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Staying closed



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The “pool closed” sign at Portland Water Park will stay in place throughout 2022 after Portland Park Board voted Tuesday to keep the facility closed for the year. Board members cited limited time the water park could be open — the earliest it could open after repairs and prep work is the third week of July — and a lifeguard shortage as reasons for their decision.

With limited time after repairs and shortage of lifeguards, water park will not open in 2022

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Portland Water Park will not open this year.

Portland Park Board on Tuesday decided to keep the facility closed this year because of limited time available following repairs and a continued shortage of lifeguards.

The water park, which opened in 2016, had frequent issues with tiles surrounding the edge of the pool breaking and leaving jagged edges. City staff used caulk to provide temporary repairs to keep the facility open last summer.

Upon inspecting the problem

areas, Blakley’s of Indianapolis suggested a different type of tile be installed. The firm installed a test section near the “zero-entry” area of the pool to test its durability over the winter.

Happy with the way the test section performed, park board members approved its installation around the entire pool. That work began in mid-May. (To install the tile, the average temperature had to be at least 60 degrees.)

The tile has now been installed — there are a few minor finishes that still need to be completed, such as fixing

some grating issues and smoothing some rough corners — but requires three weeks to cure. After that period, it would take two to three weeks to prepare the water park and do the necessary testing to open it.

That would leave just a few weeks remaining for the facility to be open before school begins Aug. 11.

Park board president Brian Ison also noted that only four or five lifeguards had expressed interest in working for that short season. (Some of their schedules had limited availability because of the start of practice for athletic

teams beginning in early August.)

“The biggest concern is we do not have the lifeguards to open the pool at this time safely,” he said.

Park board members Michael Brewster, John McFarland and Ison, absent Glen Bryant and Shauna Runkle, voted to keep the water park closed this year.

“I know it’s a hard pill to swallow for us to have to do that this year,” said Brewster. “Nobody wants to close the pool. ...

“But at this point, we don’t have any options.”

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IYI is studying school safety, security

By JILL SHERIDAN

WFYI Indianapolis

The shooting that killed 19 students and two teachers in Uvalde, Texas, devastated the community. New efforts to assess how those who work with youth in Indiana feel about safety are underway.

Since the 1999 shooting at Columbine High School in Colorado, Indiana has experienced six school shooting events. A database compiled by the Washington Post also estimates the number of Hoosier students impacted at those events at more than 4,000.

The Indiana Youth Institute is using the data to outline how serious the situation is and to gather information from teachers and other youth workers.

IYI President and CEO Tami Silverman said this summer the group will survey professionals about school security.

“What would you wish would be done in your classroom? What training, what equipment, what protections, what policies, what legislation? Any of those things,” Silverman said.

The impact of school shootings and the trauma on youth can be harmful to their health and academics. Silverman said that trauma spreads.

“And then you start thinking about what effect that has on their community, their families and even students around the country that weren’t present,” Silverman said.

IYI cites data from the National Survey of Children’s Health that 76.6% of Indiana parents say they agree their child is safe at school. That number is higher than the national average, but falls short of a goal of 95% of respondents.

Results of the survey will be shared with participants and offered to community leaders and policy makers.

Organizations that would like to participate can contact IYI.

Quake kills at least 1,000

By ELTAF NAJAFIZADA

Bloomberg News

Tribune News Service

At least 1,000 people have been killed and hundreds more injured after a powerful earthquake hit southeastern Afghanistan overnight, setting off a new humanitarian crisis in a country already facing a crumbling economy and hunger.

The eastern Paktika province was the worst hit, Sharafuddin Muslim, the deputy state minister for Disaster Management said. The state-run Bakhtar News agency

said at least a 1,000 people had died and another 1,500 injured and the death toll could rise. Helicopters and rescue teams have been sent to the affected areas, he added.

Casualties and damage were also reported in nearby Khost and Nangahar provinces that border Pakistan, Taliban spokesman Bilal Karimi said. The quake was the worst calamity to hit the nation since a landslide in 2014 killed 2,000 people in the northeastern Badakhshan province.

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Post parades

Members of Fort Recovery American Legion Post 345 march west along Butler Street near Sunday afternoon during the Fireman’s Parade on the final day of Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee.

Deaths

Betty Miller, 92, rural Portland
Stanley Patch, 67, Portland
Alma Norris, 87, Dunkirk
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County’s high temperature hit 97 degrees Tuesday. The low was 74.

Tonight’s forecast calls for a low of 59. Expect sunny skies again Thursday with a high of 85. Highs will be in the upper 80s or higher through at least Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Public Library will host a showing of the movie “Encanto” at 2 p.m. Thursday. Root beer floats and popcorn will be provided.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from tonight’s Portland Rockets game against the Fort Wayne Blues.

Saturday — Arts Place summer concert series at Hudson Family Park kicks off next week.



Closed ...

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(The pool will still be filled briefly to allow for pumps and other equipment to be checked to ensure proper operation.)

The board plans to consider having Blakley's do an annual inspection of the facility to address any issues quickly, rather than having them potentially build into larger problems. Details of such an arrangement are still being discussed.

Portland Mayor John Boggs also suggested working with Jay County Junior-Senior High School on training for lifeguards early in the spring to avoid any staffing issues next year.

Portland resident Rachel Haque, who attended the meeting with her children, asked if there was a possibility that the pool at the junior-senior high school could be opened to the public, even occasionally, during the rest of the summer. McFarland said he would raise the question with school staff.

Haque also expressed concern about lack of communication about the status of the water park through social media. Ison responded that plans are in the



New tile has been installed around the edge of the pool at Portland Water Park. The previous tile at the facility, which opened in 2016, had frequent problems with tiles breaking and leaving sharp, jagged edges.

works to create a new social media page to promote the entirety of the city's parks system rather than just the water park.

This marks the third consecutive year that Portland Water Park has not been open for a full season. In 2020, it did not open until July 4 because of restric-

tions during the early stages of the coronavirus pandemic. Its hours were limited last year because of a lifeguard shortage.

McFarland suggested a big celebration next year when the facility is expected to be open for a full season beginning on Memorial Day weekend.

The board also received a

handful of updates Tuesday from parks department employee Matt Shauver. He noted that a dilapidated shed has been removed from Runkle-Miller Field at Portland Memorial Park, all mulch is in place at all of the parks and part-time summer workers have been focused on maintenance.

"It's been a good year so far," he said.

Also, park board plans to move its regularly scheduled July meeting because it conflicts with the Portland City Council meeting. Ison plans to reach out to all park board members to find a feasible meeting time.

CR almanac

Thursday 6/23	Friday 6/24	Saturday 6/25	Sunday 6/26	Monday 6/27
85/60	88/64	91/71	89/61	80/56
Thursday will be sunny, with temperatures slightly cooling to the mid 80s.	Another day of sunny skies is on the horizon for Friday, with a cool 5 mph wind during the day.	Temperatures are expected to climb into the 90s again Saturday. Rain is possible late.	Showers and thunderstorms may continue into Sunday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday. At night, cool, with a low around 56.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$312 million	Quick Draw: 1-12-18-22-24-26-33-34-36-40-45-46-51-60-61-65-68-72-75-78 Cash 5: 2-10-22-27-32 Estimated jackpot: \$75,000
Mega Millions 8-13-18-32-42 Mega Ball: 20 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$312 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 3-2-3 Pick 4: 7-9-7-5 Pick 5: 0-7-3-6-7 Evening Pick 3: 4-2-0 Pick 4: 6-7-8-5 Pick 5: 8-9-7-6-0 Rolling Cash: 3-18-19-25-39 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-0-5 Daily Four: 9-7-9-0 Quick Draw: 3-5-6-13-14-15-17-22-41-43-44-45-48-49-54-56-57-63-66-77 Evening Daily Three: 8-3-3 Daily Four: 9-3-4-9	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.70 July corn.....7.70 Wheat7.91	Wheat 9.44 July wheat9.49
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.76 July corn.....7.76 Aug. corn7.81	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.64 July corn.....7.64 Beans.....16.77 July beans.....16.72 Wheat9.46
The Andersons Richland Township Corn7.62 July corn.....7.62 Beans.....16.77 July beans.....16.77	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.36 July corn.....7.36 Beans.....16.61 July beans.....16.61 Wheat9.52

Today in history

In 1912, former President Theodore Roosevelt asked his supporters to leave the Republican National Convention in Chicago. They would later form the Progressive Party, which became known as the Bull Moose Party.
In 1999, Portland Rockets manager Ray Miller won his 800th career game as manager of the Portland Rockets, a day before his 74th birthday, when the team edged LaMargarita 3-2 in the first game of a doubleheader at Runkle Field in Portland Memorial Park. (The field was later renamed Runkle-Miller Field in his honor.)
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Citizen's calendar

Today 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:15 p.m. — Jay/Portland Building and Planning Department Inter-Local Joint Board, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Thursday 2 p.m. — Jay County	

Obituaries

Betty Miller

April 26, 1930-June 17, 2022
Betty Sue Miller, age 92, a resident of rural Portland, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022 at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Betty was born on April 26, 1930, in Winchester, Indiana, the daughter of Herschel and Eva (Pugh) Harrell. She and her husband farmed in Pike Township for many years, and she retired from Westinghouse in Union City in 1987 after 30 years of service. Betty married Paul Leon Miller on March 14, 1978, and he passed away on February 4, 2022.

Survivors include her children, Gary Jones (wife Gina) of Winchester, Indiana, Melody Funk of Lynn, Indiana, James Carpenter of Celina, Ohio, and Tim Carpenter of Union City, Indiana; step-son Glen Miller of rural Portland, Indiana; 13 grandchildren; several great grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held on Friday from 1-2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Betty's life will follow at 2 p.m. on Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Lisbon Cemetery, north of Union City, Indiana.

Memorials may be directed toward Jay County Heart Fund.

Condolences may be sent to williamsonspencer.com.



Miller

preceded him in death on January 31, 2019.

Stanley attended South Adams High School. He served his country in the United States Army in Germany. He was quite the handy man and could fix about anything he put his mind to. He loved spending time outdoors, gardening and woodworking.

He will be sadly missed by his mother Betty A. (Wendel) Patch, Berne, Indiana; daughters Kimberly M. (John) Lehman, Berne, Indiana, and Karen A. (Ray) Wilson, Portland, Indiana; son Mark R. (Tricia) Patch, Bluffton, Indiana; brothers Bill (Melissa) Patch, Randy (Goldie) Patch, Joe (Bonnie) Patch, Roger (Yvonne) Patch and John (Carolyn) Patch; sisters Tammy Teeple and Patty (Rick) Newsome; 9 Grandchildren, and 1 Great Grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his father Francis R. "Frank" Patch, wife Janet S. (Allen) Patch, and sister Connie Stanford.

Family and friends may gather to share and remember at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva, on Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 4 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. A service to celebrate his life will follow at 7:30 p.m. with Pastor Scott Ochsner officiating.

Arrangements are being handled by Downing & Glancy Funeral Home in Geneva.

Condolences may be made at glancyfuneralhomes.com.

Alma Norris

Feb. 11, 1935-June 19, 2022
Alma Ruth Norris, 87, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away Sunday, June 19th, 2022, peacefully while in the company of family members at her residence.

Alma was born in Lebanon, Missouri, on



Patch

February 11, 1935, a daughter of the late Zelta (Rogers) and John Richard Crocker. Alma was the widow of Clell (Russell) Norris and formerly employed by Kerr Glass, Indiana Glass and St. Gobain Containers in Dunkirk, Indiana, with over 53 years of combined service to the glass manufacturing industry. She is a member of Local 96, Local 501, and enjoyed card and word games, Yahtzee, fishing and going out to eat.

Alma is survived by sons Bruce Norris (wife Cathy), Darrel Norris, Jr. Norris (wife Colleen) and Michael Norris (wife Zora); daughters Patricia Quinton (husband Paul Jr.), Natalie Turner (husband Scott B.) and Lori Powell (husband Clarke); special grandson Denny Rogers; several grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, daughter Betty Rogers, daughter-in-law Charlotte Norris, brother Howard Richard Crocker and sisters Freda Dublin and Pauline Uhrick.

Friends are invited to call Thursday, June 23, 2022, from 4 to 8 p.m. and Friday, June 24, 2022, from 10 to 11 a.m. at MJS Mortuaries — Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow visitation on Friday at 11 a.m. with Andy Isch

officiating. Burial will be held in Pennville IOOF Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Jay County Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

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There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.



Norris

SERVICES

Thursday

Patch, Stanley: 7:30 p.m., Downing and Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

Friday

Johnston, Aletha: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Reier, Ruth: 10:30 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Norris, Alma: 11 a.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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

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World doesn't stop spinning

By KWAME DAWES

This poem captures one of the peculiar, private deals that we sometimes make in a world that seems to be marching on, completely out of our control.

Some might call it a prayer, or a spell, or a strange vow, characterized by a certain magical hope against reality. Huey labels it a "fairy tale", a deeply haunting expression of the familiar fear we have of "the bill" com-

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ing due. The author, Amorak Huey, previously worked as a journalist at various newspapers.

He's now serving as a writing professor at Grand Valley State University in Michigan.

Fairy Tale

My father cuts off his thumb with a circular saw.
A tiny magical man makes me an offer.

I cannot refuse. My father's thumb grows back.
The price I have agreed to pay is too great;

I cannot bear to say its name aloud. In the corner
of every room I enter, the tiny magical man

crouches, nameless and cruel. Not today, he says.
Not today. One day, I will enter a room and he will

not be there, and I will know the bill has come due.
A phone will ring. I will answer. A stranger's voice

will mispronounce my name, apologize,
hesitate. In this brief silence, foolish hope will bloom.

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Hot Pink 5K

The fourth annual Hudson Family Hot Pink 5K was held recently to raise money for Jay County breast cancer patients. The event successfully raised more than \$5,000.

Lingering abuse impacts marriage

DEAR ABBY: My husband was forced into sex at the age of 12 by an older female. He has expressed how humiliated he felt and that he made it his mission to never feel inadequate again. He gets his "knowledge" of satisfying a woman through porn. I have tried to explain to him that what he's seeing is only a performance put on for the male viewer.

I have tried more than once to show him what really makes a woman "tick," but he insists I don't know what I'm talking about and that I'm lying to him! I have tried every gentle approach to avoid hurting his feelings. I know from family members' comments about his bedroom having been a "revolving door" for women that he probably didn't use much discernment in his past.

How can I move forward when I feel like he's stuck in the past? I know being sexually abused causes all kinds of trauma. He insists he's over it, but his actions tell me otherwise. I'm pretty sure I'm not his first unsatisfied partner because all his other relationships have ended because they were "crazy, stupid, fat, unfaithful ..." I don't want to give up on him. Please help. — PATIENT WIFE IN FLORIDA

DEAR WIFE: Talking to your

Dear Abby



father's trust. When they visited me four years ago, he wouldn't speak to her.

Elyse and her husband later announced they were adopting a baby. Randy visited me alone six months later, and I suggested, without success, that he put this aside until after the adoption. During the adoption, she became pregnant and had a second child. Randy still hasn't seen or talked with her or his niece and nephew. Our relationship has deteriorated since.

Randy and Elyse tried a mediator last year, again without success. (I should mention he doesn't speak with his mother, either.) He has dodged any further discussion about the situation. I'm at a loss. We were all so close, and I miss him, but I can't accept his actions anymore. Any suggestions? — UNCLE IN PAIN

DEAR UNCLE: In some families, blood is thicker than water. Your nephew appears to feel that money is thicker than blood. As much as you might wish to do it, you can't change him. Because his unwillingness to relent is causing you pain, limit your interactions with him and maintain your relationship with Elyse, the children and Randy's mother.

husband must be like talking to a wall. Solid marriages are built on trust and good communication, and your husband seems capable of neither. I admire your perseverance. The fact that he may have never had counseling to deal with what he went through as a child is regrettable. It could help even now.

A licensed sex therapist might be able to help your husband see that you are not lying to him when you tell him that what pleases one woman might not please another. If you can't make him understand what makes you "tick," then cross your fingers and hope the therapist can get the message across.

DEAR ABBY: My 40-year-old nephew, "Randy," hasn't spoken with his sister, "Elyse," in five years because of a disagreement about the resolution of their

Community Calendar

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

Wednesday

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

A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist

Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-

landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

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

A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Saturday

JAY COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY — Will hold its monthly meeting at 9 a.m. Saturday, June 25, at its headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland.

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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

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Father's Day gift tilted battlefield

Editor's note: This column, in which Jack references a Father's Day gift, is being reprinted from June 27, 2012. Ten years later, his celebration of life was held Saturday, one day before Father's Day. Jack's disdain for cats was, in part, because of his love of birds. He frequently shared bird photos with family and friends, a topic that was brought up more than once Saturday.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

Mine was not your usual Father's Day.

We were on the road for one thing, having driven down to North Carolina for a family wedding. There were phone

Back in the Saddle



calls from all three daughters, and there were cards and presents.

But one gift stood out.

I got a slingshot.

Now, every 63-year-old guy needs a slingshot, right?

We're not talking about a heavy-duty, serious slingshot.

We're talking about a piece of

wood that's been cut into the right shape, then had a few slits cut into it to hold the over-sized rubber band. As technology goes, it's rustic. But it's still pretty cool.

It's precisely the kind of slingshot that would have been confiscated by my teachers back in school, the kind that cartoonists like to show sticking out of the hip pocket of some mischievous kid like Dennis the Menace.

So why do I need a slingshot? Why, in fact, had I hinted that it would be a cool Father's Day present?

Simple answer: To keep the stray cats away.

We have, at any given time, three to five bird feeders in the back yard. And if you attract birds, you attract cats. Hungry cats. Hunting cats.

So far, our strategy has been to toss an occasional pinecone at them and yell, "Scat!"

But that only works intermittently.

The slingshot now shifts the strategic advantage in my direction.

Sitting on the patio, with a supply of acorns or buckeyes at my disposal, I can send an occasional shot in the felines' direction.

My goal isn't to hit them. In fact, with a slingshot this prim-

itive, accuracy is an afterthought.

Instead, I just want to make them feel a little less welcome.

Besides, when it comes to things that shoot a projectile, I'm pretty much inept. I've always been more of a gatherer than a hunter. So far, I've been able to launch things in the right general direction.

Just the same, I figure that a buckeye zinging past now and then will be enough to convince the neighborhood's abundant cats to hunt in their own back yards and leave our birds alone.

And I promise never to take my new toy to school.

Stop toying with DACA recipients

The Seattle Times
Tribune News Service

On June 15, 2012, President Barack Obama stood in the White House Rose Garden and changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of young immigrants.

By his executive order, the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program protected them from deportation and granted access to educational and work opportunities that have allowed many of them to thrive.

However, DACA was never meant as a permanent solution. It was a stopgap response to legislative inaction on immigration. Ten years later, the program has proved an unquestionable boon to America, yet these young people without legal permission to be in the U.S. remain in legal limbo as Congress' disgraceful dithering continues.

To allow a decade to pass is shameful; to allow it to go on any longer would be a tragedy.

"On the 10-year anniversary, the whole idea of DACA is kind of bitter-sweet," said Merkys Gomez, staff attorney with the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project. "These are individuals who were brought to this country as children, they have grown up here and are part of the fiber of America, whether Congress wants to accept them or not."

Currently, more than 600,000 people benefit from deferred action nationwide, including 16,270 in Washington and 6,800 in the Greater Seattle area.

DACA recipients have made the most out of the opportunity offered by the program. They have gone to college and launched careers, bought homes and started businesses. They pay almost \$3.5 billion in taxes and contribute more than \$40 billion annually to the U.S. economy.

The price they've paid for living the American Dream has been a decade of uncertainty, of being able to step out of the shadows only to live under a cloud. DACA status must be renewed every two years, with a fee paid to the government and no guarantees that a delay in processing or some bureaucratic snafu won't suspend their work permit and mean a loss of employment.

These young migrants have also been used as bargaining chips in the larger

Guest Editorial

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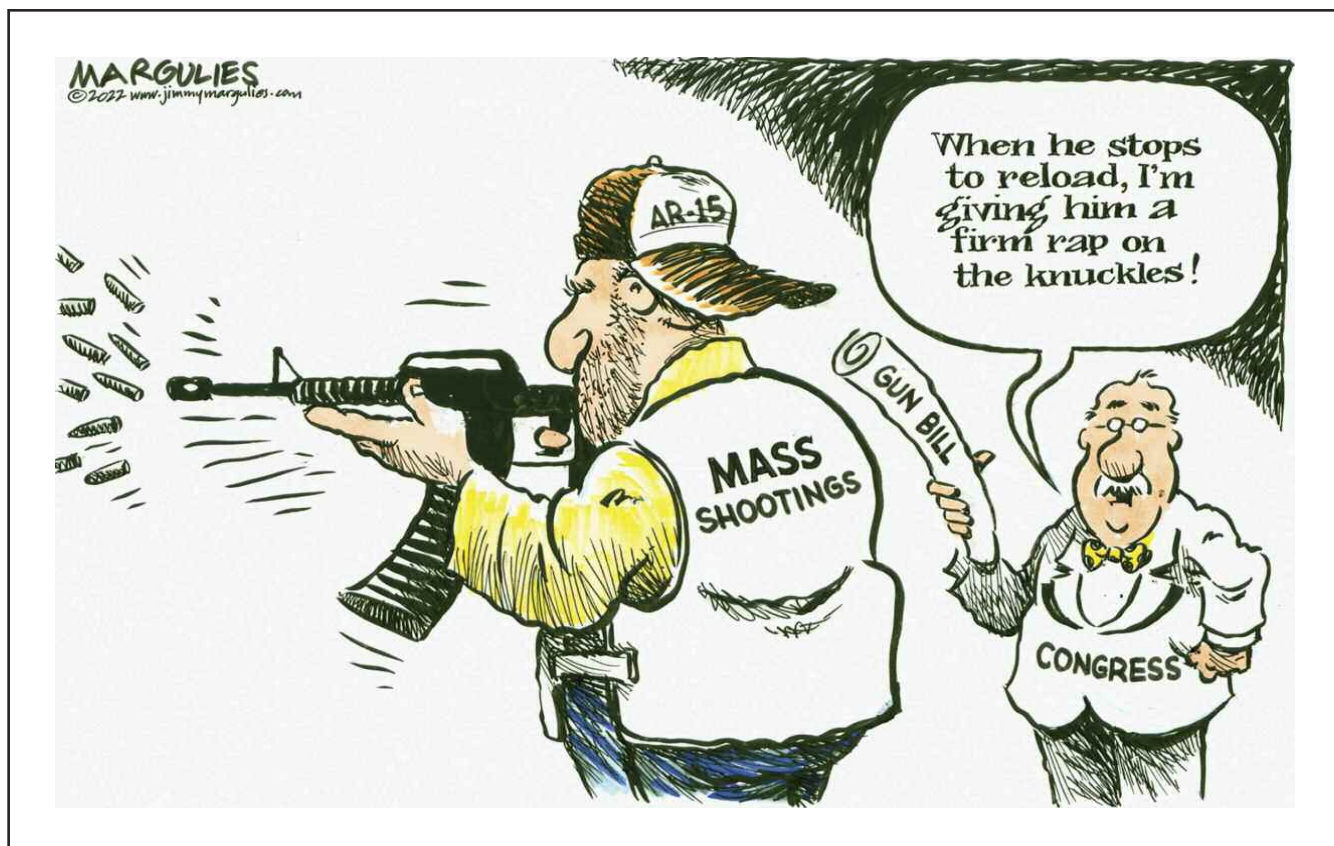
immigration debate and targeted by hard-liners who ignore not only their contribution to their adoptive country but the widespread public recognition of their plight. Polling has consistently shown that about three-quarters of Americans support granting permanent legal status to immigrants who came illegally to the U.S. when they were children — including a majority of Republicans.

That didn't keep former President Donald Trump, or a group of Republican attorneys general led by Texas, from trying to kill DACA. After a back and forth in the courts, they've succeeded in blocking any new applications to the program, leaving tens of thousands of potential recipients on the sidelines and unable to live up to their full potential. The matter will be taken up by the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals next month and is likely to end up at the U.S. Supreme Court.

DACA recipients need clarity and support, not one more minute holding their breath while they await a court decision that could upend their lives. The way forward was evident to President Obama as he introduced DACA a decade ago.

"Let's be clear — this is not amnesty, this is not immunity. This is not a path to citizenship. It's not a permanent fix," he said. "Precisely because this is temporary, Congress needs to act."

It was true then and it is true today. Congress must give these young immigrants a path to permanent legal status.



West must make a better offer

By ELIZABETH SHACKELFORD
Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

Russia's growing engagement in Africa is gaining attention. The Wagner Group, a shady mercenary organization, is the centerpiece of this activity. Since 2015, it has become an important security player in at least a half-dozen countries across the continent. The Russian government denies any connection, but Wagner is widely believed to be close to Russian President Vladimir Putin and doing Russia's bidding.

The U.S. government and European partners have been quick to condemn African governments that have accepted Russian mercenary support but have failed to offer a better alternative. For more than a decade, Western security sector assistance across the continent has failed to bring stability, all while insulating bad actors from the consequences of poor governance and corruption. In fact, terrorism on the continent has become more widespread and deadly in recent years.

Since 2019, the Pentagon has considered reducing its footprint in Africa, due both to the failure of counterterrorism efforts to bring security and the need to redirect resources to more pressing U.S. national security interests elsewhere. Africa's terrorist groups pose little meaningful threat to the United States, after all. But Russia's expanding influence in Africa, and China's growing engagement, are spurring renewed interest in a hard-power presence to ensure our competitors there don't get the upper hand.

The Wagner Group's activity is nothing to cheer. Its penchant for abusing civilians is widely documented, including in Mali and the Central African Republic. It has no problem legitimizing anti-democratic leaders. As one example, when Western countries condemned Mali's military junta and France withdrew troops following the 2021 coup (only nine months after a coup in 2020), the Wagner Group wasted no time striking a security deal with Mali's unconstitutional military leadership.

But Wagner's appeal comes as little surprise to those of us who have worked on the continent. Its engage-

ment is transactional. In return for a wide range of security services — from training and advising on combat and spreading disinformation — Wagner reaps access to natural resources such as precious metals, gas, and oil. This differs significantly from state-to-state defense agreements, which are time-consuming to negotiate and execute and often come with conditions.

Wagner's heavy-handed security approach provides no lasting solutions though, as it doesn't address the underlying issues that fuel insurgency. But, then again, neither did Western assistance. It comes with none of the human rights training requirements or hollow finger-wagging about democracy that are hallmarks of U.S. and European engagement but have done little to change bad behavior.

In the short-term, Wagner might even look effective. In the Central African Republic, for example, the Wagner Group has helped the national military regain control over most major towns. It achieved this with brutality and abuse, but life under rebel militias was hardly an appealing alternative.

Russia might deny an official role, but some of the trade-offs clearly include official state acts. Russia gets the support it craves on the international stage, while African governments get recognition. Russia's footprint in Africa certainly didn't hurt when the UN General Assembly voted in March to condemn Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Only 35 countries abstained, and nearly half were African.

The security threats and insurgencies facing many African states are real, threatening governments and civilians alike. While not a direct threat to the homeland, it is generally in the United States' interest to help bring stability to these coun-

tries. That would mean fewer ungoverned spaces where illicit activity can thrive, more robust and mutually beneficial trade, and more manageable migration flows.

But only durable stability will drive those outcomes, with governance that meets the needs of the people, and with sufficient security, jobs and services to undermine the appeal insurgency and terrorist groups pose today. That requires addressing not just violence but the underlying causes that fuel that violence too.

The United States and other partners can offer something more appealing and effective than a mercenary force, but only if they prioritize addressing the causes of insecurity over the symptoms.

If the focus is merely outdoing Russia in security support, it will fail. If anything, the increasing appeal of Russian assistance in Africa should trigger a reconsideration of why, how and where the West engages in security assistance, and what other assistance is necessary to make that support effective.

The U.S. and the West need not be everywhere. They should have standards for those they partner with and hold them to account for this support. They should not prop up bad actors for short-term security interests, as bad leaders only turn into long-term problems. They should invest in countries where partners have the political will to build good governance because those are the places where a robust provision of governance, development, and security support can succeed. They should not waste time or resources fighting the enemies of bad actors who are not committed to building better states.

If the United States and its partners truly believe that stronger partnerships with more stable, democratic African countries are in our national security interest, they should provide more effective support than simply scolding the use of the alternative or trying to replace it.

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Graduation celebration

Students from Pinelands Regional High School's Class of 2022 celebrate graduation day Tuesday in New Jersey.

Airport authority buys more land

By MITCHELL KIRK
Daily Reporter (Greenfield)

HANCOCK COUNTY — The Indianapolis Airport Authority is working to buy nearly 60 acres for almost \$3 million near its airport in western Hancock County.

Officials want to secure the land to protect the airport's long-term interests in an area that continues getting snatched up by warehouse developers.

Indianapolis Airport Authority members approved a real estate agreement with Steele Family Properties, LLC Friday morning over two pieces of land totaling 57.6 acres located at about 4191 W. 500 North, for over \$2.9 million. The sites are just east of Indianapolis Regional Airport.

According to an Indianapolis Airport Authority memo regarding the agreement, the transaction is part of the authority's diligence in monitoring land sales activity near Indianapolis Regional Airport, along with protecting airport runways and aircraft approach areas to those runways.

"As the area around the airport and along the Mt. Comfort Road corridor is experiencing significant growth and development, this property could very well sell in the near term to another buyer," the memo states. "As IAA (Indianapolis Airport Authority) staff continue to work on the update to the Indianapolis Regional Airport Master Plan, this property could likely play a vital role in the airport's long-term strategy, runway alignment, and aviation related development opportunities."

The memo states that the airport's north-south runway, located near the Steele property, may have to be reoriented and separated from the existing main runway for safety aspects and Federal Aviation Administration requirements, which would prompt the need for the two pieces of land.

A master planning effort for the airport continues throughout 2022 with FAA review and approval tentatively slated for 2023.

Quake ...

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Karimi urged international aid agencies to help rescue those still trapped in the rubble of ruined homes after the 5.9 magnitude temblor hit at about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Afghanistan's economy is already in crisis after international aid, which made up some 40% of its gross domestic product, was lost since the Taliban took over the country after the withdrawal of U.S. troops last August. The U.S. also moved to block the central bank's access to some \$9 billion in overseas reserves.

More than 24 million people are now in need of humanitarian assistance in the nation, up from about 18.4 million last year, the U.S. Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction, or Sigar, said in a report last month. More than 70% of Afghan families do not have enough money to buy food and other essentials, the study added.

The country, already in its worst drought in three decades, has also been hit hard by the recent surge in food prices, fueled by the war in Ukraine. The United Nations has warned more than half of the country's 40 million people are facing acute hunger and a million children could die of starvation.

Acting Prime Minister Mullah Mohammad Hassan held an emergency cabinet meeting Wednesday and set aside 100 million afghanis (\$1.1 million) to help the victims, Muslim said, adding that the families of those killed would receive 100,000 afghanis (\$1,116) each and the injured would get 50,000 afghanis each.

The Taliban's spiritual leader Haibatullah Akhundzada has asked all concerned government officials and ordinary citizens to rush to the earthquake-hit areas to help with rescue and relief efforts, Karimi said in a statement sent via WhatsApp.

The affected areas are some of the poorest in the country with simple mud and brick homes and most people earn a living from small farms or rearing cattle.

The epicenter of the earthquake was about 27 miles from the city of Khost, near the Pakistani border.

Capsule Reports

Failed to yield

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after an Albany man drove his truck into a Portland man's truck in Redkey about 5:48 p.m. Tuesday.

Aaron K. Huey, 49, was driving east on Indiana 67 when a southbound 2018 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 69-year-old David W. Lee, crashed into his 2017 Ford F-150, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office accident report. Lee had been driving south on Meridian Street or Indiana 1 through town and failed to yield to oncoming traffic. (There is no stop for Indiana 67 at the intersection.)

Both vehicles were towed. Lee refused treatment for a cut on his head.

Intersection crash

An Ohio woman drove her car in front of oncoming traffic on Meridian Street in Portland about 4 p.m. Monday, causing a collision.

Barbara A. White, 82, Fremont, turned her 1996 Toyota Avalon south from 3rd Street onto Meridian Street in front of a 2021 Nissan Sentra, driven by 38-year-old Clinton E. Jacobs of Portland, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office accident report. Jacobs wasn't able to avoid crashing into

her vehicle. White told police she thought there were two lanes on the road. (Meridian Street narrows to one lane after its intersection with Water Street, roughly a quarter of a mile north of 3rd Street.)

Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Turning accident

A Portland woman drove into the back of a Farmland woman's car at the intersection of Votaw Street and Creagor Avenue in Portland about 6:44 a.m. Monday.

Tiffany N. Brinkerhoff, 23, was

driving a 2006 Chrysler Sebring east on Votaw Street. She didn't notice the 2017 Jeep Compass, driven by 57-year-old Merry Warvel, stopped in front of her. (Warvel was yielding to oncoming traffic in order to turn north onto Creagor Avenue.) The vehicle Brinkerhoff was driving crashed into Warvel's Jeep, causing between \$10,000 and \$25,000 in estimated damage, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office accident report.

Both vehicles were towed. The car Brinkerhoff was driving is registered to Terry J. Robinette of Montpelier.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Taking care of business

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
 ♠ A K Q 5
 ♥ 7 5 2
 ♦ Q 9
 ♣ A Q J 9

EAST
 ♠ 7 6
 ♥ 10 8 4
 ♦ A 10 7 6 2
 ♣ K 10 5

SOUTH
 ♠ J 9 8 3 2
 ♥ A K 6
 ♦ J 5
 ♣ 7 4 3

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

Opening lead — queen of hearts.

Over time, defenders who play mechanically will not do nearly as well as those who play thoughtfully. Today's deal from a duplicate game provides a case in point.

The deal was played at eight tables, and at every table the final contract was four spades by South, against which West led the queen of hearts. At seven of the tables, declarer made 10 tricks — five spades, two hearts and three clubs. Since seven declarers achieved this result, and since 10 tricks seem to be the normal outcome. But it shouldn't be, as demon-

strated by what happened at the eighth table.

First, let's see how the play went at the other tables. South won the heart lead, cashed the A-K of spades and led a spade to the jack. Declarer then tried a club finesse, losing the queen to East's king.

At this point, the defense varied. Some Easts shifted to a diamond, and after the defenders collected two diamonds, declarer had the rest, eventually discarding the heart six on dummy's nine of clubs. At the tables where East returned a heart, declarer similarly finished with 10 tricks.

At the table where the contract failed, East found a way to give South a chance to go wrong, and it made all the difference. Here, when declarer led a club to the jack at trick five, East did not take the king.

South naturally assumed that West had the king, in which case repeating the finesse was necessary and might even yield an overtrick. So declarer crossed to his hand with the heart king and led a club to the queen. This time East won, and the defenders quickly cashed a heart and two diamonds to set the contract.

East's refusal to win the first club is a play that has much to gain and little to lose. All it takes is a bit of thought and a natural reluctance to play mechanically.

Tomorrow: A tale of two endings.
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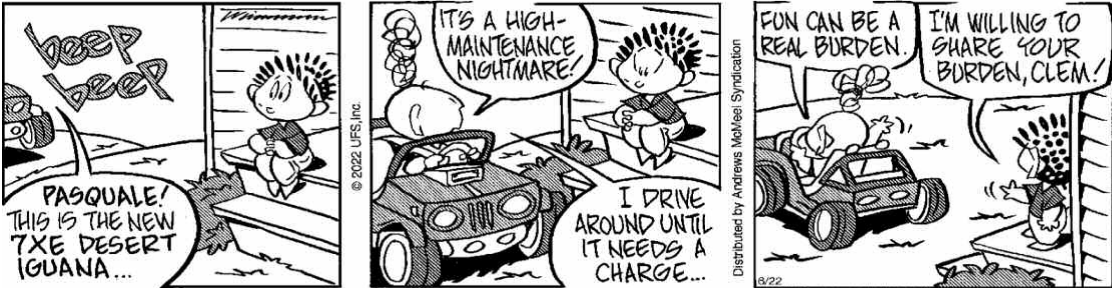
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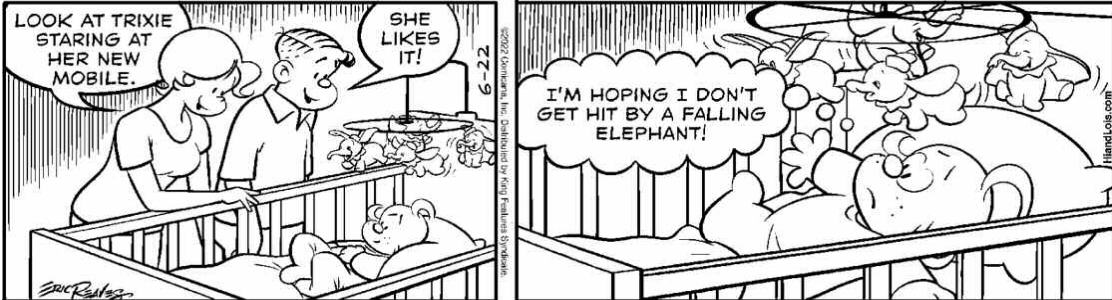
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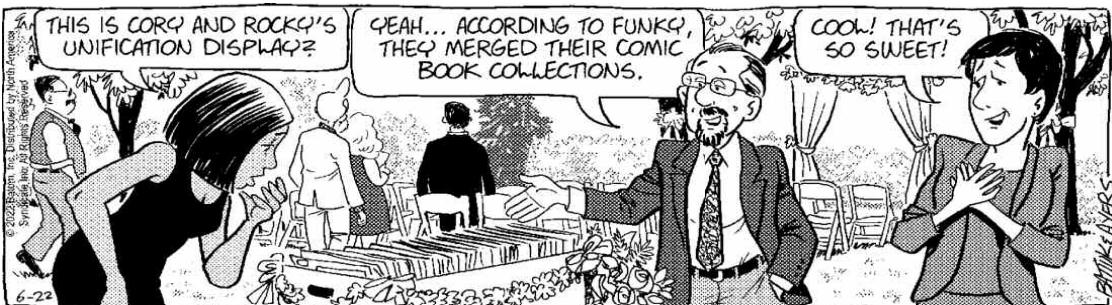
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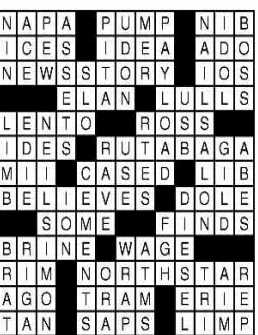
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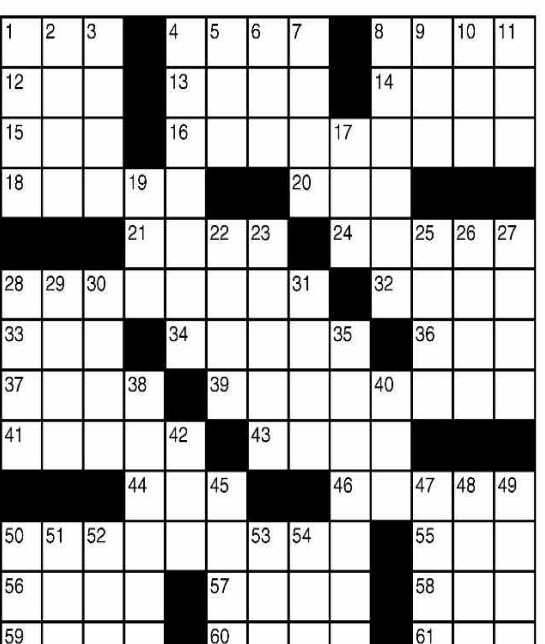
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Jacob Schlosser (left) and Brock McFarland (right) of Jay County High School battle Homestead's Caleb Swanigan for a loose ball during their 2013 sectional semifinal game at Huntington North. Swanigan, who went on to play for Purdue University and in the NBA, died Monday at the age of 25.

Dies ...

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Specifics about a cause of death were not released, but the Allen County Coroner's Office confirmed that Swanigan died of natural causes, according to Fort Wayne TV station WANE.
Swanigan twice met Jay County squads in the sectional tournament. He had eight points, nine rebounds and a block as Homestead eliminated the Patriots 48-45 in the semifinal round in 2013. Two years later, he recorded a game-high 21 points, nine rebounds and two blocks as the Spartans beat JCHS 51-35 in the sectional final on the way to the Class 4A state championship.
The former Big Ten Player of

the Year out of Purdue was drafted by the Blazers in 2017 with the 26th-overall pick. He spent two seasons in Portland before the Blazers traded him to Sacramento in 2019. Swanigan returned to the Blazers in 2020 in a trade that also netted forward Trevor Ariza.
In three seasons with Portland, Swanigan averaged 2.4 points per game in 65 appearances with four starts.
At Purdue, Swanigan became a great success story both on and off the court. He had openly talked about being homeless as a child and his father being addicted to drugs. Swanigan overcame those obstacles to become the Big Ten player of the year in 2017

after averaging 18.5 points and 12.5 rebounds per game.
"The Purdue basketball family is deeply saddened and devastated at the loss of Caleb Swanigan," Purdue coach Matt Painter said in a statement. "Caleb was a very thoughtful individual and a gentle soul who excelled both on and off the court. He made a huge difference in everyone's lives that he touched and he will be greatly missed."
The Blazers tweeted the following on Tuesday: "We are heartbroken by the passing of former Trail Blazers player Caleb Swanigan. Our thoughts and prayers are with Caleb's family, friends and all who loved him."

End ...

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The top of the third is when things started to unravel for the Irish.
The half inning began with a four-pitch walk to Aggies junior Jordan Thompson. He'd then advance to second due to a called balk on Simon while he was facing graduate senior Kole Kaler.
Kaler would eventually reach base on a single that Notre Dame senior Jared Miller couldn't reach in shallow center from his spot at second base.
With runners on second and third with no outs, Simon was pulled after walking sophomore Trevor Werner to load the bases.
Notre Dame's top reliever during the postseason in freshman Jack Findlay was called on to limit the damage, and he got off to a fantastic start by striking out the first batter he'd face in sophomore Jack Moss.
However, that momentum wouldn't last much longer after graduate senior Dylan Rock hit a sharp ground ball to junior Jack Brannigan at third base during the next at-bat.
Brannigan tried to make the play to first, but senior Carter Putz couldn't handle the one-hopper. The ball ricocheted off the heel of Putz's glove and toward the wall in foul territory.
The bad defense allowed both Thompson and Kaler to score, giving the Aggies a 2-0 advantage. Sophomore Ryan Targac later added to the inning with a sacrifice fly to right that scored Werner, putting A&M up by three runs after two and-a-half innings.
In the batter's box, things didn't get much better for the Irish as the game went on.
Notre Dame didn't register a hit until the bottom of the fourth

when graduate senior David LaManna singled up the middle with one out. The Irish would get their second hit of the game on a lead-off double by Miller, but three-straight outs ended any threat of Notre Dame cutting into a deficit that had grown to five at that point.
Some success was seen later in the contest during the bottom of the eighth after Dettmer was pulled for freshman Brad Rudis. Coetzee put Notre Dame on the board with a solo home run to left as the first batter Rudis faced.
Rudis would then hit graduate senior Ryan Cole with a pitch before walking graduate senior Spencer Myers to put runners on first and second with nobody out in the frame.
The Aggies quickly made a change on the mound, replacing Rudis with junior Joseph Menefee. The southpaw's presence made the difference for A&M, as he'd strikeout Putz before forcing LaManna into an inning-ending double play.
Notre Dame's 2022 campaign ends sourly, but a 41-17 record and the team's first trip to Omaha in 20 years will make it one not many in the South Bend community will forget for quite some time.
"We emptied the tank," Coetzee said. "It was not for lack of effort, and not for a lack of wanting to be here. It just didn't fall our way (Tuesday)."
"The future for Notre Dame baseball is bright. We're one of the best teams in its history, our group. And it didn't reflect that (Tuesday). Not the outcome we were looking for, but the stuff we were able to do, the group of guys we had, everything was special."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Blues - 7:15 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
2 p.m. — College baseball: World Series (ESPN)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball:

Los Angeles Dodgers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College baseball: World Series (ESPN)
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2 p.m. — College baseball: World

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7 p.m. — NBA draft (ESPN)
7 p.m. — College baseball: World Series (ESPN2)

Local notes

Outing scheduled
Portland Mayor John Boggs will host his Mayor's Golf Outing July 8 at Portland Golf Club.
The event will begin with a shotgun

start at noon. Registration will run from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

The outing will be limited to the first 20 four-person teams to sign up.

Registration forms are available at city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland, or by emailing lkelly@thecityofportland.net.

5K circuit continues July 4

The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race on Independence Day.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Firecracker 5K, which begins at 8 a.m. July 4 at Jay County Fairgrounds. Registration is \$20.

Other races in the circuit include the Sculpt Fitness 5K on July 16 and the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

Chamber outing set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing July 22 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. It will be limited to 20 teams.

Registration forms are available at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland or by emailing tabby@jaycounty-chamber.com. The deadline is July 11.

For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

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Attorney
Jon Eads
Clerk of the Circuit Court,
For Jay County, Indiana
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Sports

Thwaits tossed two in defeat

FORT WAYNE — The game-winning run was scored against Nick Thwaits.

There wasn't much he could have done to stop it.

Thwaits, a 2018 Fort Recovery High School graduate, allowed one unearned run Tuesday that turned out to be game-winning as the Fort Wayne TinCaps lost 4-3 to the Great Lakes Loons.

With Fort Wayne (26-38) trailing 3-1 in the seventh inning, Thwaits retired the first two batters he faced on a ground ball. He also induced a grounder from Jorbit Vivas for what should have been the third out, but an error by TinCaps first baseman Jack Stronach allowed Vivas to reach first.

Thwaits was then pulled from the game in favor of Ethan Routzahn, who tossed a wild pitch that moved Vivas to second and then allowed an RBI single to Diego Cartaya.

Entering the game in relief with two outs in the fifth inning, Thwaits got Alex De Jesus to fly out to right field to leave Vivas stranded on second base. He gave up a double to Corey Rosier to lead off the sixth inning before retiring the next five batters in a row prior to the error.

In all, Thwaits went two innings allowing one unearned run on one hit. He struck out one batter.

For the season, he is 2-3 with a 4.67 ERA in 16 relief appearances. He has struck out 28 batters in 27 innings.

First baseman Sawyer Hemmelgarn lines up a catch on a pop up during Barnett's 16-9 victory Tuesday over Cook's Nursery in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball. Sawyer and his brother Tuck each sent home runs flying over the fence Tuesday in leading Barnett's to the win.



HRs power Barnett's

The Hemmelgarn brothers had the big bats working.

Tuck and Sawyer Hemmelgarn each blasted a shot over the fence Tuesday to lead Barnett's to a 16-9 victory

over Cook's Nursery in Portland Junior League Rookie baseball.

In Minor softball, Craven Nutrition topped Fisher Packing 7-4.

Tuck Hemmelgarn went 3-for-3 with a home

run, a triple and five RBIs. His brother Sawyer was also 3-for-3 with a home run and a triple while driving in three runs.

Madden Barnett and Drew Lingo each went 4-

for-4 with a double and three RBIs.

Trey Ranly drove in three runs for Cook's as he went 2-for-3 with a triple. Ashton Conn had two hits, a double and two RBIs.

For Craven, Chloe Yates had a single and two RBIs. Aleiah Cox and Kali Newell each had a hit and an RBI.

Ava Peterson and Kyla Sims had one hit apiece for Fisher.

Aggies end ND season

By EVAN LEPAK
Goshen News
Tribune News Service

Notre Dame head coach Link Jarrett has said multiple times throughout his team's postseason run that his group's calling card is a combination of pitching and defense.

On Tuesday afternoon against Texas A&M, a mix of costly mental errors in the field and inconsistent pitching on the mound ultimately helped end Notre Dame's magical season at the College World Series, falling to the Aggies, 5-1, during an elimination game in Omaha, Nebraska.

"That wasn't indicative of how our team plays," Jarrett said. "But we just gave (Texas A&M) so many opportunities to capitalize. And they did. We tried to pride ourselves on the pitch execution and the defense. And (Tuesday), those things got us a little bit."

"I've been in this position as a player. You're trying so hard to keep this thing from getting away that I think you almost, you're trying to do a little bit too much. When you're in an elimination game, I think that sometimes is a

hard mechanism to step back from and just kind of settle and play. I didn't feel like we ever got into any real rhythm."

A big reason the Fighting Irish weren't able to establish a rhythm Tuesday was Texas A&M sophomore Nathan Dettmer.

After a horrendous outing against Oklahoma in Omaha last Friday — seven earned runs on four hits during 1.2 innings pitched — the righty threw a gem against Notre Dame with his team facing elimination.

The sophomore pitched seven innings, allowing no runs and three hits while striking out six.

"I thought Dettmer did a fantastic job," Jarrett said. "He had four pitches in play. His fastball had good movement. We never could square it up. We tried some adjustments in the box, but

Errors cost Fighting Irish in CWS elimination game

clearly not enough to figure it out."

"He mixed (his pitches) well," added Notre Dame senior Brooks Coetzee of Dettmer. "His pitches had depth. He had the sinker going. He had the fastball's run going. Had the change-up going. Like nothing was going straight, and he was pitching everybody differently. He didn't fall into tendencies. My first at-bat was different than my second at-bat. You just tip the cap to him."

For the Irish on the mound, junior Liam Simon got the nod to start the game and was effective early.

Simon struck out the side in the first before proceeding to fight out of a jam that featured multiple A&M runners on base in the second, using a pair of strikeouts to end the frame.

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Former Spartan dies at age 25

By AARON FENTRESS
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Former Portland Trail Blazers, Purdue University and Homestead High School forward Caleb Swanigan died Monday night at the age of 25.

"The world lost a gentle soul last night. Love you Biggie," read a tweet from the Purdue men's basketball team.

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