’s largest investment firms, as well as other tenants.

New York City Mayor Eric Adams said Tamura was targeting the NFL headquarters. However, according to AP, he took the wrong elevator.

In a news conference at New York Presbyterian on Monday night, New York City Police Com-

missioner Jessica Tisch said Tamura had driven his Nevada-registered BMW into the city Monday afternoon. The car had been detected by license plate readers in Colorado on Saturday and in New Jersey shortly before 4:30 p.m. local time.

A woman at Tamura’s residence in a gated neighborhood near Desert Shores offered no comment Monday night.

The Metropolitan Police Department, arriving at Tamura’s home, cordoned off the area, allowing only residential traffic. Metro Lt. Braden Schrag told media at the scene that no information would immediately be provided on the response.

A white truck with the words “Desert Shores Patrol” also entered a gate along Breakwater Drive.

Tisch said in the NYPD’s contact with Metro officials that they learned Tamura had a “documented mental health history” but offered no further details. She said he had a Las Vegas concealed weapons permit.

A Nevada private investigators license that was issued in December 2019 and expired in December 2024 belongs to a Shane Devon Tamura, according to a document obtained by the Las Vegas Review-Journal.

Tamura was in Las Vegas as recently as March, a source told the Review-Journal. The New York Post, citing sources, said he had been working as a security guard at an unidentified Las Vegas casino.

Voter registration records indicate he was a nonpartisan voter in Clark County.

## Deadline shortened for Putin peace talks

By **DAVE GOLDINER**  
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President Donald Trump on Monday shortened to less than two weeks his deadline for Russia’s Vladimir Putin to talk peace with Ukraine.

After previously giving the Kremlin strongman 50 days, Trump said he has lost patience with Putin’s refusal to come to the table to end the three-year invasion of its smaller neighbor.

“I’m going to make a new deadline of about 10 — 10 or 12 days from today,” Trump told reporters in Scotland during a meeting with United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer.

“There’s no reason they’re waiting,” Trump added. “I want to be generous, but we just don’t see any progress being made.”

If Putin doesn’t agree to talk peace, Trump says he will impose hefty tariffs on Russia’s trade partners, which include global economic heavyweights China and India.

Trump had set the 50-day deadline on July 14, saying that all buyers of Russian exports would face tariffs “at about 100%” on imports to the U.S. if Putin does not forge a ceasefire with Kyiv.

The president signaled

exasperation at Putin, saying he was “disappointed” at his failure to follow through on previous pledges to end the war.

“Every time I think he’s gonna end, he kills people,” Trump said. “I’m not interested in talking to him anymore.”

For years, Trump had avoided criticizing Putin and even sought to shift the blame for Russia’s invasion to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

But Trump has openly bared his frustration with Moscow as Putin intensifies attacks on the front line in eastern Ukraine and civilian targets in Kyiv and other cities.

He has complained that Putin will suggest in their phone calls that he is open to ending hostilities with Ukraine, and then will quickly order new military actions.

“Russia and Ukraine — I would have said five times we had a deal. I spoke to President Putin a lot. Got along with him very well,” Trump also said Monday.

“Then President Putin launches rockets into a city like Kyiv and kills a lot of people — in a nursing home, or wherever — and there are bodies lying all over the street,” Trump said.

## ‘Fake’ ...

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Humanitarian workers have argued that conditions on the ground, with combat ongoing, have made it impossible for them to operate.

Netanyahu’s office has argued that Hamas is diverting food and aid away from civilians as a war tactic. But assessments by USAID and the Israeli military found no evidence that Hamas is doing so on a wide scale.

In late May, Israel halted relief work by the United Nations and other humanitarian aid groups and handed those efforts to the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation. Critics say the foundation’s efforts have been insufficient and haphazard.

Last week, the World Health Organization said it has documented 21 children under 5 that had died of causes related to malnutrition since the beginning of the year, and the U.N. humanitarian office, OCHA, said that at least 13 children’s deaths were reported just this month.

The crisis comes as two

Israeli rights groups long critical of the current Israeli government — B’Tselem and Physicians for Human Rights-Israel — issued assessments that the Israeli campaign amounts to a genocide against Palestinians.

“An examination of Israel’s policy in the Gaza Strip and its horrific outcomes, together with statements by senior Israeli politicians and military commanders about the goals of the attack, leads to the unequivocal conclusion that Israel is taking coordinated action to intentionally destroy Palestinian society in the Gaza Strip,” the B’Tselem report stated. “In other words: Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians in the Gaza Strip.”

Israel began striking Hamas in Gaza after the organization launched a devastating attack against Israel on Oct. 7, 2023, killing nearly 1,200 Israeli civilians and security forces, and taking 251 others hostage.

# HEALTHCARE

## Nutritional benefits of watermelon



Watermelon is widely considered a summertime treat that’s particularly refreshing on a hot day. A staple at backyard barbecues, watermelon makes a great appetizer, side dish and even dessert.

Watermelon also can make for a nutritious addition to a backyard barbecue menu. Those who want something nutritious to eat alongside less healthy fare like hamburgers and hot dogs can consider the many nutritional benefits of watermelon.

United States Department of Agriculture notes one cup of vanilla ice cream contains 274 calories, while one cup of chocolate ice cream is 286 calories. Watermelon is a low-calorie dessert alternative to ice cream that can be especially appealing after eating popular backyard barbecue fare.

Watermelon promotes hydration. The Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health notes that drinking enough water helps to regulate body temperature, lubricate the joints, prevent infections, and promotes proper organ function. Water also delivers nutrients to cells. Come summertime, it’s easy to fall victim to dehydration, but consuming watermelon can help to prevent that. The Mayo Clinic notes watermelon is 92 percent water, which can help people remain hydrated on

Watermelon is low in calories. The Mayo Clinic notes that one cup of watermelon is 46 calories. That makes watermelon an ideal low-calorie dessert, particularly when compared to other treats, including ice cream. The calorie count for a single cup of ice cream varies by flavor, but the

hot summer days spent outside.

Watermelon is a good source of vitamins C and A. The National Institutes of Health notes that human beings are unable to synthesize vitamin C endogenously, which means they must get this crucial vitamin from the foods they eat. Watermelon contains 14 percent of the recommended daily value (DV) of vitamin C per USDA dietary guidelines, making it a worthy addition to anyone’s diet. Watermelon also contains 5 percent of the recommended DV of vitamin A, which the NIH notes is important for normal vision, immune system health, reproduction, and growth and development.

Watermelon does not contain any fat, cholesterol or sodium. It’s not only what’s in watermelon that makes it so healthy, but what’s not in it as well. Unlike other popular desserts, such as ice cream, watermelon contains no fat, cholesterol or sodium. Opting for watermelon over more traditional desserts can help people lower their fat consumption, reduce their cholesterol and avoid overconsumption of sodium.

Watermelon makes for a refreshing treat on a hot summer day. But watermelon provides a host of additional nutritional benefits as well, making it an ideal food for your next backyard barbecue.

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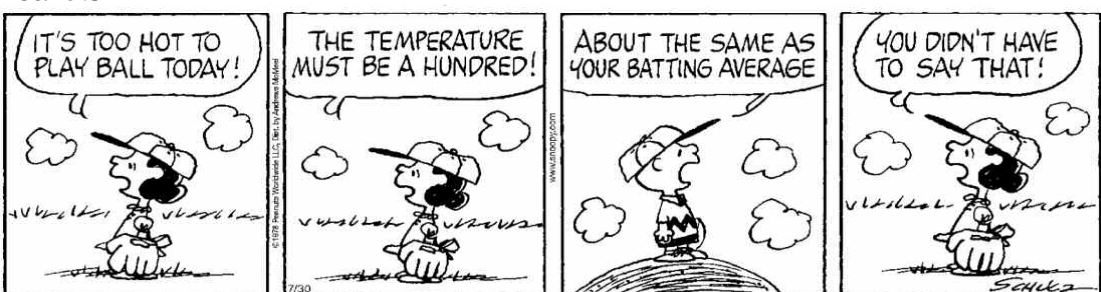
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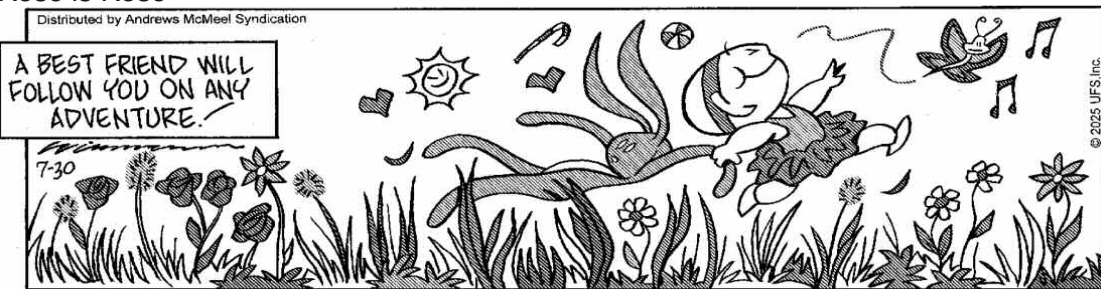
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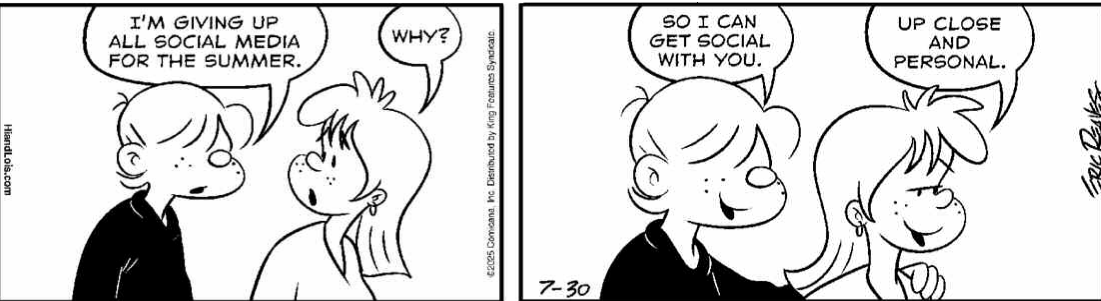
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A little worry never hurts

South dealer.  
Neither side vulnerable.  
NORTH  
♠ J 10 5  
♥ A 8 6 4 3  
♦ Q 10 7  
♣ 6 3

WEST  
♠ 4  
♥ K J 9 2  
♦ 6 5 3  
♣ A K Q 10 5

EAST  
♠ A 7 6 2  
♥ 10 7  
♦ 9 4  
♣ J 9 8 7 2

SOUTH  
♠ K Q 9 8 3  
♥ Q 5  
♦ A K J 8 2  
♣ 4

The bidding:

South West North East  
1 ♠ 2 ♣ 2 ♠ 3 ♣

Opening lead — king of clubs.

To be a good declarer, you have to be a worrier. Consider this deal where South, a carefree soul, went down in a contract he should have made.

West led the K-A of clubs. South ruffed the ace and played the king of spades at trick three. East ducked and ducked again when South next led a trump to the ten. Declarer was now in a hopeless

position. He had to go down, whatever he did next. East had the A-7 of trump left, dummy the singleton jack, and South the Q-9.

If declarer led another trump, East would take the ace and force him to use his last trump by returning a club. So South started to run his diamonds. East ruffed the third diamond with the seven and cashed the trump ace, and West later scored a heart trick to defeat the contract.

Had South been a worrier, he would have made four spades. He would have allowed for the possibility that the opposing trumps might be divided 4-1 and then might have found the way to guard against that eventuality.

All he had to do to protect the 10 tricks he had started with was to discard a heart on the ace of clubs at trick two! The heart was a loser in any event, so allowing West to win two club tricks instead of a club and a heart added up to the same thing.

West would have been stymied by this maneuver. Because a third round of clubs could be ruffed in dummy, no matter what West did next South could not lose more than two clubs and a trump.

Tomorrow: You don't need to be a CPA.

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CRYPTOQUIP

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MAJYU LIYUNKLLPL ZF GPKA

JY OJL BNKLL. OJL LZIXPYZL

GPAP ZFF MAJUOZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF FOLKS ARE IMPERSONATING CROONER SINATRA RIGHT ON THE MONEY, ARE THEY PERFECTLY FRANK?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals S

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 "Rats!"
- 5 Belief
- 8 Some fluids
- 12 Pulitzer winner
- 13 Cyndi Lauper's "— Bop"
- 14 "Deal — Deal"
- 15 On-the-house meal
- 17 Beheld
- 18 Ankle bone
- 19 Strong points
- 21 "Hitch" actress
- 22 LummoX
- 23 Televised
- 26 Devoured
- 28 Bratty look
- 31 A/C measures
- 33 Hesitant sounds
- 35 Over-confident
- 36 Christmas Eve visitor

DOWN

- 1 Loopy
- 2 Taj Mahal city
- 3 — -do- well
- 4 Gaggle members
- 5 Quarantine
- 6 HBO alter-native
- 7 Military award
- 8 Pogo's family
- 9 Leisure
- 10 Tech news
- 11 Male offspring
- 16 Bean variety
- 24 Call — day
- 25 Frolics off-leash
- 27 Mound stat
- 29 Mas-sage
- 30 Old CIA foe
- 32 Brewed, as tea
- 34 Criti-cized
- 37 Curved line
- 39 Author
- 42 A Muske-teer
- 44 Draw a conclusion
- 45 Lessons for tots
- 46 Roll up
- 48 One of HOMES
- 49 Painter
- 50 Burpee buy
- 53 Mouths (Lat.)

Solution time: 23 mins.

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NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF PROPOSED ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS	
Notice is hereby given the taxpayers of Jay County, Indiana that the proper legal officers of Jay County Council at the Jay County Court House, at 5:30 o'clock p.m., on the 13thday of August, 2025 will consider the following additional appropriations in excess of the budget for the current year.	
	Amount Approved
COUNTY GENERAL 1000.31300.00000.0068 Commissioners-	\$45,000.00
Computer Maintenance	\$45,000.00
ACCIDENT REPORTS	\$35,000.00
1101.42200.00000.0000 Equipment	\$35,000.00
LIT- ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT	\$12,500.00
1112.32700.00000.0000 Contractual Services- Kleinpeter	\$12,500.00
CLERKS PERPETUATION	\$7,000.00
1119.41100.00000.0000 Office Equipment	\$7,000.00
ARP-2021 CLFRF	\$12,500.00
8950.31480.00000.0000 Professional Services- Ritter Strategic	\$12,500.00
Total	\$112,000.00
Taxpayers appearing at the meeting shall have a right to be heard. The additional appropriation as finally made will be referred to the Department of Local Government Finance. The DLGF will make a written determination as to the sufficiency of funds to support the appropriations made within fifteen (15) days of receipt of a certified copy of the action time.	
Emily Franks Jay County Auditor	
CR 7-30-2025-HSPAXLP	

Public Notice

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY TAX SALE  
Jay County Indiana  
Beginning 10:00 AM Local Time,  
September 12, 2025  
Commissioners' Room, 2nd Floor  
Jay County  
Pursuant to the laws of the Indiana General Assembly, notice is hereby given that the following described property is listed for sale for delinquent taxes and/or special assessments.  
The county auditor and county treasurer will apply on or after 08/26/2025 for a court judgment against the tracts or real property for an amount that is not less than the amount set out below and for an order to sell the tracts or real property at public auction to the highest bidder, subject to the right of redemption. Any defense to the application for judgment must be filed with the Jay County Superior Court and served on the county auditor and treasurer before 08/26/2025. The court will set a date for a hearing at least seven (7) days before the advertised date of sale and the court will determine any defenses to the application for judgment at the hearing. The county auditor and the county treasurer are entitled to receive all pleadings, motions, petitions, and other filings related to the defense to the application for judgment.  
Such sale will be held on 09/12/2025 at the Commissioners' Room, 2nd Floor and that sale will continue until all tracts and real property have been offered for sale. At the discretion of local officials, the tax sale may switch to an online format. If those measures are taking place, the public auction will be conducted as an electronic sale under IC 6-1.1-24-2 (b) 10 at www.zeusauction.com commencing on the same date/time listed above. All location updates will be posted at www.sriservices.com prior to the tax sale. Property will not be sold for an amount which is less than the sum of:  
(A) the delinquent taxes and special assessments on each tract or item of real property; and  
(B) the taxes and special assessments on the real property that are due and payable in the year of the sale, whether or not they are delinquent; and  
(C) all penalties due on the delinquencies, and  
(D) an amount prescribed by the county auditor that equals the sum of:  
(1) twenty-five dollars (\$25) for postage and publication costs; and  
(2) any other costs incurred by the county that are directly attributable to the tax sale; and  
(E) any unpaid costs due under IC 6-1.1-24-2(c) from a prior tax sale.  
No property listed below shall be sold if, at any time before the sale, the Total Amount for Judgment is paid in full. If the real property is sold in the tax sale, the amount required to redeem such property will be 110% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed not more than six (6) months after the date of sale, or 115% of the minimum bid for which the tract or real property was offered at the time of sale, if redeemed more than six (6) months

after the date of sale, plus the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the real property plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on the amount by which the purchase price exceeds the minimum bid on the property. All taxes and special assessments upon the property paid by the purchaser subsequent to the sale, plus five percent (5%) per annum interest on those taxes and special assessments, will also be required to be paid to redeem such property.  
In addition, IC 6-1.1-25-2 (e) states the total amount required for redemption may include the following costs incurred and paid by the purchaser or the purchaser's assignee or the county before redemption: (1) The attorney's fees and cost of giving notice under IC 6-1.1-25-4.5; (2) The costs of title search or examining and update the abstract of title for the tract or item of real property. The period of redemption shall expire on Monday, September 14, 2026 for certificates sold in the tax sale. For certificates struck to the county, the period of redemption may expire Monday, January 12, 2026.  
If the tract or item of real property is sold for an amount more than the minimum bid and the property is not redeemed, the owner of record of the property who is divested of ownership at the time the tax deed is issued may have a right to the tax sale surplus. The Auditor and Treasurer specifically reserve the right to withhold from the sale any parcel which has been listed in error, or which otherwise becomes ineligible for sale either prior to 09/12/2025 or during the duration of the sale.  
This notice of real property tax sale, and the tax sale itself are undertaken and will be conducted pursuant to the requirements of the laws of the State of Indiana which regulate the sale of land for delinquent taxes, pursuant to I.C. 6-1.1-24-1 et seq.  
The County does not warrant the accuracy of the street address or common description of the property, and a misstatement in the key number or street address does not invalidate an otherwise valid sale.  
Minimum bid amounts are prescribed by law and are subject to change prior to the auction date.  
Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-3(e), property descriptions may be omitted for properties appearing on the certified list in consecutive years. A complete property list may be obtained at www.sriservices.com or in an alternative form upon request.  
Registration For Bidding On The Tax Sale:  
If you are interested in bidding on the tax sale for an Indiana county, you may register online at https://sriservices.com/. This registration is good for all counties that SRI services. You need to register only once for all counties. Make sure to bring the completed form with you to each sale. This will speed up the registration process for you the morning of the sale. If you do not have access to a computer with internet service you may register the morning of the sale. Please arrive the morning of the tax sale at least 30 minutes before the beginning time to be assured you will receive your bid

number before the start of the sale.  
Please bring your registration form and W9 form with you the morning of the tax sale. You will be able to print these forms from the registration web site.  
Pursuant to IC 6-1.1-24-5.1 a business entity that seeks to register to bid at the Jay County Tax Sale must provide a Certificate of Existence or Foreign Registration Statement in accordance with IC 5-23 from the Secretary of State to the Jay County Treasurer.

Dated: 07/30/2025  
382500001 38-01-34-101-049.000-011 \$2,217.93 ROWLES CHARLES L 110 S BROADWAY St PENNVILLE IN 47369-0000  
382500002 38-01-34-104-041.000-011 \$547.04 PROCTOR CYNTHIA LYNN 250 E HARRISON ST PENNVILLE IN 47369-0000  
382500003 38-01-34-401-011.000-011 \$1,111.22 THOMAS ADAM & KATRINA 210 E SECOND ST PENNVILLE IN 47369-0000  
382500004 38-09-08-101-070.000-014 \$2,429.07 BOWLER ERIC T PART VACANT LOTS E MT AUBURN ST DUNKIRK IN 47336-0000  
382500005 38-09-08-101-089.000-014 \$2,601.62 GARRETT JENNIFER GAIL 128 W NORTH ST DUNKIRK IN 47336-0000  
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382500009 38-09-08-103-010.000-014 \$782.95 MOLES LUKE & MEKAYLA NICHOLS JT TENS W FULL RIGHTS OF 346 W WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK IN 47336-0000  
382500010 38-09-08-103-025.000-014 \$556.98 MCCOMBS TINA R 328 W WASHINGTON ST DUNKIRK IN 47336-0000  
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382500013 38-09-08-103-060.000-014 \$2,538.63 MOORE RICK A & TONIA 345 1/2 W PLEASANT St DUNKIRK IN 47336-0000  
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382500038 38-03-17-103-029.000-021 \$4,190.54 LEE SANDRA A 107 N MALIN ST BRYANT IN 47326-0000  
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# Cubs give president contract extension

By MEGHAN MONTEMURRO  
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CHICAGO — The uncertainty surrounding president of baseball operations Jed Hoyer’s future with the Chicago Cubs has been eliminated.

Hoyer and the Cubs agreed to a multiyear contract extension Monday, the team announced. He was in the final year of his contract.

Hoyer, 51, has been in the role since November 2020. Now in his 14th season with the Cubs, Hoyer joined the organization as general manager in November 2011 to reshape the franchise alongside Theo Epstein, ultimately rebuilding the roster into a World Series champion.

“I’m so grateful for the Ricketts family’s trust and support for 14 years,” Hoyer said in a statement. “The Cubs are a special organization with an amazing fan base. I’m excited to keep building on the momentum we have and to work with a terrific baseball operations staff to consistently deliver a championship-caliber team for this great city.”

“Jed and his baseball operations staff have built a healthy player development organization and put an exciting, playoff contending team on the field,” chairman Tom Ricketts said in a statement. “We are looking forward to the rest of the season and to working with Jed for years to come.”

The Cubs entered Monday’s series opener in Milwaukee tied with the Brewers at the top of the division, both owning the best record in the National League and second-best in baseball. A dynamic offense has helped the Cubs overcome injuries to their rotation, putting up the second-most runs in the majors, behind the Los Angeles Dodgers.

# Making the turn

Brayden Fox turns upfield after reeling in a catch from Nick Laux during the Jay County High School football scrimmage against Delta on Tuesday morning. The season will open on Aug. 22 when first-year coach Eddie Fields and the Patriots host Blackford and former JCHS athletic director Steve Boozier.



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# Colts cornerback and his mom work to support single mothers

By LUKE SHEPHERD  
TheStatehouseFile.com

This past weekend, New Beginnings Fellowship Church hosted a backpack giveaway and community day with Colts cornerback and eastside Indianapolis native JuJu Brents making an appearance.

Located only five minutes away from Brents’ former high school, Warren Central, New Beginnings provided kids with more than just backpacks, giving away school supplies and arranging bounce houses, food vendors and even a basketball tournament.

Brents and his mother, Serena Fowlkes, helped sponsor the event with their nonprofit organization, the Brents & Folks Foundation. The two co-founded this nonprofit in 2024 with a goal to help single mothers.

“I’m a single mom of six, so I know the adversity that we go through,” Fowlkes said. “It’s kind of like my story, our jour-

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— JuJu Brents, Colts cornerback

ney from where I started, because I’m not originally from here. But when I got here in ’91, I didn’t have family, I didn’t have a lot of support, I didn’t know a lot of people. I knew they were here. I just didn’t know how to find them because at that time, I was in grinding mode, and I was in a mode of just trying to survive.

“Now that we have this platform, we can do more and provide more.”

Fowlkes and her family’s

story connects them to the community and serves as an inspiration for others.

“It’s a great effect because he wasn’t given that silver spoon in his mouth,” Fowlkes said. “The areas that we take care of around here, a lot of them are coming from a very low-income family, and that’s why we relate. This is an inspiration to our young ladies, our young men, and to the parents to let them know there is hope.”

From Warren Central to Lucas

Oil Stadium, Brents is taking advantage of the opportunity to give back to where he grew up. After playing at Kansas State University, Brents was drafted 44th overall in the 2023 draft and is entering his third season as a Colt.

“I always thought about what I was going to be able to do when I have a position and a platform,” Brents said. “To be able to give back, it’s been great. It’s a blessing to be able to give back to the community.”

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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Volleyball scrimmage at Fort Recovery — 9 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Volleyball scrimmage vs. Jay County, South Adams and Wapahani — 9 a.m.

Thursday

Portland Rockets in NABF World Series vs. Hackensack Troasts at Lee Pfund Stadium and North Central Field — 11 a.m.  
Portland Rockets in NABF World Series vs. Berea Blue Sox at Lee Pfund Stadium and North Central Field — 4 p.m.

TV schedule

Wednesday

7 p.m. — WNBA: Phoenix Mercury at Indiana Fever (FDSN Indiana)  
8 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Minnesota Lynx (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Pumas UNAM at Orlando City (FS1)  
8:30 p.m. — Club Friendlies soccer: St. Louis City at Aston Villa (FOX)  
10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Orange County SC at Phoenix Rising (ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Portland Timbers at Atletico San Luis (FS1)

Thursday

5:50 a.m. — NRL rugby: Melbourne Storm at Parramatta Eels (FS1)  
7 a.m. — PGA Tour: Women’s British Open (USA)  
6 p.m. — The Basketball Tournament (FS1)  
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (FDSN Indiana)  
8 p.m. — NFL Hall of Fame game: Los Angeles Chargers at Detroit Lions (NBC)  
10:30 p.m. — Leagues Cup soccer: Cruz Azul at Seattle Sounders (FS1)

Local notes

Chamber to host

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host its golf outing on Sept. 19 at 9 a.m.  
Participation costs \$250 per team with lunch included. A \$20 team mulligan golf ball can be purchased as well. Sponsorships can be purchased as well. A lunch sponsorship will cost \$500, while a gold sponsorship will go for \$450. Hole sponsorships cost \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members. The deadline to register is Sept. 12. For more info, call (260) 726-4481 or email [amanda@jaycountychamber.com](mailto:amanda@jaycountychamber.com).

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