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Zimmerman died in shooting

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — A man was fatally shot Thursday on the northeast side of the city.

Indiana State Police are investigating the events leading to his death.

Kevin P. Zimmerman, 36, 243 Mt. Auburn St., was killed in a police-involved shooting, according to a press release from Jay County Prosecutor's Office.

An autopsy was scheduled for 9 a.m. this morning. State police are handling the investigation.

Incident that killed Dunkirk man and left two officers injured is under state police investigation

Dunkirk Police Chief Dane Mumbower and police officer Erica Post responded to a complaint in the east 200 block of Mt. Auburn St. on Thursday morning. The encounter

turned into a police-involved shooting and resulted in Zimmerman's death, according to the press release.

Mumbower and Post both suffered non-lethal injuries.

According to a Portland police call log, one knife injury was reported, along with a gunshot wound, at 22 E. Mt. Auburn St. Harding Ledford Gene owns the property, according to the county's geographic information system.

Officers from Portland Police Department and Jay County Sheriff's Office responded to the area about 8:50 a.m. Thursday. Chief deputies from Jay County Coroner's Office arrived around 10:30 a.m.

Dunkirk mayor Jack Robbins released a statement following the incident Thursday.

"As Mayor, my thoughts and prayers are with the officers of the Dunkirk Police Department and family of Mr. Zimmerman," Robbins said in the press release.

Thursday's shooting happened less than a week after Gary W. Kelly, 71, was found dead at his Portland home Friday afternoon. His son, Jeremy W. Kelly, has been charged in Jay Circuit Court with his murder and robbery, a Level 2 felony. Jay County Prosecutor's Office also filed for a habitual offender enhancement on Jeremy Kelly.

Condo plans receive final OK

Development plan now calls for 35 to 43 homes

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The final plans for a condominium project have been approved.

Portland Plan Commission on Thursday approved CB Development's final plans for a condominium development on 10 acres off of county road 75 South near Jay County Junior-Senior High School. The commission's vote came with the contingency that an engineer's review shows the city's wastewater infrastructure will be able to handle the increased usage.

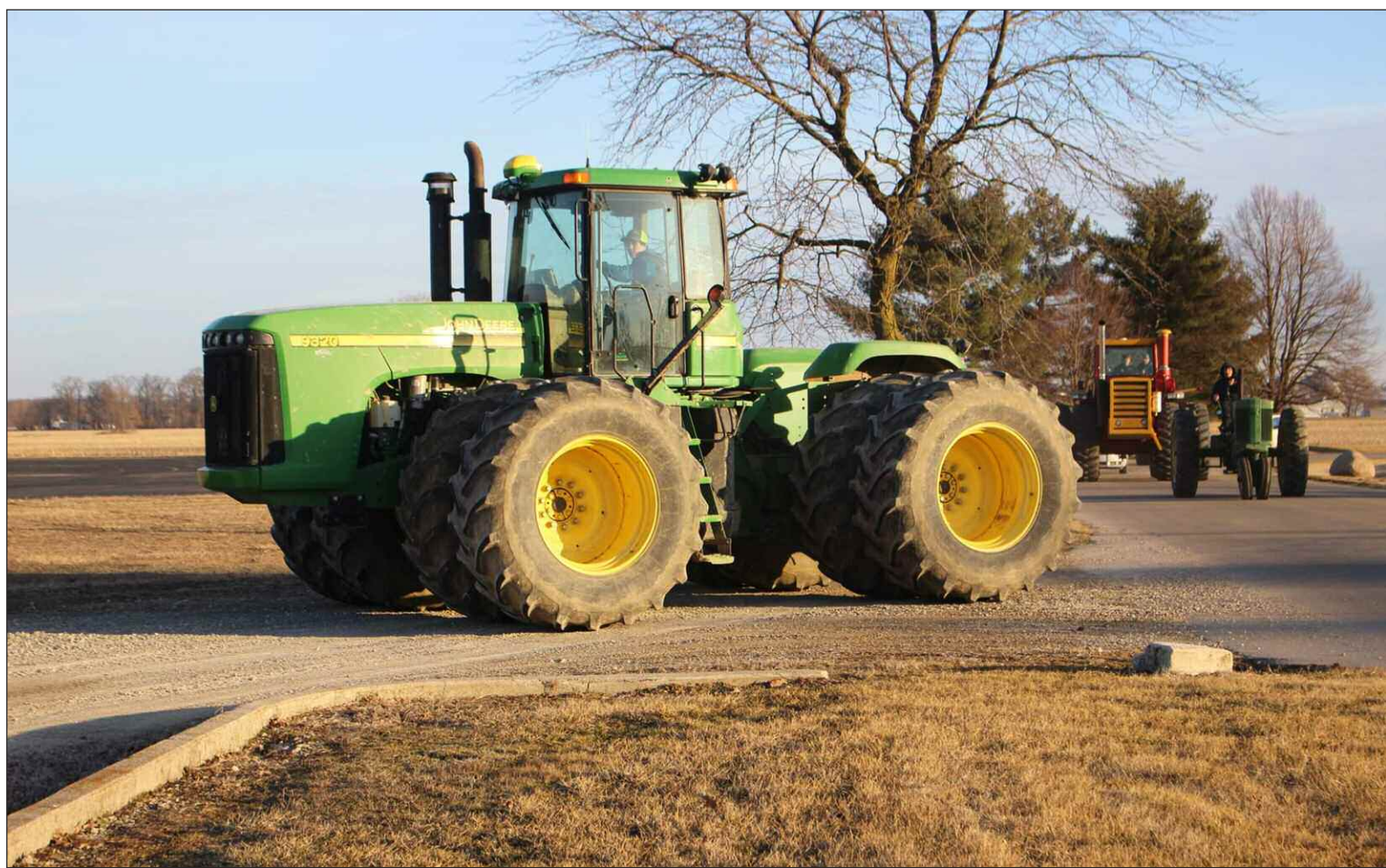
The final plans call for a condominium development with 35 to 43 single-story homes at 1,600 square feet with three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an attached garage. All of the "common ground" in the development would be owned jointly by the members of the condominium association, which would handle mowing, snow removal, trash pick-up, etc. Homes would be hooked up to Portland's sewer system. They would each have an individual well for water.

The houses were initially expected to be in the \$200,000 range, but with increased construction costs Glen Coblenz of CB Development said the numbers will probably be in the \$230,000 range.

The main changes in the final plans from the preliminary plans are in the number of homes, number of access roads and location of a dry detention pond. The preliminary plans showed a U-shaped road with two access points to county road 75 South with 35 homes and a pond in the middle. The updated plans call for the detention pond to be on the south side of the former Beacon Drive-in property near the Salamonie River, allowing for the additional road and increased number of houses.

Attorney Josh Atkinson explained to plan commission members that engineering studies showed not as much space was needed as originally planned for water detention.

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Schoenlein steers

Senior Jacob Schoenlein drives his family's John Deere tractor to Jay County Junior-Senior High School this morning. The tractor drive-in was postponed from Feb. 26 because school was canceled after about an inch of rain, sleet and snow fell overnight.

McGalliard pleaded guilty to OWI

A Jay County Commissioner is on probation after pleading guilty to drunk driving.

Brian McGalliard, 52, Dunkirk, was sentenced to 60 days in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended after pleading guilty Jan. 31 in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor.

McGalliard was given two days credit for time served and placed on probation for 180 days. The court also recommended a suspension of his driving privileges be lifted.

McGalliard was arrested on New Year's Eve for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. According to a Portland Police Department report, officers pulled over a vehicle on Indiana 67 near the intersection with county road 75 South about 5:11 p.m. Dec. 31. A second vehicle stopped, and the driver pointed to a GMC pickup truck in a driveway to the north. She told officers she had been driving behind the truck and said the driver had been driving all over the road.

The report states dash camera footage of the stop shows the truck driving in the distance and turning into a driveway at 2086 W. 75 South. It says footage shows McGalliard leave the vehicle, walk to the house and walk back to the truck as officers approached.

According to the report, McGalliard had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and smelled of alcohol. He refused field sobriety tests and told police he wanted to consult with an attorney before taking a chemical test. Less than an hour later, he was taken to IU Health Jay for a blood test. (Results of that blood test are still pending.)

Commissioner was arrested on the evening of Dec. 31

McGalliard started his term, which runs through December 2024, as a Jay County Commissioner representing the south district in January 2021.

In addition to the jail time and probation, he was assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. McGalliard was also required to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

City officials at odds over program

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A proposal to enter into a contract for management of Portland city vehicles is still in limbo.

Portland Board of Works took no action Thursday on a proposal from Enterprise Fleet Management to implement an "open-end lease" program after board members and clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips expressed concern about costs.

Enterprise would take over management of vehicles

Mayor John Boggs, who is also a member of the board of works, brought forward the proposal, which was first presented

in August. He spoke in favor, saying the change would save money and be more efficient than the current system of going

through a quote process every time one of the city's 26 vehicles needs to be replaced.

Board member Jerry Leonhard initially questioned whether the city has an "absolute cost" for the program. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips then added that she believes entering into the program would have to be approved by city council because it would fall outside of the approved budget.

Those comments launched a back and forth that lasted about 10 minutes, with Boggs saying he didn't see it as being different from the current budgeting system.

"We don't know what it's going to cost," Phillips said. "We don't know what our lease agreement is going to be."

"It's not going to be as much as it is now," Boggs responded.

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Deaths

Florida Pyle, 87, Portland
Theodore Davis, 67, rural
Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County's temperature ranged between 30 and 36 degrees Thursday.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 30s. Skies will be mostly sunny Saturday with a high near 70 and winds gusting to 35 miles per hour. Sunday's high will be 64.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, the parking lot east of Redkey Post Office and the parking lot south of Salamonie Fire Station.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball sectional semifinal game.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



Obituaries

Florida Pyle

July 2, 1934-March 2, 2022
Florida C. Pyle, age 87, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, March 2, 2022, at Persimmon Ridge in Portland. Florida was born on July 2, 1934, in Farmers, Kentucky, the daughter of Willie and Nannie (Herley) Grayson. Florida worked as an Aide at Community Care West in Portland for over 30 years. She was a member of the Portland American Legion Post #211 Auxiliary. She married Erwin Pyle in

1961 and he passed away on January 22, 1985. Survivors include: One daughter — Tonya Seel-nacht (husband: Tony), Portland, Indiana Two sons — Tom Pyle, Portland, Indiana, and Tim Pyle (wife: Susan), Montpelier, Ohio Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren She was preceded in death by a son, Fred Pyle. Graveside services will be



Pyle

held at a later date at Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery. Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Theodore Davis

Nov. 11, 1954-March 1, 2022
Theodore "Ted" Allen Davis, age 67, a resident of rural Portland, passed away on Tuesday, March 1, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie. Ted was born on Nov. 11, 1954, in Celina, Ohio, the son of Vane

Alexander Winfield and Hazel A. (Stump) Davis. He graduated from Portland High School in 1973. Survivors include: Two children: — Theodore Allen Davis II, Portland, Indiana, and Sarah Ann Burton (husband: Derek), Winchester, Indiana Three grandchildren Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home in Portland. Pri-



Davis

vate burial will follow at Salamonina Cemetery in Salamonina, Indiana. Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com. 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.

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Saturday 3/5	Sunday 3/6	Monday 3/7	Tuesday 3/8	Wednesday 3/9
70/57	64/39	44/29	41/28	48/31
Mostly sunny skies are expected Saturday. Wind gusts may reach as high as 35 mph.	High winds and mostly sunny skies will continue into Sunday. Rain is expected at night.	Showers are in the forecast for Monday, with snow possible at night. The high may be near 44.	Tuesday's weather will be partly sunny, with the low dipping to around 28.	Mostly sunny skies may return Wednesday. Rain and snow may also appear at night.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$85 million	Cash 5: 6-8-10-33-39 Estimated jackpot: \$80,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$113 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-7-3 Pick 4: 0-3-1-7 Pick 5: 9-9-8-0-7 Evening Pick 3: 9-1-2 Pick 4: 3-7-3-5 Pick 5: 1-8-3-0-4 Rolling Cash: 3-7-12-15-34 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-7-5 Daily Four: 6-9-3-6 Evening Daily Three: 9-9-2 Daily Four: 9-9-9-1 Quick Draw: 4-8-15-17-28-29-45-50-52-53-57-58-59-60-63-65-68-72-73-80	

Markets

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POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.23 Oct. corn6.27 Nov. corn6.27	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.39 Late March corn.....7.39 Beans16.30 Late March beans..16.32
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.30 April corn7.30 Beans16.58	Sunrise St. Anthony Corn.....7.18 April corn7.18 Beans16.39 April beans16.41 Wheat.....10.51

Today in history

On March 4, 1933, Franklin D. Roosevelt took office as America's 32nd president. In 1789, the Constitution of the United States went into effect as the first Federal Congress met in New York. (The lawmakers then adjourned for lack of a quorum.) In 1863, the Idaho Territory was created. In 1865, President Abraham Lincoln was inaugurated for a second term of office; with the end of the Civil War in sight, Lincoln declared: "With malice toward none, with charity for all." In 1917, Republican Jeannette Rankin of Montana took her seat as the first woman elected to the U.S. House of Representatives, the same day President Woodrow Wilson took his oath of office for a second term. In 1966, John Lennon of The Beatles was quoted in the London Evening Standard as saying, "We're more popular than Jesus now," a comment that caused an angry backlash in the United States. In 1972, a break-in and theft was reported at the Gerald Thornton residence, 703 E. Walnut St., Portland. An adding machine and jewelry were stolen. In 1981, a jury in Salt Lake City convicted Joseph Paul Franklin, an avowed racist and serial killer, of violating the civil rights of two Black men, Ted Fields and David Martin, who'd been shot to death. (Franklin received two life sentences for this crime; he was executed in 2013 for the 1977 murder of a Jewish man, Gerald Gordon.) —AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St., Fort Recovery, Ohio.	Wednesday 1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St, Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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Condo ...

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Portland wastewater superintendent Brad Clayton said the updated plans have been submitted to engineering firm Jones and Henry in order to determine whether current infrastructure — sewer lines and lift stations — are sufficient with the number of homes bumped up to 43. He said he expects to hear back sometime next week. Atkinson asked the plan commission to approve the plans contingent on getting the OK from the engineering firm. He added that, if Jones and Henry determines infrastructure is not sufficient, CB Development will return with updated plans. Portland city attorney Wes Schemenaur expressed concern about that process, saying the city ordinance does not allow for contingent approval in such situations.

Donnie Corn, superintendent of Jay County Highway Department, said he'd prefer to see the development with two access points to county road 75 South instead of three. Teresa Bowen, who lives near the planned development, also expressed concern about the driveway, water availability with the additional wells and lift station capacity to handle wastewater. Plan commission members Lee Newman, Bart Darby, Janet Powers, Kent McClung, Don Gillespie, Steve McIntosh, Ron Laux, Kyle Cook and Randy Geesaman discussed those concerns. They asked if it would be feasible to hold off on a vote for a week or more to wait for Jones and Henry's assessment of the wastewater infrastructure and to potentially re-draw plans to reduce the number of

access points to county road 75 South. But eventually Geesaman made a motion to approve the final plans, contingent on approval from the wastewater department, and Laux seconded the motion. It was then unanimously approved. Plans for the condominium project have been in the works for about a year, with CB Development first presenting information to the plan commission in June. The firm received preliminary approval from plan commission in August, and Portland City Council gave final approval on rezoning in September. In other business, the commission: •Re-elected Newman as president, Darby as vice president and McClung as secretary. •Re-appointed Pati McLaughlin as recording secretary.

Capsule Reports

Intersection collision

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Farmland man drove his vehicle into a Portland woman's car on county road 200 South about 2:10 a.m. Tuesday. Michael L. Harris, 77, was driving his 2015 Ford F150 south on Blaine Pike and approaching the intersection with county road 200 South. He told Jay County Sheriff's Office he stopped at the intersection didn't see any oncoming vehicles, so he continued forward. That's when Harris' vehicle struck the passenger side of a 2009 Nissan Titan, driven by 59-year-old Elizabeth L. Meinerding. The Nissan rolled over just west of the intersection and came to a rest on its top, according to a sheriff's office report. Meinerding sustained a minor cut on her lower arm. Both vehicles were towed.

Drove off road

A Portland man was taken to a Fort Wayne hospital after his vehicle hit a mailbox, went into a ditch and rolled into a utility pole on Boundary Pike about 6:50 p.m. Thursday. Robert M. Bell, 48, was driving on the road near the intersection with county road 450 South when his 2017 Ford Focus left the road. Bell's vehicle hit a mailbox and continued into a ditch, where it rolled multiple times before striking a utility pole, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Bell sustained injuries all over his body and was transported by helicopter to Lutheran Hospital.

He smelled of alcohol and told police he had been drinking, according to the report. Bell was cited with a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated. His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated at more than \$100,000.

Couldn't stop

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Hartford City man driving a semi struck a vehicle in front of him and a utility pole on Indiana 26 about 4 p.m. Wednesday. Hernandez Perez, 51, was stopped in a 2004 Honda Civic behind a school bus on the highway. Kevin L. Pryor was driving a 2016 International Pro Star behind Perez and couldn't slow down in time before striking Perez's vehicle. The semi Pryor was driving then continued forward, going off the road and into a utility pole. No injuries were reported. Both vehicles were towed. The vehicle Pryor was driving is registered to KBL Transport of Portland.

Lost control

A rural Portland teen lost control of his vehicle on Indiana 67, causing it to go through a sign and hit a tree about 3 a.m. Friday.

Koby W. Lewellen, 17,

was driving on Indiana 67 near the intersection with county road 200 West when his 2002 Dodge Dakota left the road and drove through a sign and into a yard west of the highway. Lewellen's vehicle then hit a tree. The accident left deep ruts in the yard, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. His vehicle was towed.

Deer hit

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000 after a deer ran into a Portland man's car on Indiana 18 about 11:55 p.m. Thursday. Davis A. Brown, 27, was driving east on the highway when a deer struck the front driver's side tire of his 2004 Honda Civic. Both the driver and passenger's side windows were shattered, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

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Kelly, Gary: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday
Monger, Phillip: Noon, First Baptist Church, 1601 South A St., Richmond.

Tuesday
Schmitz, Eileen: 1 p.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery.
Davis, Theodore: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Depression is serious

DEAR ABBY: My son just withdrew from college with a medical leave due to anxiety and depression. My husband and I support him fully and are helping him receive the help he needs. Of course, we are very concerned. The problem is my mother. When I was young and had similar problems, she told me: "It's a sin for someone who has as much going for her as you do to be depressed." (This was especially strange since she's not religious.) She has been similarly dismissive of my feelings during other bouts of depression. She is generous with things, but she cannot understand that being close with someone has more to do with emotional trust than simply time spent together.

I don't know how to handle this current situation with my son. She wants to be involved, but I have a strong aversion to her being around because I don't know what she'll say. I need to protect my son and myself, but I know she'll feel hurt if I leave her out. What should I do? — MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE
DEAR ABBY: Your mother's feelings should not be a priority right now. I'm recommending you "Grandma-proof" your son to the extent you can, by

Dear Abby



explaining to him that "Nana" has some old-fashioned, outdated ideas about depression, an illness that can run in families and appears to run in yours. There are far more effective interventions for him now than were available for you back then. Medications and sometimes talk therapy can put him in a more positive frame of mind, and I'm glad you can help him get the professional help he needs.

DEAR ABBY: For most of my life, I've felt uncomfortable in my own body. It seemed as though my right arm belonged to someone else. I have decided to have it amputated, and I'm trying to find the best way to tell my family. I'd appreciate any suggestions you might have. — LOST FOR WORDS

DEAR LOST: There's a name for those feelings you have had for so long. It's called "body integrity identity disorder."

Before trying to explain your desire for amputation to your family, please discuss this with a licensed psychotherapist who may be able to help you determine if you truly want to follow through with your intention. With psychiatric help, you may be able to integrate your "alien limb" into your body image.

DEAR ABBY: I lost a friend about two months ago. During the early morning hour of his death, I was having breakfast alone, and I had the light on in my dining room. All of a sudden, the light went out and then came back on. Abby, the only power that went out was the light over my head. I am a science person. I do not believe in mystical things. Now I am not so sure my friend wasn't communicating with me. I cried. What do you think? — MISSING HIM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MISSING HIM: I think if it comforts you to believe your friend was reaching out to you as he passed to the next realm, you should hold onto and treasure that thought. If it doesn't do that, let it go and dwell on the wonderful friendship you two shared.



Photo provided

Optimists offer

Portland Breakfast Optimists club president Scott Benter presents a check for \$500 to the Jay County Robotics. Receiving the donation are Kenny Carducci, Aidan Garlinger and teacher Kyle Love.

Fiber arts festival set for next week

The fiber arts festival is back. Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau will hold its 20th annual Fiber Arts Festival March 11 and 12 at Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland.

Over the course of two days, there will be classes, hands-on activities and demonstrations, according to a visitor and tourism bureau press release. Homemade food will also be available.

The festival will feature artists of varying types of fibers, everywhere from wool, cotton, silk and flax to mohair, angora, alpaca and buffalo. Related items for fiber-crafting needs, such as sweater yarn, spindles and equipment, will also be up for sale. Visitors may

Taking Note

bring raw wool or other fibers to be cleaned and processed by Wooly Knob Fiber Mill, along with learning about different types of fibers and their uses, the release says. For more information, or to register for classes, call (260) 726-3366 or email info@visitjaycounty.com.

Author speaking
Fort Recovery Public Library is

hosting the author of an Ohio history book at 6 p.m. March 15.

Mike Klinger, a former resident of Delphos, Ohio, will be speaking about his book, "The History of the 118th Ohio Volunteer Infantry XXIIIrd. Corps." His writing is based on 500 letters, six diaries and the regimental surgeon's day book, and it is illustrated with photos of men, maps and sketches, as well as some modern photography, according to its cover page description.

To learn more about the event, visit the library at 113 N. Wayne St., Fort Recovery, Ohio, or call (419) 375-2869. Klinger's book is available on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.
DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.
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.

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.
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.

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.

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.

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. 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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

Tuesday
JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.
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.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship 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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Thursday's Solution

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Braun has chance to make impact

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

Mike Braun has rarely been hailed for bipartisanship, but his presence as co-leader of a group of lawmakers whose mission is to examine conditions within the U.S. Bureau of Prisons puts him in position to make a constructive contribution in the federal public policy arena.

The first-term Indiana Republican U.S. senator was tapped to lead the team along with fellow first-term Democratic Sen. Jon Ossoff of Georgia. Among the group will also be the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois.

Formation of the group was triggered by reporting from The

Hoosier Editorial

Associated Press that uncovered widespread corruption and abuse in federal prisons.

The group's aim is to develop policies and proposals to strengthen oversight of the troubled prison system and improve communication between the Bureau of Prisons and Congress.

Indiana and Illinois play a significant role in the U.S. prison

system, with major facilities in communities such as Terre Haute and Marion, Ill. Conditions of incarceration are important issues in all 122 prison facilities. The protection of human rights is a key element of a viable system, as is safety of the more than 35,000 employees who toil in various roles and facilities. The most recent federal prisoner count is more than 150,000.

In order to achieve those goals, the bureau must be more transparent and responsive to public inquiry and scrutiny.

Braun's leadership appointment will require him to work in a bipartisan manner with Ossoff

and others in the group and set aside what are clearly his strident ideological tendencies. We hope he's up to the challenge.

The Associated Press exposed how the federal prison system had become a hot bed of corruption and misconduct. The agency has been plagued by myriad crises, including widespread criminal activity among employees, systemic abuse at a federal women's prison in California, critically low staffing levels that hampered responses to emergencies, the rapid spread of COVID-19, a failed response to the pandemic and dozens of escapes. Late last month, two inmates were killed in a gang fight at a

federal prison in Texas, prompting a nationwide lockdown.

Early this year, Bureau of Prisons director Michael Carvajal announced his resignation. A search for his replacement is underway.

The federal prison system is, as Sen. Ossoff told The AP, "horribly dysfunctional." A congressional effort to get to the root of the problem and find solutions is urgent and essential. The staff and inmates at Terre Haute's federal facility — as well as at prisons in Illinois and across the country — are counting on this group of lawmakers to be effective and successful in carrying out its task.

Protesters have breathtaking bravery

By JENNIFER RUBIN

The Washington Post

We live in a time of soul-crushing evil.

Russian dictator Vladimir Putin is seeking to obliterate a sovereign country. And he's murdering innocents in the process.

Yet it is also a time of breathtaking bravery. The Ukrainian people and their leaders, with unimaginable grace and courage, have refused to relent in the face of overwhelming force. Thirteen Ukrainian border guards on a tiny island in the Black Sea were told by Russians aboard a warship to surrender.

Their response: "Go f--- yourself."

They were all initially reported to have been killed, but Ukrainian officials said Saturday they might have survived. Whatever their fate, they will go down as heroes in Ukrainian history. (One cannot but think of Shakespeare's St. Crispin's Day speech from "Henry V": "For he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother.")

We saw the images of Ukrainian families hunkering down for the night in subway tunnels, a scene reminiscent of Londoners during the Blitz, when another madman underestimated the will of a free people.

We heard from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, who before the invasion made a dramatic appeal to the Russian people.

As his nation was being pummeled, he appeared again to tell his fellow Ukrainians about the casualties but also about the brave military that "defended almost the entire territory of Ukraine, which suffered direct blows." He said Ukrainian forces had recaptured the airport near Kyiv. He then announced he would "stay in the capital" and "stay with my people." He noted that "the enemy marked me as the number one target" and his family "number two." He warned Kyiv residents that Russian saboteurs might have entered the city.

And, yes, we saw glimpses of thousands of Russians marching in the streets, shouting "No to war!"

Some 1,700 people were arrested on the first day. Russian scientists, journalists, celebrities and other figures put their names on statements and

Jennifer Rubin



took to Instagram to protest the war. The showing was a courageous stand against a police state and a marked contrast to U.S. politicians who cannot bring themselves to condemn defeated former president Donald Trump, who served up propaganda for Putin.

Before this is over, many brave Ukrainians will be killed or injured, or lose their homes and livelihoods. Many Russian protesters will feel the wrath of Putin's thugs. They are risking their lives for the simple idea that democracy, freedom and independence are worth defending. It is a cause worth fighting for.

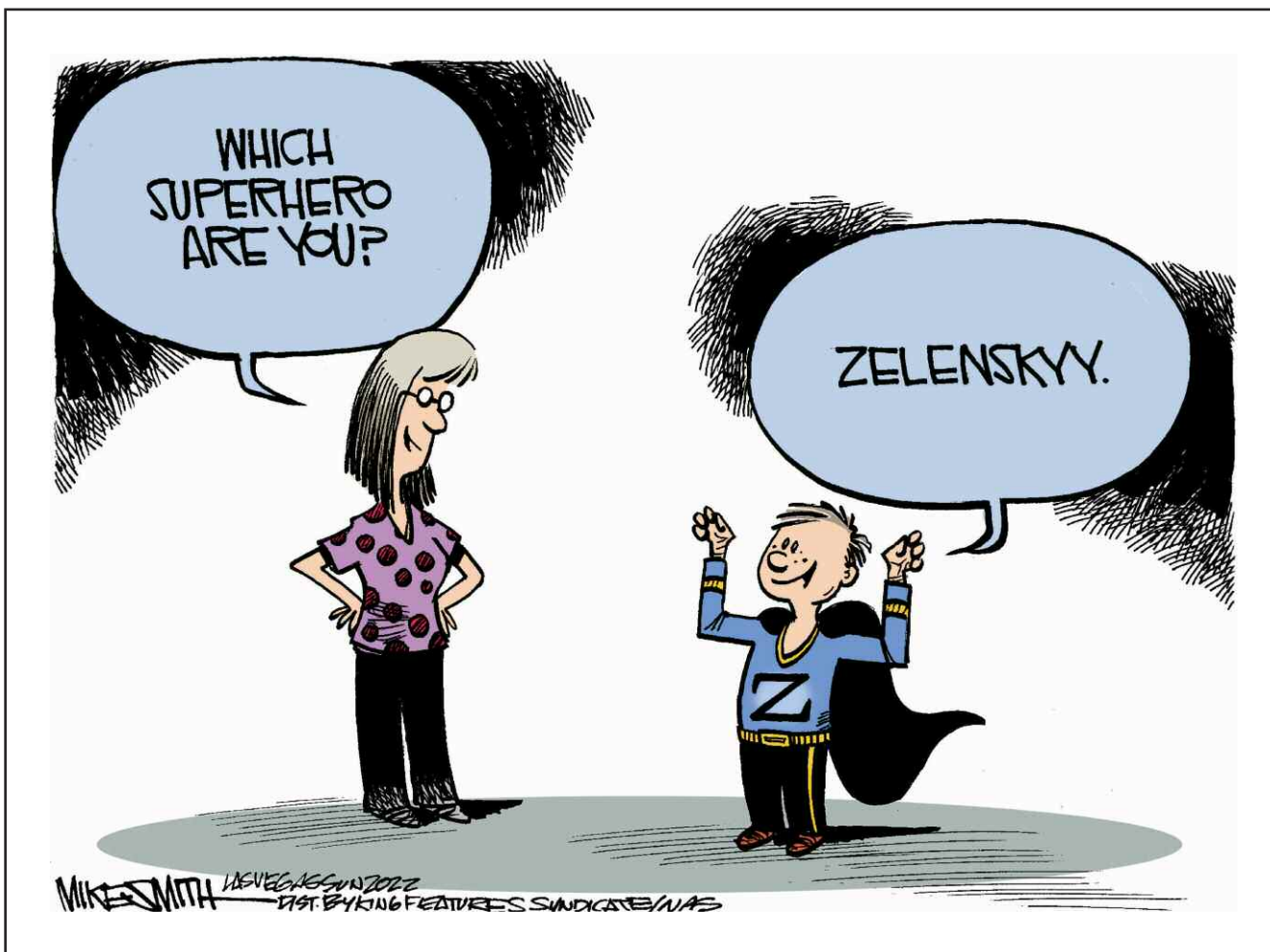
The past week should serve as a deafening wake-up call to the West, which for too long has taken its democracy and security for granted. Just as Western nations must fortify their democracies against authoritarian bullies internally, they must also make sacrifices to keep at bay vicious regimes willing to wage war against free peoples and international order. Collectively, NATO will need to spend more on defense. The West will also need to bear the cost of finding new energy sources and separating from Russian energy supplies, which remain Putin's lifeline.

I found it sad that so many reporters and politicians demanded to know whether Russian sanctions would mean that people would need to pay more for gas. Surely we are not so selfish, so materialistic and so feeble as to reject our obligation to other free people because filling up our tanks will cost a little more.

For their courage and idealism, for their defense of democracy and international peace, we can say to Ukrainians and Russian protesters, well done.

Moreover, we can pray for their survival and be willing to make sacrifices to support them in the weeks and months ahead.

Rubin writes reported opinion for The Washington Post.



Keep doors open for all

By MICHELE L. NORRIS

The Washington Post

When I learned that President Joe Biden had asked Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson to serve on the Supreme Court, my first instinct was to cheer this historic appointment. But what soon followed was an instinct to dream of the moment when the elevation of such a supremely talented person would be more routine than remarkable.

I hope to see a world where we can stop tossing confetti when 232-year-old institutions include women, people with brown skin, those who are differently abled, those who are LGBTQ or those who have been locked out for centuries.

I hope to see a world where braids and passion twists or kinky, curly, fuzzy, nappy, "grow as God gave me" hairstyles are as common as side-part, soft-fade, executive haircuts in CEO suites and anywhere people exert influence over life, learning, longevity and the engines of our economies.

I hope to see a world where names like Ketanji and Kamala and Kizzmekia roll off the tongue as easily as Ashok, Xiomara or Eun-Woo. A world where more National Football League coaches have names such as Kwame and Francisco. A world where college students do not feel like they must Anglicize their names so their résumés don't go to straight to the piles labeled "not ready" or "not sure" or "not now."

Consider this: Researchers at the University of Chicago, Harvard and MIT sent résumés to employers with similar levels of education and experience. The only difference was the name at the top. Candidates with African American or ethnic-sounding names were much less likely to get a call back. Opportunities flow more freely in some directions than in others. I want to see a world where this does not happen.

Studies have found that the most common names for CEOs in the United States over the past 20 years were

Michele L. Norris



Peter, Jack, Bob, Chris, Fred, Bill, Ron, Don, Bruce and Alexander. According to an analysis by LinkedIn, if you are a woman who aspires to become a CEO, your chances are improved if your name is Deborah, Pamela, Cynthia, Cheryl or Sally.

Is that a coincidence? Is it about natural selection or the subtle messages that are passed on over decades about what authority should look and sound like?

I want to live in a world where a Supreme Court nominee, or anyone else making history, will not be able to tell the story, as Jackson did, about the high school guidance counselor who urged her to lower her sights when she aspired to attend Harvard. My Post colleague Jonathan Capehart took to Twitter and asked, "Raise your hand if you had *that* guidance counselor?" The response was revealing and heartbreaking: Dozens upon dozens of lawyers, journalists, professors, CPAs, nurses and a chemical physicist all reported that they had *that* guidance counselor.

It reminded me of a book club meeting I attended before Michelle Obama published her memoir, "Becoming," in which she recalled how her high school guidance counselor suggested that she rethink her plan to follow her older brother to college at Princeton.

This was no ordinary book club. A dozen women had a chance to read and discuss "Becoming" with the former first lady before its publication; they included TV producer Shonda Rhimes, historians Erica Armstrong Dunbar and Martha S. Jones, Andrew W. Mellon Foundation Presi-

dent Elizabeth Alexander, former U.S. poet laureate Natasha Trethewey, civil rights lawyer Sherrilyn Ifill, law school dean Verna Williams, and authors Tayari Jones, Jacqueline Woodson and Farah Jasmine Griffin.

When asked whether anyone in the group had a high school guidance counselor who tried to clip their wings, almost every woman present raised her hand; so did some of the younger women in attendance from Obama's staff. We all stared at one another. We didn't know whether to laugh or to cry.

Some of us have been in touch after hearing Jackson share her story last week from the White House lectern. A few of us had parents, including me, who took time off from work to set the counselor straight. One ran into her old guidance counselor at a train station after she had made a name for herself. That day, he told her, "I knew you'd do great things."

Why couldn't he have said that to her as a 17-year-old?

Thank goodness all these accomplished people soared beyond their guidance counselors' limited visions. But I worry about all the kids who sadly succumb to low expectations or who don't have champions to nurture their ambitions.

So, I have a slight twist on Jonathan's query. I'd ask: "Are you now **that** guidance counselor; unable to see the potential that resides inside brown skin, or in some kid who doesn't have the 'right' Zip code, name or gender?"

I want to live in a world where young people, regardless of color, or sexual orientation, or station in life, can follow their dreams without running into a counselor who will "guide" them toward a lower altitude based on nothing more than the unfortunate limits of **that** counselor's imagination.

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Prepping for the convoy

Two trucks partially blocked an intersection near the Capitol on Feb. 23 as local and federal agencies prepared for possible disruptions inspired by the Freedom Convoy that occupied Ottawa, Canada. The People's Convoy, a U.S.-based group of activists opposed to vaccine mandates, is on a cross-country trip aiming to arrive in Hagerstown, Md., today before moving on to the Washington, D.C. Beltway area on Saturday. Spencer Lawrence of Portland has been participating in the convoy, which passed through Indiana earlier this week.

Program ...

Continued from page 1
Phillips then said she hasn't received "any solid numbers."
"I don't see how this is any different than what we do now," said Boggs. "We don't have solid numbers if we buy them."
Board member Steve McIntosh noted that under the current system, the city receives quotes when it is in need of a new vehicle.

The city then pays the full cost up front, Boggs responded. Under the Enterprise management program, he added, there would be no up-front cost with the city instead paying a lease amount monthly.

When he originally explained the program seven months ago,

Tom Green of Enterprise said it is designed to allow municipalities to acquire vehicles without incurring large up-front costs. It eventually saves money, he said, by lowering maintenance and fuel costs through having newer vehicles.

He proposed a contract that would cover all of the city's police, fire, street, parks, water and wastewater vehicles, with the exception of large vehicles like firetrucks. He said current numbers show the city replaces vehicles after an average of 8.67 years with annual maintenance and fuel costs of \$39,000 and \$48,821, respectively. Enterprise estimated the city would reduce maintenance costs by 69% by the fifth

year of the agreement and cut fuel costs by about 20%. It estimated the program would save the city more than \$450,000 over a 10-year period.

After Thursday's discussion, a visibly frustrated Boggs said he's shared information repeatedly back-and-forth between city officials and Enterprise representatives, including several spreadsheets detailing the financial aspect of the program.

"Either you guys don't understand them, or I don't understand them," Boggs said. "I want you to understand it so we can vote on this and do it or not do it."

McIntosh then acknowledged that the government official he talked to in Carmel, which uses

the Enterprise program, said it has been beneficial to the city. At the board's October meeting, all three members said they had received positive reviews about the Enterprise program when they contacted municipalities that are currently enrolled.

Boggs agreed to bring Green back for another meeting to explain the details of the program again.

The board also briefly discussed updated plans for a proposed condominium development off county road 75 South near Jay County Junior-Senior High School. Final plans for the development call for 35 to 43 homes — preliminary plans set the number at 35 — in a different

configuration. The city has sent the plans to engineering firm Jones and Henry for review to ensure current wastewater infrastructure will be able to handle the expanded plans. The board took no action on the plans. (See related story for additional details.)

In other business, the board:

•Approved the sale of Portland Fire Department's old ladder truck to Greg Hemmelgarn for \$10,500. Hemmelgarn was the high bidder for the truck. (The fire department purchased a new truck last year after its 26-year-old truck experienced a mechanical problem with the ladder.)

•OK'd two water bill leak adjustments.

Holcomb endorses cuts

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb threw his full support Thursday behind a range of business and individual income tax cuts, saying tax collections were strong enough to overcome his previous reluctance.

Holcomb endorsed much of a tax cut proposal championed by Indiana House Republicans that has been opposed by Senate Republican leaders. Holcomb has for several months sided with those Senate Republicans, citing uncertainty in the economy, until signaling a shift in his opinion last week.

The governor's proposal, however, would slow walk a cut in the state's current individual income tax rate of 3.23% to 2.9% over much of the decade. The seven-year implementation would push the full cut until 2028, spreading out both the impact on state revenue and the savings to taxpayers.

State reserves have climbed to a record high of \$5.1 billion

The state has seen a big jump in tax collections over the past year helped by federal COVID-19 relief funding, which is projected to boost state government's cash reserves to a highest-ever level of \$5.1 billion by the end of June.

Holcomb said he expects that trend of revenue growth will continue and "that the time is now to act on a tax plan that gives back to our growing business community and to hardworking Hoosiers."

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said he expects the Senate will go along with some tax cuts even though concerns remain about inflation, along with economic

fallout from the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the ending of federal COVID-19 relief funding.

"We just want to be as prudent as we can with state dollars so we make sure that we don't cut too deep too quickly, and so that's why you see us being a bit cautious," Bray said.

Negotiations over the size of any tax cuts will likely continue over the coming days ahead of next week's expected end of this year's legislative session.

Holcomb's income tax cut proposal would reduce state revenue by \$900 million a year when fully implemented, according to the governor's office.

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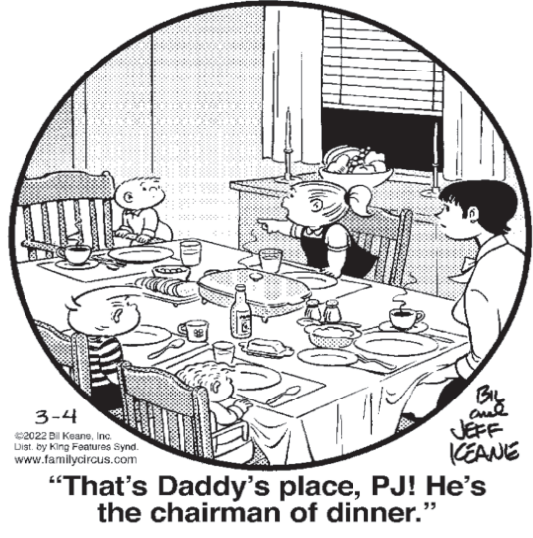
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You are the dealer, both sides vulnerable. What would you bid with each of the following four hands?

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2. ♠AK8 ♥Q652 ♦A9 ♣A85
3. ♠5 ♥93 ♦QJ1085 ♣AKJ106
4. ♠KJ97 ♥QJ4 ♦QJ7 ♣Q52

This upper limit is inflexible and cannot be varied without risking a calamity. It is better to open one club and then jump to two notrump to deliver the message more accurately.

1. One heart. In general, a six-card suit is named before a five-card suit. But when the suits are adjacent in rank and the high-card content of the hand is close to a minimum, the higher-ranking suit is bid first.

3. One diamond. The fact that you have only 11 high-card points is not a good reason for passing. If you did pass, you would have a hard time later convincing partner that you held a hand containing seven or eight potential tricks.

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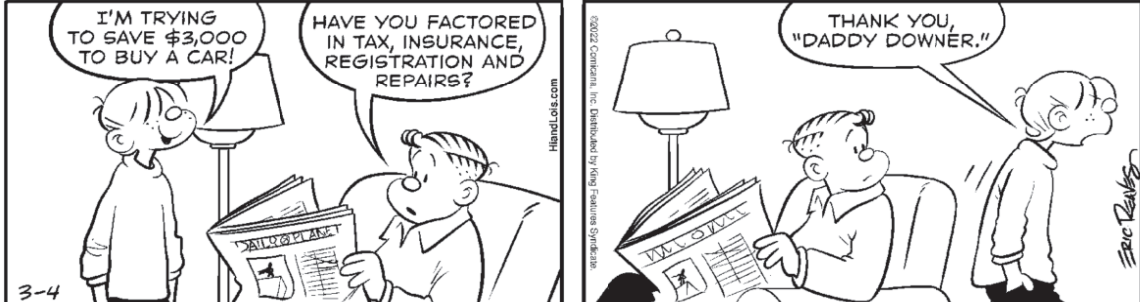
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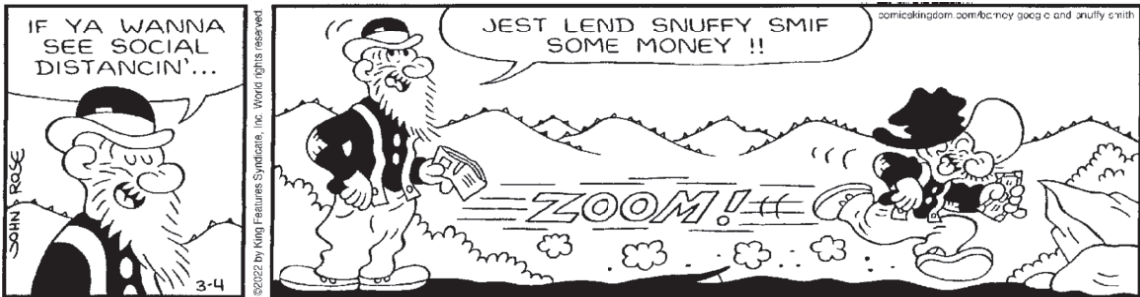
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Fans are locked out of Roger Dean Chevrolet Stadium on Feb. 22 in Jupiter, Fla. Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem and chief union negotiator Bruce Meyer met for 1 1/2 hours Thursday and discussed the major issues in the stalled talks to reach a deal that would end Major League Baseball's lockout.

MLB, union meet again

By RONALD BLUM
AP Baseball Writer

NEW YORK — Deputy Commissioner Dan Halem and chief union negotiator Bruce Meyer met for 1 1/2 hours Thursday and discussed the major issues in the stalled talks to reach a deal that would end Major League Baseball's lockout.

Union general counsel Ian Penny and MLB Executive Vice President Morgan Sword also participated in the session.

The players' association executive board held a conference call later Thursday. There was no known decision on the timing of the next negotiating session.

Baseball's ninth work stoppage was in its 92nd day Thursday and is the sport's first labor conflict to cause games to be canceled since the 1994-95 strike wiped out the World Series for the first time in 90 years.

Negotiations broke off Tuesday after the ninth straight day

of meetings in Jupiter, Florida, and baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred announced that opening day on March 31 and the first two series for each team this season had been canceled. He said there would be insufficient training time for the March 31 openers.

Negotiating teams then headed home.

The sides had made progress during 16 1/2 hours of bargaining that ended at 2:30 a.m. Tuesday but were still far apart on areas that include the key economic components of the luxury tax, pre-arbitration bonus pool and minimum salaries. The sides expressed anger at each other's proposals when talks resumed later that day.

Fitch Ratings said the cancellation will not impact MLB and stadium-level debt ratings for now due to liquidity that included dedicated debt reserve funds sufficient for a season-long stoppage. Fitch said MLB's media

contracts are structured for continued payments in 2022 during a lockout, with the possibility of repayments due later.

"The coronavirus-affected 2020 season demonstrates that the league and its teams have financial resources to withstand a shortened season, albeit with reliance on liquidity support from ownership or debt financing," Fitch said. "Under a one-month cancellation, we expect MLB will be able to preserve national media revenue at levels close to those agreed to under contract."

Fitch added "a prolonged work stoppage could also alienate fans and corporate sponsors, which could not only affect revenue in the current season but could drag on the growth of the sport in the longer term." It also said "team and stadium financings will face rating pressure sooner than the league if the lockout extends beyond April."

Patberg, Berger lead No. 14 IU

Hoosiers will play Maryland today

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ali Patberg scored 19 points and Grace Berger had 17 to help No. 14 Indiana end a three-game losing streak with a 66-54 win over Rutgers in the second round of the Big Ten Conference tournament on Thursday.

MacKenzie Holmes had 11 points for the fifth-seeded Hoosiers (20-7), who reached 20 wins for the seventh straight season.

Indiana faces the four seed, 11th-ranked Maryland, in the quarterfinals on Friday. The last time the Hoosiers were the

fifth seed was in 2002 when they won the tournament.

Patberg hit five 3-pointers, matching the team record for 3s in the conference tournament, and had six assists and five rebounds. Berger had six rebounds and six assists.

Osh Brown and Sayawni Lassiter both had 12 points 13th-seeded Rutgers (11-20). The Scarlet Knights lost Shug Dickson, who had eight points, to an ankle injury on their opening possession of the second half.

Indiana led 32-26 at the half, the difference being at the foul line where the Hoosiers were 7 of 9 and Rutgers was 1 of 2.

The Hoosiers got a little separation in the third quarter with Berger's jumper making it 48-37 going into the fourth quarter.

Nicole Cardano-Hillary's 3-pointer pushed the lead to 57-41 with less than six minutes to go.

Purdue falls in tournament

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Nina Clouden scored 23 points, including the clinching free throws with 2.5 seconds left, and Michigan State edged Purdue 73-69 in the second round of the Big Ten Conference tournament on Thursday.

Clouden, the leading free-throw shooter in the league, was 10 of 11 from the line but the miss was one of four the eighth-seeded Spartans missed in the last 31 seconds, keeping the ninth-seeded Boilermakers in the game.

Michigan State plays top-seeded Ohio State in the quarterfinals on Friday. The Spartans lost to the Buckeyes twice, including 61-55 in the regular-season finale.

Tamara Farquhar scored five points before Clouden made a pair of free throws to cap a 7-0 surge that put the Spartans up 73-69 with 1:39 to play. A Jeanae Terry 3-pointer and Abbey Ellis' layup with five seconds to go put the pressure on Clouden, an 88% free throw shooter.

Alisia Smith scored 15 points, Taiyier Parks 12 and Matilda Ekh 10 for the Spartans (15-14), who were 9 of 13 from the foul line in the fourth quarter. Farquhar had nine points and nine rebounds.

Ellis and Madison Layden scored 17 points each for the Boilermakers (16-14), who won the regular-season meeting 69-59.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
2 p.m. — Boys basketball sectional semifinal vs. Hamilton Heights at New Castle — 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
11:30 a.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Quarterfinal (BTN)
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Quarterfinal (BTN)
6:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Quarterfinal (BTN)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Detroit Pistons (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Richmond at St. Bonaventure (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Chicago Bulls (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NASCAR auto racing: Camping World Truck Series — Victoria's Voice Foundation 200 (FS1)
9 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament — Quarterfinal (BTN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Phoenix Suns (ESPN)

Saturday
9:30 a.m. — Soccer: Bayer Leverkusen at Bayern Munchen (ESPN2)
Noon — Men's college basketball: Villanova at Butler (FOX); Arkansas at Tennessee (ESPN); Alabama at LSU (CBS)

Noon — Women's college basketball: Big East Tournament — Quarterfinal (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Davidson at Dayton (USA)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: West Ham United at Liverpool (NBC)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Purdue (ESPN); Kentucky at Florida (CBS)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Seton Hall at Creighton (FOX)
2:30 p.m. — Golf: Arnold Palmer Invitational (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Big Ten Tournament (BTN)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Oregon at Washington State (CBS); Virginia Commonwealth at St. Louis (ESPN2)

5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: DePaul at Connecticut (FOX)
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8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ohio Valley Conference Tournament — Championship (ESPN2)
8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Lakers (ABC)
9 p.m. — NASCAR auto racing: Camping World Truck Series — Victoria's Voice Foundation 200 (FS1)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: USC at UCLA (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: West Coast Conference Tournament — Quarterfinal (ESPN2)

11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: UNLV at New Mexico (FS1)

Local notes

Registration dates upcoming
Portland Junior League will have two upcoming registrations for its 2022 season. They will be from 9 a.m. to noon March 5 and 12 at Jay Community Center. Forms can be picked up at JCC, or online registration is available at the Portland Junior League's Facebook page. PJL is open to boys and girls ages 5 through 15.
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To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

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Sports

Patriot tankers fall to Bluffton

Raif Beiswanger and Lauren Fisher won matching events, but it was not enough to lift the Patriots to wins.

Jay County Junior High School's swim teams each fell to Bluffton on Thursday, the boys by a 173-129 margin and the girls by a 169-113 final. (Randolph Southern scored six points in the girls meet.)

Beiswanger and Fisher handled the bookend individual swimming events — the 200-yard freestyle and the 100 breaststroke. Beiswanger had winning times of 2 minutes, 24.43 seconds and 1:21.46, respectively, in the boys events. Fisher took the girls 200 freestyle in 2:26.3 and the 100 breaststroke in 1:21.14.

Sophia Hoewel was also a double winner for the Patriot girls. She held off Bluffton's Libby Arnett by 0.33 seconds in the 50 butterfly to win in 36.41 and posted the top time of 1:17.56 in the 100 individual medley.

Peyton Yowell, Lincoln Clamme, Matthew Fisher and Beiswanger were also first in the boys 200 freestyle relay in 1:58.95.

Lauren Fisher was part of two relay wins, teaming first with Avery Wentz, Maisey Keller and Hoewel for first in the 200 medley in 2:16.95 and then with Nevaeh Wellman, Ariel Beiswanger and Wentz for the top spot in the 300 freestyle relay in 3:38.07.

Other wins for the girls teams came from Ariel Beiswanger with a time of 31.76 in the 50 freestyle and Wentz at 5:15.84 in the 400 freestyle.

Rockland Beiswanger took the 100 backstroke for the Jay County boys in 1:18.36, and David Keen won the 400 feestyle in 5:38.04.

Floor leader

Jay County High School freshman Adriene Denney competes on the floor exercise Saturday during the sectional gymnastics meet at Concordia in Fort Wayne. Denney posted the Patriots' best score on the event, scoring a 7.35 for 31st place.



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