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Project planned

Work would include reducing lanes, installing bump outs

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

Indiana Department of Transportation is planning road work in downtown Portland, though in a significantly smaller scope than previously proposed.

Documents from INDOT show the agency is planning to reduce the number of lanes on Meridian Street (U.S. 27) between Water and Votaw streets, install bump outs and improve parallel parking.

The work is estimated at a cost of \$927,312.74.

Paving is also planned for Meridian Street within Portland city limits.

According to INDOT documents, safety is a key factor in the project.

"A crash study has indicated that this segment has experienced a higher than expected frequency and severity of crashes in several locations," documents say. "The existing cross section is not desirable for an urban city center. The 4-lane section allows for higher speeds and it does not provide accommodations to pedestrians to cross easily."

The basics of the project are as follows:

- Reducing through lanes from two to one in each direction, with an alternating turn lane in the middle
- Creating "well-defined parallel parking" in both directions
- Installing curb extensions at each intersection
- Providing "community areas" such as seating, plants or art, near curb extensions.

The plans note the need for drainage at the curb extensions, maintenance of a turning radius for trucks at all intersections and directional curb ramps for pedestrians.

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Indiana Department of Transportation

The above graphic shows the area of a planned Indiana Department of Transportation project that would reduce the number of lanes on U.S. 27 (Meridian Street) in downtown Portland and install bump outs at most intersections.

Holcomb faces some key choices

Governor stances unclear on contentious measures

By **TOM DAVIES**
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A plan endorsed by Gov. Eric Holcomb to gradually cut Indiana's individual income tax rate over the next decade will soon be at his desk after winning approval in the final hour of this year's legislative session.

While Holcomb is nearly certain to sign the tax cut package into law, he has sidestepped giving his stance on contentious bills approved by the Republican-dominated Legislature to repeal the state's permit requirement to carry a handgun in public and banning transgender females from participating in girls school sports.

The Republican governor has already signed a bill for ending the state's nearly two-year-long COVID-19 public health emergency declaration after lawmakers turned down a push aimed at forcing businesses to give broad exemptions from workplace vaccination requirements.

Here's a look at some top issues from the legislative session that saw several splits among Republicans before it ended early Wednesday:

Trimming taxes

The tax cut plan calls for reducing the state's current income tax rate of 3.23% to 2.9% in small steps until its planned full implementation in 2029 but doesn't include some sizeable business tax cuts that House Republicans sought.

The plan would cut the tax rate to 3.15% for 2023, which would amount to \$40 savings for those with \$50,000 in taxable income.

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Retrospect

Hawkins Galleria was preparing to open

Twenty-five years ago this week, Portland was looking forward to the opening of a new business location in its downtown.

The March 15, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Portland banker Barry Hudson refurbishing the former G.C. Murphy's building to become Hawkins Galleria.

The building that had once been full of clutter, old furnaces and a maze of glass pipes was getting ready to open as a retail site after two years of work and the removal of 10 dump-truck loads.

"You'll feel at ease ... to come uptown, walk around and buy some stuff," Hudson said. "That's the vision we

have — families walking hand in hand downtown to buy something, fool around and go back home. And they'll say, 'Wasn't that fun?'"

That vision was set to take shape in mid-April 1997 with the opening of Hunt's Emporium 100 and Randall's Jewelry in the building at the northeast corner of Meridian and Main Streets.

The site was first owned by Nathan B. Hawkins and was built in two sections in 1894 and 1895. Its history also included being a site for dime stores, a movie theater, an attorney's office and hotel rooms.

The new Hawkins Galleria was to include the two aforementioned businesses and two other retail spaces to be

filled at a later date. They would be connected by an indoor walkway.

BEAM Inc., a local investment group headed by Hudson and his wife Elizabeth, purchased the building in 1995.

Hunt's, operated by Neil and Meg Habegger, was nearly doubling its retail space to 3,500 square feet with the move. Randall's would also have more space, including a separate room for diamonds.

"We've always been a downtown store and this opportunity to help be part of this is very exciting," said Neil Habegger, "and BEAM (has) shown a real commitment of the company that they're really interested in the viability of the community."



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Barry Hudson stands on the second floor of the former G.C. Murphy building in downtown Portland in March 1997, pointing to a sign that carried the name of the structure's founder, Nathan B. Hawkins.

Deaths

Lowell Pitman, 82, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature Friday in Jay County topped out at 32 degrees.

Expect a high of 24 today with a chance of snow showers in the afternoon and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. The low tonight will be 17.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

In review

Portland City Council will meet in a special session at 6:05 p.m. Monday to consider updates to its garbage collection ordinance.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.



Project ...

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“This project aims to reduce crashes on the corridor by changing the cross section to match the land use,” the INDOT documents note. “Also, this project aims to convert the downtown of Portland to a more pedestrian friendly environment.”
The documents also indicate that the current configuration has a negative impact on economic development in Portland’s downtown.

INDOT completed a project in Dunkirk in 2020 that included bump outs at the intersection on Main and Commerce streets.
Portland Mayor John Boggs has said previously that the work is slated for 2023, which is partially why there is a push to get a \$2.62 million Meridian Street storm sewer project completed this year. The sewer work is focused on mitigating downtown flooding by adding a new storm line running under

Meridian Street from south of Race Street to the Salamonie River.
The current INDOT plans follow a 2019 proposal that would have included paving Meridian Street through the entirety of the city, reducing lanes, upgrading ramps where needed to meet Americans with Disabilities Act standards, removing traffic lights at the intersections with Walnut and High Streets, installing bump outs, imple-

menting reverse-angle parking on one side of the street and cleaning and repair the arch bridge over the Salamonie River. (The bridge work was handled last summer.)
That project was met with significant public opposition, with the removal of the lights at the intersections with Walnut and High streets atop this list of concerns during an August 2019 public forum. Other concerns included the reduction in lanes,

reverse angle parking and drainage.
With the exception of the reduction of lanes, the other provisions that met with opposition have been removed from the new proposal.
The City of Portland did a trial run with reverse-angle parking in a couple of blocks of Main Street on the west side of the downtown area. Those spaces have since been reverted back to angle-in parking.

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Sunday 3/13	Monday 3/14	Tuesday 3/15	Wednesday 3/16	Thursday 3/17
48/34	57/41	56/40	66/46	68/48
Sunday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with wind gusts reaching up to 30 mph.	Monday's weather will be mostly sunny with a low around 41 degrees.	Partly sunny skies are expected Tuesday, with a high in the upper 50s.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is on the horizon for Wednesday.	Thursday should be partly sunny, with a chance of rain at night.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 4-1-8 Daily Four: 6-1-1-9 Quick Draw: 3-5-8-9-16-24-33-37-44-46-50-54-56-66-67-68-70-71-77-79	Pick 4: 0-6-6-6 Pick 5: 2-7-3-3-6 Rolling Cash 5: 8-17-28-34-37 Estimated jackpot: \$219,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-5-1 Pick 4: 8-2-2-5 Pick 5: 3-9-9-3-7 Evening Pick 3: 2-9-9	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$112 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Markets

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Today in history

On March 12, 2009, disgraced financier Bernard Madoff pleaded guilty in New York to pulling off perhaps the biggest swindle in Wall Street history; he would be sentenced to 150 years behind bars. (Madoff died in prison in April 2021.)
In 1864, Lt. Gen. Ulysses S. Grant assumed command as General-in-Chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.
In 1912, the Girl Scouts of the USA had its beginnings as Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Georgia, founded the first American troop of the Girl Guides.
In 1947, President Harry S. Truman announced what became known as the “Truman Doctrine” to help Greece and Turkey resist Communism.
In 1955, legendary jazz musician Charlie “Bird” Parker died in New York at age 34.
In 1971, Hafez Assad was confirmed as president of Syria in a referendum.
In 1972, Portland firefighters were called to multiple grass fires, most of which were attributed to “careless burning of trash.” No major property damage was reported.
In 1980, a Chicago jury found John Wayne Gacy Jr. guilty of the murders of 33 men and boys.
In 1987, the musical play “Les Miserables” opened on Broadway.
In 1994, the Church of England ordained its first women priests.
In 2003, Elizabeth Smart, the 15-year-old girl who vanished from her bedroom nine months earlier, was found alive in a Salt Lake City suburb with two drifters, Brian David Mitchell and Wanda Barzee. (Mitchell is serving a life sentence; Barzee was released from prison in September 2018.)
—AP and The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
2 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building 131 S. Main St.
6:05 p.m. — Portland City Council special meeting, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building 131 S. Main St.

Obituaries

Lowell Pitman

Feb. 12, 1940-March 11, 2022
Lowell Ray Pitman, age 82, of rural Portland passed away Friday, March 11, 2022, at his residence.
He was born in Kentucky on Feb. 12, 1940, the son of Arnold and Lula Francis (Roberts) Pitman. He was a Jackson Indiana High School graduate and member of the Portland Elks. He retired from the Portland Forge and was owner of Pit’s Cocktail Lounge in Portland.

Surviving are a son, Josh Pitman; and three brothers, Forrest Pitman of Englewood, Phillip Pitman (wife: Shirley) of Greenville and Shearl Pitman (wife: Jenny) of Greenville.
Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 15, 2022, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Paul VanCise presiding in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery.
Visitation will be Tuesday from 1 to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be made to the choice of the donor.
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Choices ...

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Further reductions in 2025, 2027 and 2029 would only occur if state tax revenue grows by at least 2% in the previous budget year.
Holcomb and Senate Republican leaders for months resisted backing significant tax cuts, citing concerns about inflation and a possible slowdown in the state’s booming tax collections with the end of federal COVID-19 relief funding.
But that hesitancy faded away in the last couple weeks, with Holcomb saying ongoing strong tax revenue made him confident the state could afford the tax cuts.

gender women and girls from school sports matching their gender identity if Holcomb signs the bill into law.
Hundreds of opponents attended Statehouse rallies and hearings, arguing the move is a bigoted response to a problem that doesn’t exist.
Republican sponsors of the bill said it was needed to protect the integrity of female sports and opportunities for girls to gain college athletic scholarships but pointed out no instances in the state of girls being outperformed by transgender athletes.
Holcomb told reporters recently that he hadn’t yet made a decision about the bill. Although he said he “adamantly” agrees that “boys should be playing boys sports and girls should be playing girls sports,” referring to a person’s gender at birth.
The governor also pointed to the Indiana High School Athletic Association, which already has a policy covering transgender students.

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Holcomb signed the bill into law on March 3 and issued an order immediately ending the statewide public health emergency declaration.

Handgun permits

Republican lawmakers pushed through the bill for repealing the handgun carry permit requirement, leaving Holcomb the dilemma of whether to support what is a major conservative cause or agree with the objections of his state police superintendent.
The bill would allow anyone age 18 or older to carry a handgun in public except for reasons such as having a felony conviction or having a dangerous mental illness. Supporters argue the permit requirement undermines Second Amendment protections by forcing law-abiding citizens to undergo police fingerprinting and background checks.
State police Superintendent Doug Carter has joined leaders of the state Fraternal Order of Police, police chiefs association and county prosecutors association in arguing that eliminating the permit system would endanger officers by stripping them of a screening tool for quickly identifying dangerous people who shouldn’t have guns.
After Carter told lawmakers that “if you choose to support this bill, you will not be supporting us,” Holcomb said, “I stand behind Superintendent Carter 110%.” But when asked about the permit repeal bill, Holcomb simply said he would give the bill “careful thought” once it reached his desk.

Emergency ends

The buildup to this year’s legislative session started in November with a six-hour-long hearing during which many people aired grievances about proposed federal COVID-19 vaccination mandates, gov-

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Classroom clashes

A drive failed for state laws mandating that classroom materials be vetted by parent review committees and placing restrictions on teaching about racism and political topics. That followed a national conservative movement against teaching concepts in K-12 schools such as “critical race theory,” which has become a catch-all term for the idea that racism is systemic in the nation’s institutions.
Senate Republicans pulled their version of the proposal in January following widespread criticism after bill sponsor GOP Sen.

Sports ban

Indiana would join at least 11 other Republican-led states banning trans-



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Constant reminders are a burden

DEAR ABBY: I am blessed to have a wonderfully supportive family, which includes my and my husband's siblings. I was recently scheduled for major abdominal surgery. For the weeks leading up to it, I quietly went about preparing the house and putting systems in place so I could be absent, but otherwise tried not to dwell on the upcoming unpleasantness.

Most of my support people checked in occasionally to see how I was doing or if I needed anything. One sister-in-law, however, has been over-the-top. She sends cards, texts, flowers and calls. I appreciate her support, but it's too much. The cards always say the same thing — "heal gently" and "these are the good old days of medicine." In the weeks leading up to surgery and afterward, I have received nearly a dozen cards, plus her texts, etc.

Is there a nice way to let her know it is too much and I'm tired? My body reminds me every day that I'm healing, but slowly. I don't want the attention and the reminder that I'm not yet where I'd like to be. Please let me know if there's a polite, graceful way to make it STOP! — PROGRESSING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR PROGRESSING: A "nice" way to phrase it might be to say, "Honey, I am grateful for all the support

Dear Abby



you've been giving me, but the surgery is behind me now, and I am slowly regaining my strength. Please don't send me any more get-well cards — the dozen you have sent have already worked their magic."

DEAR READERS: This is my annual reminder for all of you who live where daylight saving time is observed: Don't forget to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour tonight at bedtime. Daylight saving time begins at 2 a.m. tomorrow. I love this ritual because it signals the coming of spring and with it longer, brighter days and warmer weather. For me, it's a mood elevator and an energizer. May spring bring good things your way! — LOVE, ABBY

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 www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.



Photo provided

Contest winners

Pictured are Hannah Boggs, Jordan Wickey and Shea Bailey. All three students from the MusicWorks program at Jay County Campus of Arts Place advanced to the state competition of Indiana State School Music Association District's Solo and Ensemble contest in Indianapolis and were awarded gold medals.

FR craft fair is returning

A Fort Recovery philanthropic sorority is bringing back its craft fair. Psi Iota Xi will be hosting its annual craft fair, Brick Street Market, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 9 on the "brick street" or Wayne Street

near the intersection with Butler Street. The event will feature local makers, crafters, vendors and food trucks.

There will also be a section for youth vendors and makers available.

For those interested in setting up as a vendor, email Psi Iota Xi theta.zeta.fortrecovery@gmail.com, contact Erica Wehrkamp at (419) 852-5808 or visit the group's Facebook page.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

7	6	2	1	9	3	5	8	4
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6	2	3	8	4	7	9	5	1
5	4	1	9	2	6	8	7	3
1	5	4	7	8	9	6	3	2
9	3	7	6	5	2	1	4	8
2	8	6	4	3	1	7	9	5

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing

support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members

welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — A support group for widows and widowers meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. the second Monday of each month at R&R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. Ohio State University Extension agent Danny Rethman will be speaking about gardening. For more information, call or text Judy at (419) 733-5629 or Mary at (419) 678-8830, or email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com. New members are welcome.

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-

GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m.

the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'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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Lack of backbone is embarrassment

To the editor:
I have only been embarrassed to be an American citizen twice in my 73 years — once on a trip to the Bahamas and now.

The thought of the United States failing to give Ukraine the protection from the mad man — President Vladimir Putin of Russia — we signed up to do has again left me ashamed to be called an American.

President Joe Biden's lack of a spine to stand firm against a stubborn despot like Putin baffles me.

How can we, the American nation, be the beacon of democracy and most powerful country in the free world be intimidated by this little tyrant?

I find it disgusting and embarrassing to say the least.

If we ever find ourselves with the shoe on

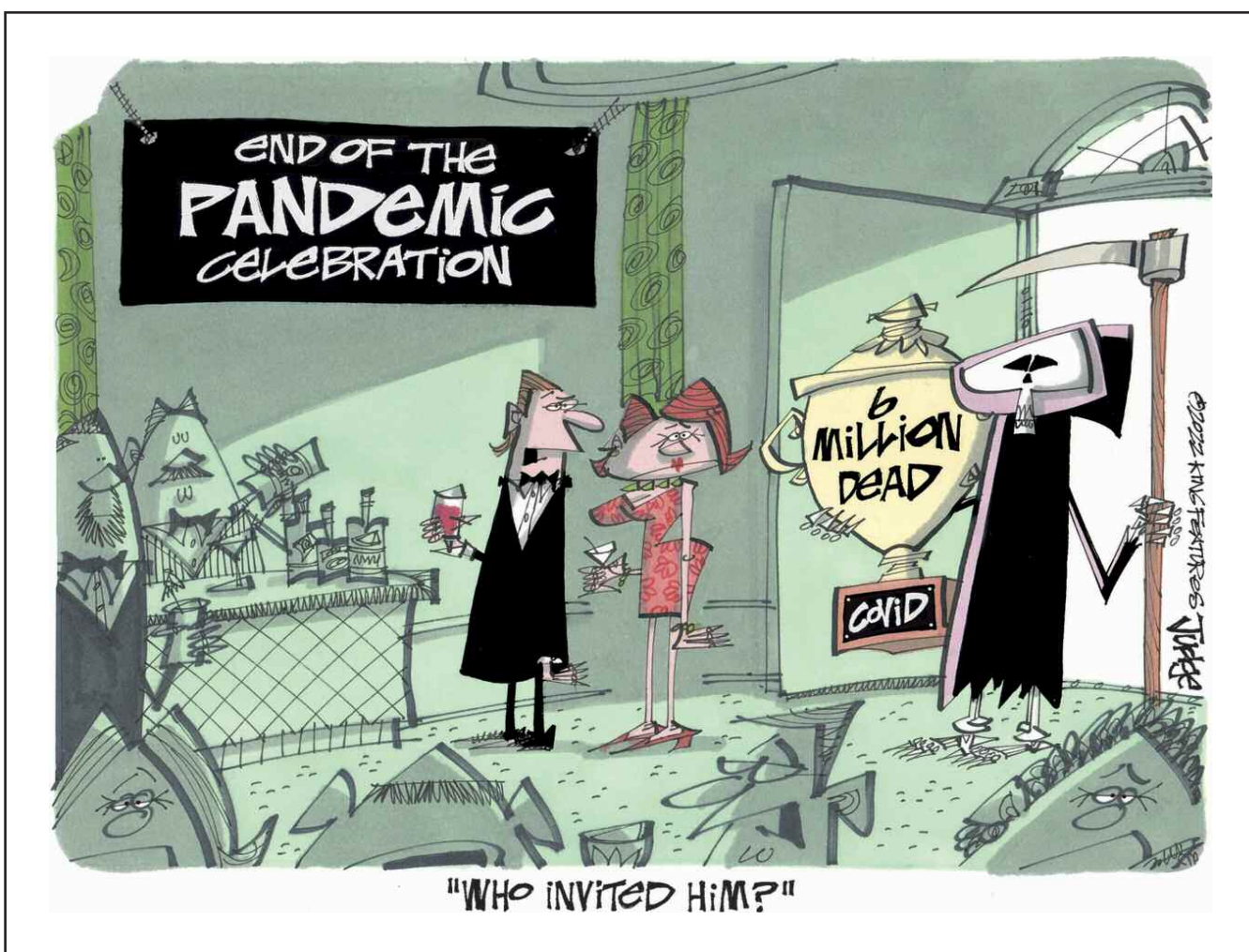
Letters to the Editor

the other foot, I'd like to think we could count on other countries to react in the opposite direction as the USA has done in this situation.

History has a habit of repeating itself for those who have not learned its lesson.

Unfortunately, I hear the whispering voice in my head saying "Sudetenland" and it leaves me with a sickening feeling. I hope we are not traveling down that disastrous path this time, but I fear the worst.

Pray for us all.
Nick Miller
Portland



End of life was killing her

By ANNABELLE GURWITCH
Special To The Washington Post

My Stage 4 lung cancer diagnosis came out of the blue after I went in for a routine coronavirus test in 2020. In my first year of treatment, I made lemons out of lemons, determined to squeeze every drop of whatever time I had left. I attempted a felony, got ground down by gratitude and wound up with two UTIs.

My newfound enthusiasm for life was made possible by the brave new world of biomarker-targeted therapies that granted me a welcome, if temporary, reprieve from this we'll-do-the-best-we-can-for-as-long-as-we-can disease. The plain-speaking oncologist treating me described the therapies this way: "Your cancer is a lawn. These medications keep the grass mowed but don't pull out the grass at the roots. Eventually, the cancer figures them out, and the meds stop working." Some people's cancer doesn't respond, some receive scant months of benefit, while others eke out five years before switching to protocols with potentially harsher side effects.

I braced myself for bad news and the onset of fatigue, intestinal discomfort and prickly skin rashes, side effects that can, in their more extreme forms, render the medication intolerable. While the rest of the nation hoarded hand sanitizer and toilet paper, I stocked up on Imodium, electrolyte drinks, intensive moisturizers, coffee and dark chocolate.

Though cancerous cell growth was held in abeyance, an existential dread set in as I realized that instead of fortifying my system, each day on the medication subtracted a day from the treatment's effectiveness. Between the unpredictability of the regimen's efficacy, the uncertain course of the disease and the threat of covid, I caught myself holding my breath through the day, as if taxing my lungs less might preserve them. Brain fog meant that composing sentences required herculean effort, so writing assignments went on indefinite hold. I was napping several times a day, like a toddler. Even driving became too stressful, so conscious was I of my vulnerability. Something had to give.

After my first dose of the vaccine in April, I hit the ground running, determined to carpe diem. I double-masked and flew across the country for an "end of my life reunion tour,"

Annabelle Gurwitch



convinced that this might be my last ambulatory opportunity to see cherished friends. Each morning for two weeks last spring, I trekked to "my" table at a favorite cafe on the Upper West Side in Manhattan. Cherry blossoms swirling like confetti, these reunions careened between celebratory and funereal, leaving me flat on my back for the remainder of the day.

I was overcome by exhilarating, almost inebriating, episodes of gratitude overload brought on by an appreciation of small pleasures. That certain slant of light! French fries! A Katherine Mansfield sentence! (No, I take that back, Mansfield's prose should bring us to our knees.) A bout of weepy swooning, marveling at the acuteness of an aspartame-induced diet soda headache, was a bracing warning that even joy could be distractingly paralyzing.

My complexion was rosy and my constitution energetic. Through it all, the cough that led to my diagnosis persisted. Coughing during this pandemic, even when masked, is like shouting "Fire!" in a crowded theater. I felt compelled to reassure dining companions, elevator fellows or airplane seatmates, "It's not covid, just lung cancer."

But I had a full head of hair and hadn't lost any weight. Despite my life-altering circumstances, I appeared unchanged, all of which created a confounding cognitive dissonance. The assumption that chronic illness presents visually is deeply ingrained in our culture. My robustness elicited stupefying responses from even the most well-intentioned friends. "I'm sorry I don't look sick enough for you" turns out to be a reliable conversation stopper.

Side effects flared up, but they were staggeringly capricious, allowing for fleeting moments of invincibility. One day, I couldn't summon the energy to take even one more step a few blocks from my front door after my daily walk stretched into a satisfying but punishing uphill hike. I collapsed on a grassy median, lying there, inert, until I rallied the strength to shuffle home. If this level of enervation persisted, it

could take years to make it through all six seasons of "Succession." I dialed back my overly ambitious exertions, but not everyone in my life found it hilarious that I had (with apologies to Elaine May) "Not dead, just resting" piped onto my birthday cake.

After learning that the meds had caused my fingerprints to disappear, I added "crime spree" to my bucket list. Why not liberate a favorite Yaacov Agam from the prized art collection at Cedars Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles, where I receive treatment? The drawing hangs in a basement corridor, outside the room housing the CT scan that forecasts my future in three-month increments. It was underappreciated on that dimly lit wall, my cancer dollars had paid for it, and what was the worst that could happen? A life sentence? I tested the security fastenings on two occasions just to be certain I'd made a valiant effort.

"Annabelle, you really need to stop having so much sex," my concerned gynecologist admonished. I'd shown up at her office, doubled over with discomfort but smiling, nonetheless. I was on my second UTI in the space of a month. Who had time to rest? I'd gotten sunburned on the first day of a Caribbean vacay, melanoma no longer a concern.

"Cancer is my bad boyfriend, and I'm cheating on him!" I giggled like a teenager.

"Just give it a rest for a few days."

I was still popping antibiotics when I hit my cancer-versary. There'd been no progression since my last scan. "Break out the champagne," my oncologist suggested, but by the time I reached the parking lot of the doctor's office, I'd received the news that Frank, my first cancer buddy, who'd buoyed my spirits on numerous occasions, had succumbed to the disease. So instead of popping a cork, I took the occasion to declare a moratorium on friends and family sending me TED Talks by people with cancer who announce they've completed their first marathon. I vowed to remain an underachiever in Cancer World. I wasn't going to adopt an indefatigability or aspire to heroic feats that might transform me into anyone's idea of a cancer warrior. Just keep the cranberry juice coming.

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Gurwitch is an actress and author.

Death of 'divisive concepts' bill is good

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
The so-called "divisive concepts" bill might finally be dead.

Indiana Senate leaders faced a Monday deadline to bring House Bill 1134 to the floor for amendments, and they failed to do that, effectively killing the measure for the current legislative session.

We hope. The Indiana House and Senate now have two weeks to hash out disagreements in various conference committees about bills that have passed the two chambers in differing forms. Because the "divisive concepts" language passed the House 60-37, it could conceivably find new life in another education bill before the end of the session.

News of the bill's possible demise came after hours of meetings by Senate Republicans behind closed doors.

Even though the party has a supermajority in both houses of the General Assembly, Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray (R-Martinsville) said the measure didn't have enough support to pass.

Senate Republicans were largely divided into two camps. One camp thought the watered-down version of the bill approved by a Senate committee didn't go far enough. The other camp thought it went too far.

The bill limiting what teachers could say in the classroom about race, sex and religion had drawn loud criticism from teachers, administrators, civil rights groups, Black community organizations and leaders of the faith community.

The bill had emerged from a nationwide movement of mostly white, suburban parents angry about what they believed their children were being taught in school. In its initial form, the bill had been aimed at giving parents greater access to teachers' lesson plans and more power to oppose material they found troubling.

The measure passed the House last month mostly along party lines, but it had changed significantly in the Senate. The list of "divisive concepts" banned from classrooms had shrunk from eight to three, and provisions to allow parents to sue schools over things

Hoosier Editorial

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teachers said in the classroom had been eliminated.

Critics called the bill a solution to a problem that didn't exist, and they warned it would make the state's teacher shortage worse by driving qualified individuals out of the profession.

This was actually the second time such a bill had been killed in the Senate this session.

A similar bill died after one of its sponsors, Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville), drew national outrage by saying the measure would require teachers to be neutral in their teaching on all topics, including Nazism, Marxism and fascism. He later walked back the remarks, but the damage was done. The bill never made it out of committee.

Monday's news is worth celebrating, but it's too soon to relax. This was a bad bill that never should have come this close to passage. It won't be truly dead until the final bang of the gavel ending this session of the General Assembly.

Opponents must remain vigilant.

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Ardagh partnering on wine bottle

A company with local ties is partnering to design another wine bottle.

Ardagh Glass Packaging – North America announced this week that it is collaborating with Constellation Brands to design and manufacture a wine bottle for its Craters Union brand.

The new 750-milliliter bottle will feature “tattoo-style” illustrations designed by One Design of Auckland, New Zealand. They were replicated into the glass bottle design using Ardagh’s sculptured embossing software.

“Ardagh Glass Packaging is passionate about innovation through glass decoration and enjoys pushing the technological boundaries of what we can achieve for brands such as Crafters Union,” said Ardagh North American vice president of food, wine and spirits Darrell Wineman in a press release. “We continue to focus on innovations in complex bottle texturing, as well as new design techniques and manufacturing capabilities, to create an extra dimension of creativity and branding for customers like Constellation Brands.”

Ardagh operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester.

Save the dates

Jay County Chamber of Commerce has announced

Business roundup

dates for two of its annual events.

The Jay County Community Awards are scheduled for the evening of May 21 at Jay County Event Center. Sponsorships and table reservations will become available during early April.

The chamber’s annual golf outing has been scheduled for July 22 at Portland Golf Club.

CrossRoads helps

CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union is working with a Driver Middle School of Randolph County to provide access to a remote financial literacy program.

The sponsorship from CrossRoads gives more than 300 students at the school free access to Banzai, an online financial literacy program.

“Banzai is a web-based financial literacy program. Kids get their own accounts, and they work through assignments that are based on real life,” said Morgan Vandagriff, co-founder of Banzai. “But because CrossRoads Financial FCU is sponsoring it, local schools get it for

free. More than ever, it’s important that kids develop sound financial skills to prepare them for the real world, and CrossRoads Financial FCU realizes that and they’re doing something about it.”

Partnership names

East Central Indiana Regional Partnership has named Trevor Friedeberg as its new president and CEO.

Friedeberg is certified through National Development Council as an economic development finance professional. He previously served as director of business development projects for Michigan Economic Development Corporation.

“After an extensive search, the board of directors is pleased to welcome Trevor Friedeberg to lead East Central Indiana’s regional economic development efforts,” said Ashley Savieo, past chair of the organization’s board of directors, in a press release. “Trevor brings rich economic and business development experience and a level of professionalism needed to further build collaboration among the 9 county region,” she continued.

Purdue pushing

Purdue University has taken the next step in supercomputing.

Purdue’s Anvil supercomputer is now running at full capacity,

which will allow the university “to contribute to the nation’s 21st-century research agenda by simultaneously powering scientific computational and data-driven tools at multiple universities.” Anvil, which began operations in November, was funded by a \$22 million grant from the National Science Foundation.

“Anvil is not only the largest capacity system Purdue has ever built, it’s the most diverse,” said Carol Song, senior research scientist for ITaP Research Computing and principal investigator and project director for Anvil, in a press release. “As Anvil grows, it is also able to take on much more heterogeneous workflows that are more common in the research happening today at Purdue.”

Keever to lead

Paxton Media Group this week named Jared Keever as executive editor for five of its newspapers.

Keever will oversee news operations at the Marion Chronicle-Tribune, Peru Tribune, Frankfort Times, Huntington Herald-Press and Wabash Plain Dealer. He follows Andrew Maciejewski, who recently accepted a newspaper job in Colorado.

“Jared brings with him the experience we need to continue to grow our readership and

business model,” said Kelly Miller, group publisher for Paxton’s central Indiana news group. “Jared has most recently been our editor in the Peru, Indiana market. His exceptional work at that property will provide a seamless transition for our group. We are thrilled to have someone of Jared’s caliber leading our newsrooms.”

Airport honored

Indianapolis International Airport (IND) has been awarded the Airports Council International’s Airport Service Quality Award for Best Airport in North America.

The awards are determined based on passenger feedback collected independently. Each facility is rated on 34 performance indicators, including check-in, security, food and cleanliness.

“It’s the love and relentless dedication that our staff has put into this place that has made us the top airport in North America again and again — more times than any other airport in the country,” said Indianapolis Airport Authority executive director Mario Rodriguez in a press release. “This is a tremendous honor, and we are incredibly proud of all the people who make this airport an example that all others can aspire to.”



EverHeart donates

EverHeart Hospice recently donated more than 50 blankets to area cancer associations, including Cancer Services of Randolph County. Pictured, EverHeart outreach specialist Megan Stull helps with the blanket deliveries to the Randolph County organization. EverHeart provides services in Jay, Randolph and Wayne in Indiana and Allen, Auglaize, Darke, Mercer, Miami, Preble, Shelby, Paulding and Van Wert on Ohio.

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Wheat slump continues

By **KIM CHIPMAN AND MEGAN DURISIN**
Bloomberg

Wheat futures tumbled as much as 10% following disappointing U.S. exports even as a quarter of the grain’s global trade is stalled amid Russia’s invasion of Ukraine.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture on Thursday showed wheat exports that were unchanged from the previous week. In addition, the U.S. forecast rising world supplies in a report Wednesday.

“Everyone thought there would be a flood of U.S. wheat orders by now,” Jack Scoville, vice president of Price Futures Group Inc. in Chicago, said by telephone. “We are correcting back down after the initial emotion of the war and the need for shorts to get out of the market.”

The USDA on Wednesday cut its

outlook for Ukrainian wheat sales this season by 4 million tons and Russia’s by a similar amount, while also forecasting bigger U.S. stockpiles and lower exports. Robust Australian and Indian shipments will partly offset Black Sea losses. Meanwhile, traders are trying to position themselves in the most volatile wheat market in at least a decade — with futures this week climbing to the highest on record — as the world tries to gauge the potential length and severity of the war.

Wheat prices are being scrutinized as food prices soar and the U.S. sees the worst inflation in four decades.

Most-active wheat futures in Chicago fell as much as 10% to \$10.80 a bushel, the biggest drop since February 2008.

Russia conveyed it would continue its attack until demands are met,

Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba said in Turkey after meeting with his Russian counterpart. The nations made little apparent progress in halting the war and bridging the vast differences between them.

Milling-wheat futures in Paris earlier rose as much as 4.8% after Kuleba’s comments to 389,50 euros (\$430) per ton. That puts prices on track for a fifth weekly gain.

In other crops, Chicago corn climbed as much as 2.5% to \$7.51 a bushel after the U.S. said last week’s exports rose to 2.2 million tons from 708,000 the prior week, far exceeding the average Bloomberg survey estimate of 994,000 tons.

Soybeans for May delivery in Chicago rose as much as 1.8% to \$17.02 a bushel after the crop agency for top soybean exporter Brazil said it expects its crop to shrink even more.

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For Jay County Schools March 14-18

Monday: Main Entrees: Fresh baked whole grain biscuit, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Hash brown patty

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Mashes potato & chicken bowl **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Mini turkey corn dogs **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Steamed broccoli florets

Thursday: Main Entrees: Classic American cheeseburger **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Baked beans

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans

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3-12 CRYPTOQUIP

AH NJFQWDD EQAHAFY TQ
DAUEWQ PQTMU JTLLAFFWC
JQALWD, FYTDW MTKXC PW
LWXNUAW'D HWXTUAWD.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THAT EXPERT
CARTOONIST CAN DRAW A POPULAR ANIMATED
DEER WITH EITHER HAND. HE'S BAMBI-
DEXTRIOUS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals F

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Timely trivia

- 1) What famous individual, according to legend, was named Maewyn Succat at birth?
- 2) What historic leader was married three times, to Cornelia, Pompeia and Calpurnia?

(1) St. Patrick
(2) Julius Caesar

3-14 CRYPTOQUIP

YPXCW MDVZRNPQPM VAPZDPV
RU VXDYP SLTS LTNP VHDCPV
RY SLPDQ UTZPV TCC SLP
SDHP: FQDYYW ADFV.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF ACTRESS GRIFFITH
OR SINGER BROWN COMMITTED CRIMES,
THOSE WOULD BE MELANIE'S FELONIES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals L

CRYPTO FUN
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Solve the code to discover words related to kidney health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 2 = I)

A. 12 2 16 7 23 20
Clue: Body organ

B. 15 11 16 24 18 23 7
Clue: Body area with digestive organs

C. 19 2 3 9 23 14
Clue: Device that removes impurities

D. 21 15 2 7
Clue: Discomfort

Answers: A. kidney; B. abdomen; C. filter; D. pain

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to kidney health.

NUERI

Answers: Urine

Guess Who?
I am a singer/songwriter born in New Jersey on March 2, 1962. I used to skip school to record music with my cousin and I once worked as a janitor. My big break came in the early 1980s with a rock band named after me. I've also acted on television and in movies.

Answer: Jon Bon Jovi

kids' corner

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ANSWER: GRADIENT

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- 2014: MALAYSIA AIRLINES FLIGHT 370 DISAPPEARS WHILE EN ROUTE TO BEIJING.

New Word

MOSAIC
a design made of small pieces of colored stone or glass

KIDNEY HEALTH WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

ABDOMINAL
ACUTE
ANEMIA
BLADDER
BLOOD
CREATININE
DIALYSIS
DISEASE
DONOR
EXCHANGE
EXCRETION
FAILURE
FILTRATION
GLOMERULI
HEALTH
IDIOPATHIC
INFLAMMATION
KIDNEY
MEMBRANE
NEPHROLOGY
RENAL
URINARY
URINATION

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Paint
SPANISH: Pintura
ITALIAN: Tinta
FRENCH: Peinture
GERMAN: Farbe

Did You Know?

SIMPLE CREATIVE ART ACTIVITIES ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF CHILD DEVELOPMENT, SAY MANY EXPERTS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CHALK

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Part of Hispaniola
6 Fictional Doone
11 Seethed
12 Goddess of wisdom
14 Ochoa of the LPGA
15 Packed away
16 LAPD alert
17 Harry Potter's rival
19 Nashville awards org.
20 Thick chunk
22 Actress Longoria
23 Twosome
24 Astronomer Carl
26 Loser
28 Meadow
30 Be sick
31 Edie's "Sopranos" role
35 Test versions
39 Elevator name

DOWN
13 Give — (care)
18 Gardner of film
21 Ointments
23 Fishing rods
25 Born abroad?
27 Bro or sis
29 Tirana's land
31 Vodka cocktail
32 Top rooms
33 Venetian market-place
34 Cleric's garment
36 Fiddle (with)
37 With hands on hips
38 Bed cover
41 Debate issue
44 Mimic
45 Comedian Fey
48 Heavy weight
50 Roman

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterdays answer 3-12

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Two chances are better

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 3
♥ K Q 8 3
♦ K J 7 4
♣ K 7 4

WEST
♠ K Q J 10 9 7 4
♥ 9 4
♦ 3
♣ Q J 8

EAST
♠ 8 5 2
♥ J 10 7 6 2
♦ 8 5
♣ A 9 2

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ A 5
♦ A Q 10 9 6 2
♣ 10 6 5 3

The bidding:
East Pass 1♦
South Pass 3♠
West Pass 5♦
North Pass 4♦

Opening lead — king of spades.
In many hands, you can make the contract only if a particular card is favorably placed. But in some cases, you can make the contract even when that card is badly placed, provided you play correctly.
Assume you're in five diamonds and West leads a spade. You see at once that the contract depends on not losing three club tricks. If West has the ace, you can easily make the contract by leading a club to the

king at some point. But it would be wrong to stake everything on this one possibility. Instead, you should try to think of a way to make the contract even if East has the ace of clubs.
Accordingly, you win the spade, cross to dummy with a trump and ruff a spade. This is the first step in a plan to strip dummy of spades and hearts in an effort to endplay East later on.
You next play another trump before cashing the A-K-Q of hearts, on which you discard a club. As it happens, West shows out on the third round of hearts. This is a highly significant development, as it means you can no longer be defeated regardless of where the ace of clubs is located.
You lead the eight of hearts from dummy, and, instead of trumping East's ten, you discard another club from your hand. This forces East to return a club or yield a ruff-and-discard, either of which hands you the contract.
Note that this method of play also succeeds if East has just four hearts. Note further that at no point do you give up on the possibility of West's having the ace of clubs.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Paint container
4 Flow out
7 Ritzy
11 Per person
13 Kilmer of "The Doors"
14 "— la Douce"
15 Jeans-maker Strauss
16 "What — you doing?"
17 Subject, usually
18 Battle line
20 Toucan's feature
22 White wine cocktail
24 Delta force?
28 Social groups
32 TV, radio, etc.
33 Cruising
34 Expert
36 Chinese dynasty
37 Transmits
39 "Miss Saigon" star Lea

DOWN
19 Up to
21 Young cow
23 Agent
25 Thor's father
26 Small bell sound
27 Long story
28 Group of actors
29 "Understood"
30 Thinker
31 Many coll. applicants
35 Feedback
38 — -Cat
40 Pants part
42 Churlish
45 Eastern bigwig
47 "Topaz" author
48 Goose egg
49 Woolly moms
50 Ran into
51 — carte
52 Like Abner or Wayne
54 Snoopy

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 3-14

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10
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24 25 26 27
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31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38
39 40 41 42
43 44 45 46
47 48 49 50
51 52
53 54

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q 7 3
♥ Q 8 3
♦ Q 10 4
♣ 10 5 4

WEST
♠ 10 5 4 2
♥ A 10 9 7 4 2
♦ K J 2
♣ —

EAST
♠ J 9 8 6
♥ J 5
♦ A 9 8 6
♣ K 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A
♥ K 6
♦ 7 5 3
♣ A Q J 9 8 3 2

The bidding:
West Pass 1♥
North Pass 1♠
East Pass 3NT
South Pass 4NT(!!)

Opening lead — seven of hearts.

Board No. 54 of the 1959 Italy-U.S. match was the most amazing deal of the tournament. The contract at both tables was three notrump, and the opening lead was also the same. With best defense, it seemed that the contract would go down one. However, the Italian declarer finished down six, while the U.S. declarer wound up with two overtricks!
These strange doings require some explanation. When Giorgio Belladonna became declarer for Italy after the auction shown, he won the

heart lead with the king and played the A-Q of clubs, which held. He then led another club, taken by Ivar Stakgold (East) with the king.
When Stakgold next returned the five of hearts, Belladonna played a diamond! Leonard Harmon (West) naturally assumed East had the only missing heart, so he allowed dummy to win with the queen.
At this point, North asked Belladonna whether he had any hearts. Belladonna said yes, and the director was called. He ruled, in accordance with the Laws, that South must substitute the heart six for the diamond three. Harmon was allowed to change his play — as stipulated by the Laws — from the heart nine to the heart ace.
But dummy's queen play could not be changed, since it was a legal play. So Harmon cashed five heart tricks, and Belladonna eventually finished down six.
At the other table, Harry Fishbein was South for the U.S. He won the heart lead with the king and also played the A-Q-J of clubs. East took the king and could have defeated the contract by returning a spade, but he led a heart instead.
West won with the ace and returned a heart, and Fishbein had nine tricks. Both defenders then kept their spades as the clubs were run, so Fishbein won the last two tricks with the 7-5 of diamonds!

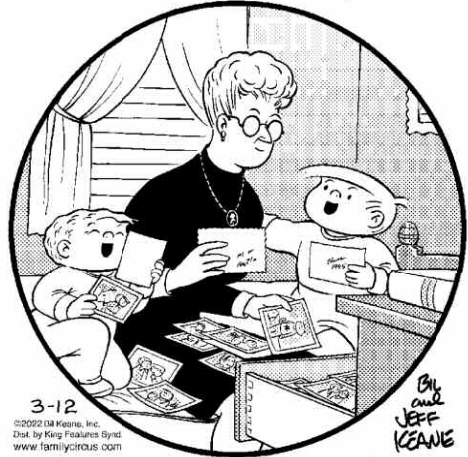
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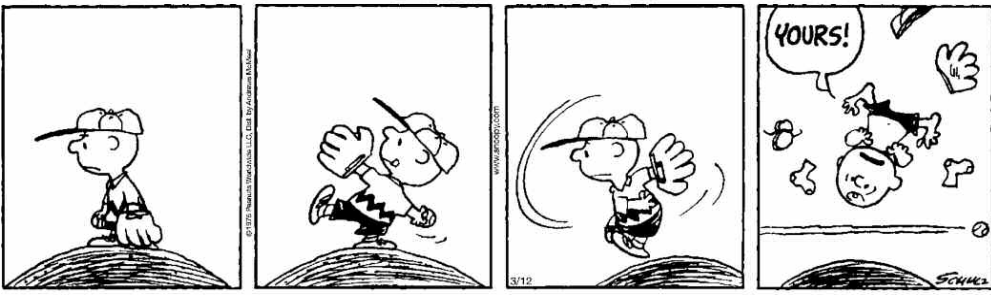
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Peanuts



Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



Funky Winkerbean



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Edges ...

Continued from page 10 Jackson-Davis helped rally the Hoosiers from a 17-point, second-half deficit on Thursday against Michigan, then made a key jumper and all the right plays down the stretch against the top-seeded Fighting Illini, who hoped to win consecutive tourney crowns for the first time in school history.

"I went back and watched the tape of him going against the big fella, Kofi Cockburn, and you're right, he didn't fare well," coach Mike Woodson said, referring to previous matchups. "Trayce got in foul trouble in our place early and just was never a factor. I challenged him again today. I said, 'You've got to go out and compete against this guy and make him respect you.'"

Jackson-Davis didn't disappoint.

Cockburn finished with 23 points and 10 rebounds for Illinois (22-9) and Coleman Hawkins had a career-high 18 points as the Illini had a three-game winning streak snapped.

Illinois had two chances to take the lead in the final 15 seconds. But Trent Frazier threw the ball away with 11.5 seconds left and Andre Curbelo missed a

layup with 4 seconds remaining.

"I thought Coleman would be open in the corner for a 3," Frazier said. "But we had some confusion down there. I made a bad decision. I'm disappointed in myself. I've got to make a better decision."

The Hoosiers took full advantage in a drastically different game from the teams' meeting last month, a 74-57 Illinois victory.

This time, Indiana's defense kept the Illini under control for long stretches and when Illinois went more than four minutes without scoring in the second half, Indiana responded with nine straight points to take a 47-42 lead with 12:28 to play.

Illinois finally tied the score at 54 when Hawkins made one of two free throws with 5:27 left and took the lead when Hawkins made a 3 on the Illini's next possession. It didn't last.

Jackson-Davis' second straight basket, a 15-footer, gave Indiana a 58-57 lead with 4:12 to go. Hawkins made two free throws to put the Illini back ahead, but all they could muster after that were four free throws from Cockburn.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Rockland Beiswanger of host Jay County swims to a runner-up finish Friday in the 200-meter freestyle at the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. He would later win the 100 backstroke with a time of 1 minute, 14.83 seconds.

Second ...

Continued from page 10 Avery Wentz, Keller, Fisher and Hoebel posted the best time of 3:12.92 in the 300 freestyle relay.

The Beiswangers led the way for the Patriot boys, with Raif placing first in the 100 freestyle by nearly five seconds in 1:04 even and Rockland taking the

100 backstroke in 1:14.83. Raif also joined Lincoln Clamme, Matthew Fisher and Cooper Glentzer in winning the 300 freestyle relay in 3:11.35, while Rockland teamed with David Keen, Clamme and Glentzer for the top spot in the 200 medley relay in 2:19.18.

Keller scored the first win of the evening for the Patriot girls with her time of 2:32.64 in the 200 freestyle. Lauren Fisher finished in 30.71 to easily win the 50 butterfly and Wentz won the 400 freestyle by a wide margin in 5:17.96.

Posting runner-up efforts for the Jay County girls

were Lauren Fisher in the 100 breaststroke and Wentz in the 100 backstroke. Second-place finishes for the boys team came from Rockland Beiswanger in the 200 freestyle, Raif Beiswanger in the 50 freestyle and Matthew Fisher in both the 100 individual medley and 50 butterfly.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Track in Golden Eagle Relays at Anderson University — 3 p.m.; Junior high wrestling in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at South Adams — 9 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high swimming at Blackford — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage vs. Newton — 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage at Perry — 5 p.m.; JV baseball scrimmage vs. Perry — 5 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks vs. Golden State Warriors (ABC)

11 a.m. — Men's college basketball: America East Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)

11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: United Rentals 200 qualifying (FS1)

1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: SEC Tournament — Semifinal (ESPN); Big Ten Tournament — Semifinal (CBS); MEAC Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)

1:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Ruoff Mortgage 500 qualifying (FS1)

2 p.m. — NHRA: Camping World Series — All-Star Callout (FOX)

3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: The American Tournament — Semifinal (ESPN2)

3:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Semifinal (CBS); SEC Tournament — Semifinal (ESPN)

3:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles Galaxy at Seattle Sounders (FOX)

4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: United Rentals 200 (FS1)

5:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: The American Tournament — Semifinal (ESPN2)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big 12 Tournament — Championship (ESPN); Mountain West Conference — Championship (CBS)

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Big East Tournament — Championship (FOX)

6:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Notre Dame at Michigan (BTN)

7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Mid-American Conference — Championship (ESPN2)

8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: ACC Tournament — Championship (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Pac-12 Tournament — Championship (FOX)

9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: SLC Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Penn State vs. Minnesota (BTN)

11:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: BWC Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)

Sunday
Noon — Men's college basketball: Ivy League Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: SEC Tournament — Championship (ESPN); Atlantic 10 Tournament — Championship (CBS)

1 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets (ABC)

1 p.m. — Golf: The Players Championship (NBC)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big 12 Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)

3:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: The American Tournament — Championship (ESPN)

3:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Boston Celtics (ABC)

3:30 p.m. — Men's college basket-

ball: Big Ten Tournament — Championship (CBS)

4 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Toronto Maple Leafs at Buffalo Sabres (TNT)

4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Ruoff Mortgage 500 (FOX)

4:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Charlotte at Atlanta United (FS1)

5 p.m. — United Soccer League: Tampa Bay Rowdies at Birmingham Legion (ESPN2)

9 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

Monday
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Utah Jazz (ESPN)

Tuesday
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NIT first round (ESPN, ESPN2)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis

Grizzlies at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NIT first round (ESPN, ESPN2)

11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NIT first round (ESPN, ESPN2)

Local notes

Registration dates upcoming
Portland Junior League will have a registration session today for its 2022 season.

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Sports

Second in ACAC



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Sophia Hoevel (foreground) of the Jay County Junior High School swim team swims ahead of Bluffton's Jaida Mills during the 100-yard individual medley Friday at the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships. Hoevel went on to win the IM and also took first place in the 100 freestyle. She was the only Patriot swimmer to finish the evening with two ACAC championships.

IU edges No. 1 seed Illini

By MICHAEL MAROT
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Trayce Jackson-Davis had something to prove at the Big Ten Tournament.

He wanted to show the critics he could excel against the conference's top big men and that Indiana deserved an NCAA Tournament bid. So far, no complaints.

Jackson-Davis made the go-ahead free throws with 26.1 seconds left Friday, then added another foul shot with 1.7 seconds left to seal a 65-63 victory over No. 16 Illinois, sending the ninth-seeded Hoosiers to their first semifinal appearance since 2013 and likely their first NCAA Tournament since 2016.

"It's big for us, but like I told you yesterday, we didn't pack for two days or three days," said Jackson-Davis, who finished with 21 points, seven rebounds and three assists. "We packed to win the Big Ten. I'm glad we got this win today to solidify our (NCAA) spot but we want to play two more games."

Without him, Indiana (20-12) likely wouldn't have made it this far.

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Jay is runner-up to the Tigers

The Patriots couldn't quite keep up with the Tigers.

Jay County Junior High School's swim teams each finished second to Bluffton on Friday night as they hosted the Allen County Athletic Conference Championships.

The Patriot boys narrowly missed the ACAC title, finishing

just nine points behind the champion Tigers (393). Adams Central (280) was a distant third, and South Adams (132) placed fourth.

Jay County's girls scored 298 points to trail Bluffton (385.5), with Adams Central (281.5) in third and South Adams (157) in fourth.

Sophia Hoevel was the lone Patriot to earn multiple ACAC titles Friday, first winning the 100-yard individual medley in 1 minute, 16.04 seconds. She was more than 2.5 seconds ahead of runner-up Jaida Mills of Bluffton.

Hoevel took the top spot in the 100 freestyle by 1.55 seconds

over Brinlee Rinkerberger of Adams Central, winning in 1:07.03.

Both of the Jay County girls' winning relays also included Hoevel as she joined Maisey Keller, Ariel Beiswanger and Lauren Fisher for first in the 200 freestyle event in 2:02.14.

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