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2022 Jay County Fair



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A Cole and rainy night

Rain hit the Jay County Fair on Friday evening, but that didn't dampen anyone's mood for the featured entertainment of the eight-day event. Drizzle started in the early evening and was still in the mix when opening act Ashley Cooke took the stage in front of the grandstand. There was a break for Tyler Rich's set before light rain began again just before headliner Cole Swindell took the stage. Pictured, Swindell looks to the sky as fog hovers over him and rain falls during the opening song of his set.

Friday also marked the inaugural Back a 4-Her Networking and Investment Drive. At right, David Belew from Fort Wayne's Upstate Alliance of Realtors speaks with 4-H member Leah Steed, 10, during the afternoon event at Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibit Hall.

The fair closes today with rides and games on the midway opening at noon, a Veteran's Day program in the Farmers Building at 2 p.m. and a demolition derby beginning at 7 p.m. Fireworks to close the fair are scheduled for dusk.



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Judge gives Perez 17.5 years

Portland man was charged in relation to overdose

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

A Portland man previously charged with a Level 1 felony in connection to an overdose death has been sentenced to 17.5 years in prison.

Jay Circuit Court Judge Brian Hutchison sentenced Luis J. Perez, 32, to 17.5 years in Indiana Department of Correction with 7.5 years suspended.

Perez was originally charged Jan. 11 in Jay Circuit Court with dealing in a controlled substance resulting in the death of David R. Riley of Portland. He pleaded June 13 to the lesser charge with a sentence between 12 and 20 years.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection with the case, Portland police responded to a 911 call Sept. 6 at 904 N. Franklin St., where Riley was pronounced dead. An autopsy revealed his cause of death as a mixture of drugs, including fentanyl.

Perez told police Sept. 8 he gave Riley two capsules hours before his death, according to the affidavit, and said Riley inhaled the contents of one capsule.

See Perez page 2

Retrospect

Severe storms led to flooding

Twenty-five years ago this week, Jay County was dealing with more water than it wanted.

The July 13, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of flooding in scattered low-lying areas after severe thunderstorms and torrential rains passed through the region overnight.

And more rain was projected with the National Weather Service putting a flood warning in place for the Salamonie, Wabash and Mississinewa Rivers.

The issues were so severe that they forced evacuation of a section of Redkey. A home was also destroyed when it caught fire after being struck by lightning.

Richland Township, where there were unconfirmed

reports of funnel cloud sightings, and Fort Recovery seemed to take the brunt of the storm. (Buck Ditch in Fort Recovery overflowed its banks.)

Some unofficial rainfall measurements cleared the 4-inch march, with the measurement at Portland's wastewater treatment plant coming in at 2.47 inches.

Still the damage was less severe than in Adams County.

"Jay County has been very, very lucky," said Kathryn Dawson of Jay County Emergency Management.

The home of Carl and Joyce Hinshaw on county road 500 South, just west of U.S. 27, was destroyed in the fire. It took 17 firefighters nearly five hours to put out the fire that started in the



The Commercial Review/Joe Potter

Standing water fills the front yard of a house on county road 400 South, east of Dunkirk, this morning after heavy downpours on July 12, 1997, caused flooding in scattered areas of the county.

attic of the one-story brick home.

The Red Cross and Salvation Army were called to assist five Redkey families affected by the flooding. Some streets were blocked off.

The storm also resulted in a power outage for some Jay County REMC customers.

No county roads had been closed, though Crows were filling in ruts and washed-out areas of stone roads.

"We don't have too many problems," said Rawlings.

One of the big concerns with more rain possibly on the way was flooding in New Corydon, where the Wabash River was 3 feet below flood stage.

Deaths

William Katterhenry, 65, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 81 degrees Friday. Skies will be partly sunny today with a high of 87. There is a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms this afternoon. A chance of rain continues through Monday with highs in the 80s.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday across from Pennville Fire Station and 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland.

At the fair

Today
Noon — FFA mud volleyball
1 p.m. — Senior bingo in the Farmers Building
4 p.m. — Greg Rhodes concert in the Farmers Building
7 p.m. — Demolition derby at the grandstand



State surplus will hit \$6 billion

By WHITNEY DOWNWARD
Indiana Capital Chronicle

INDIANAPOLIS — State Auditor Tera Klutz announced Friday Indiana will end its fiscal year with a staggering \$6 billion surplus after collecting \$1.24 billion more than forecasted in the last year.

“Indiana’s historic \$6.1 billion reserve balance gives legislators the flexibility to look at the statewide funding model

as well as provide Indiana residents with assurances that Indiana can continue to provide essential services as our country confronts an uncertain economic future,” Klutz said.

Income tax and corporate income tax accounted for the largest increases to Indiana’s surplus, 14.6% each, increasing the 2022 General Fund by 9.2% compared to 2021. Fiscal

years run from July 1 to June 30.

The estimated balances for the Fiscal Year 2023 reserves are \$5.1 billion, and would drop under Gov. Eric Holcomb’s proposal to send \$1 billion back to taxpayers.

Holcomb, noting the forecasted surge in funds of \$1.24 billion, called for the General Assembly to convene in early July and enact his proposal. The refund would mimic the auto-

matic taxpayer refund from earlier this year, which distributed \$125 each to Hoosiers.

The \$1 billion payout would distribute an additional \$225 each to Hoosiers.

The calculation for reserves in 2023 includes \$2.5 billion paid out to stabilize the pre-1996 teacher pension fund as well as an additional \$338 million less in revenue from tax cuts enacted in the 2022 session.

Obituaries

William “Bill” Katterhenry, Portland, Oct. 31, 1956-July 14, 2022. No services are scheduled at this time.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

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

CR almanac

Sunday 7/17	Monday 7/18	Tuesday 7/19	Wednesday 7/20	Thursday 7/21
There's a 70% chance of showers Sunday, with between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.	Monday has a 40% chance of thunderstorms. The high may reach the low 80s.	Sunny skies are on the horizon for Tuesday. There's a chance of showers at night.	Another slight chance of thunderstorms Wednesday. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Thursday with a high in the low to mid 80s.

Perez ...

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In the courtroom Friday, Perez sniffled constantly, appearing to hold back tears, and quietly responded to Hutchison’s questions. He later paused, took a deep breath and expressed that he made a mistake.

Jay County chief public defender Brandon Murphy requested a 12-year sentence for Perez with as much time suspended as possible. Murphy asked for Perez to serve at least a portion of his sentence on house arrest in order to spend time with his fiancée and 6-year-old son.

He noted Perez sought and completed addiction treatment last year and has been through programs provided by Indiana Department of Child Services.

Jay County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur pointed out Perez’s criminal history, which includes three cases from 2021, two of which were dismissed March 22. (After pleading guilty in one case for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony, he was sentenced to 418 days in Jay County Jail and given 418 days credit for time served.)

Schemenaur noted Perez was out of jail on a bond agreement for one of those cases when the incident relating to Riley’s death occurred.

Hutchison told Perez he agreed with both parties but had decided the aggravating circumstances outweighed the mitigating circumstances. He advised Perez that he is recommended for “recovery” (also known as purposeful incarceration), meaning the court will consider modifying his sentence after he completes a substance abuse treatment program.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 7-2-1
Daily Four: 9-9-0-4
Quick Draw: 2-19-20-21-23-25-31-35-36-42-43-50-53-57-59-65-75-76-78-79

Pick 4: 0-5-7-4
Pick 5: 8-5-7-0-6
Rolling Cash 5: 5-17-28-30-32
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$82 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$480 million

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 9-6-9
Pick 4: 0-3-1-4
Pick 5: 9-4-2-7-7
Evening
Pick 3: 0-6-0

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....6.79
Aug. corn6.79
Wheat6.27

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....6.99
Aug. corn6.99
Oct. corn5.89

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn.....6.86
Aug. corn6.86
Beans15.54
Aug. beans.....15.54

Wheat 7.37
July 2023 wheat 7.85

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....6.89
Late July corn6.69
Beans15.54
Late July beans.....15.51
Wheat7.44

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....6.64
Aug. corn6.64
Beans15.07
Oct. beans15.07
Wheat7.31

Today in history

In 622, Muhammad began his flight from Mecca to Medina.

In 1790, the Residence Act called for the president to select a site on the Potomac River as the permanent capital of the United States. President George Washington announced the site, which became the District of Columbia, in early 1791.

In 1936, photographer Walker Evans took a leave of absence from the Farm Security Administration for a summer assignment with Fortune Magazine. His work that year along with writer James Agee chronicling the plight of Southern farmers during The Great Depression was eventually published as the book “Let Us Now Praise Famous Men” and is considered a masterpiece of photojournalism.

In 1945, the United States tested the first atomic bomb near Alamogordo, New Mexico. Bombs would be dropped

a month later on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in Japan, leading to the end of World War II.

In 1972, the Dunkirk Watsons knocked off the Portland Rockets 10-5 in the Eastern Indiana Baseball League. Dunkirk scored five times in the fifth inning and two more in the sixth to take the win.

In 1995, Amazon.com sold its first book, “Fluid Concepts and Creative Analogies: Computer Models of the Fundamental Mechanisms of Thought” by Douglas Hofstadter.

In 2020, the Frye Family Band performed during the slimmed down Jay County Fair. The performance was originally planned to be part of Faith Night at the Fair along with a concert by Jordan Feliz at the grandstand, but most grandstand entertainment for the shortened four-day fair was postponed because of the coronavirus pandemic. —The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday
5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St., Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Wednesday
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

6 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Capsule Reports

Drunk driving

A Portland man was arrested for operating a vehicle while intoxicated after he drove off U.S. 27 and into a ditch about 10:30 p.m. Wednesday.

William B. Adkins, 48, was driving south on the highway when he drove off the road. He told Portland police he drove off the road because his 2008 Ford F-150 pulled to the right.

Adkins’ vehicle was towed with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. Adkins was given a preliminary breath test and a blood alcohol level test. He was arrested Thursday morning and booked into Jay County Jail for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. Adkins was later released on a \$1,000 bond.

Intersection crash

A Dunkirk woman’s vehicle collided with a Portland woman’s van at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 75 South about 1:50 p.m. Thursday.

Isabel M. Rodgers, 18, was driving her 2013 Chevrolet Malibu southwest on Indiana 67 when she drove into a van in front of her. The van, a 2005

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of the vehicle a Bryant woman was driving on county road 200 North, causing an accident about 9:51 p.m. Thursday.

Kristi L. Stahley, 41, was driving west on the road near county road 300 West when a deer ran into the passenger side of the 2005 Dodge Grand Caravan she was operating.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. The vehicle Stahley was driving is registered to Richard D. Monroe of Portland.

Pole hit

A Bryant woman drove her van into a pole in the Portland McDonald’s parking lot about 11:03 a.m. Friday.

Margaret Myers, 71, was in the drive thru at 618 N. Meridian St. when her 2013 Chrysler Town and Country struck a pole.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Deeds

Ashley and Richard Tow to Rocket Mortgage and Quicken Loans, sheriff/marshall deed — Lot 77, Woodlawn Park Addition

Goettmoeller Holdings to Wuebker Brothers Dairy, warranty deed — Part of Section 3, Greene Township, 22.545 acres

Deborah Jones and Marilyn Walker to Jay Pattison, warranty deed — Part of Section 8, Wayne Township

John E. Hanlin (deceased) to Bretton L. and Jennifer R. Basford, quit claim deed — Part of Section 15, Penn Township, 7.41 acres

Portland Economic Development Corporation to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric

Power, easement — Part of Section 9, Wayne Township, 2.86 acres

Gisela and Terry W. LeMaster to Gregory W. LeMaster, Gisela LeMaster Life Estate, Terry W. LeMaster Life Estate, Helen A. Simmons and Melissa R. Weaver, warranty deed — Section 24, Greene Township, 10 acres

Mary H. Myron to herself, death deed — Part of Outlot 1, Woodlawn Park Addition

SERVICES


Today
Klingel, Carol: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

July 23
McMillan, Evelyn: 1 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

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Tortoise becomes neighborhood pal

By NATALIE WALLINGTON
The Kansas City Star
Tribune News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Pedestrians along 63rd Street in the Brookside neighborhood of Kansas City walk by many attractions, from cozy cafes to boutique gift shops. But one must-see sight along this busy road is a large pet tortoise named Tyrion, who calls a spacious fenced yard at Oak and 63rd streets home.

“He’s famous in the neighborhood,” said tortoise owner Bill Kalahurka. “It seems like I’m always meeting a new stranger. They’ll just come and ask a bunch of questions about him.”

The Kalahurkas adopted Tyrion from a reptile show as a hatchling, back when his shell was no bigger than a softball. Baby pictures show him lounging in a small tupperware container; his owner’s hand looking huge by comparison. Now, the tortoise weighs around 70 pounds and

sports a shell nearly 2 feet long, turning heads in passing cars and delighting visitors of all ages.

‘Game of Thrones’ and dandelions

Among the most common questions Kalahurka gets from passersby are the tortoise’s age, favorite snacks and how old he is likely to get. He told The Star that while Tyrion is 7 years old now, his veterinarian estimates he could live to be as old as 120. Kalahurka wonders whether the tortoise’s “Game of Thrones” name, already a bit dated in 2022, will inspire curiosity decades from now.

“It’s related to the time he was born,” he said of the name. “If somebody 75 years from now asks where did the name come from, you [could say] a long time ago, it was the most popular TV show for a short period of time.”

Tyrion is an African spurred tortoise, a large species that gets its name from the rough spikes on its forearms. While he mainly eats grass, Tyrion’s favorite snacks include cucumber, cantaloupe, strawberries and lettuce. He is partial to romaine, but eschews the taste of spinach and kale. But his most prized treat is dandelion flowers.

“Their favorite food is dandelions, that’s more than any other food,” said Kalahurka. “They will stop everything if you give them a pile of dandelions. They’ll just go at it.” He added that during peak dandelion season, neighbors are welcome to stop by the yard and toss some of the freshly-picked flowers into Tyrion’s enclosure.

Not too hot for Tyrion

While Tyrion is loved by the community year-round, he isn’t always visible in the Kalahurkas’

front yard. During the winter months, his owners move him into a basement enclosure where he can keep warm during this low-energy season.

While cold temperatures below around 55° F don’t agree with him, Tyrion’s species is built to handle the heat of sub-Saharan Africa. In the hottest months of the summer, he often relaxes in one of his two wooden huts or takes a dip in his enclosure’s shallow pool to cool off. His owners also add water-rich treats like cucumbers and melon to his diet to prevent dehydration.

Wait—there are two tortoises?

While Tyrion enjoys his status as a minor local celebrity, he isn’t the Kalahurkas’ only shelled reptile. Another African spurred tortoise named Tywin lives in a large enclosure in the family’s backyard. Tywin is an older, less

active tortoise estimated to be in his mid-20s. The Kalahurkas adopted him in 2019 from an acquaintance who was moving and couldn’t bring him along. Tywin enjoys lounging in his large burrow and snacking on fresh produce.

Kalahurka has plans to expand Tywin’s enclosure so he can roam into the front yard as well, but the two tortoises don’t get along well enough to share a space.

“It’s very common that male tortoises will not get along,” he said. “I haven’t actually put them together for a couple of years ... they just butt heads. They’ll try to snap at each other a little bit. [And] there’s two prongs that are under the neck, [they’ll] try to lock those into each other.”

He added that the tortoises’ contentious relationship mimics that of their namesake characters from “Game of Thrones.”

Disrespect hurts loving parents

DEAR ABBY: I have two sons I’m very proud of. My husband and I have raised them to be respectful and to make responsible decisions. However, I go to bed in tears each night feeling we have failed.

Our elder son is married and has a son, our grandson, “Charlie,” who is dear to our hearts. Charlie is celebrating his second birthday, and our daughter-in-law told me they are having a birthday party for him and we are invited. She added that she feels the “secondary activities” they are having are the ones that are the most important and ones he will remember. We are not invited to participate in the secondary activities, which include a hockey game, trip to the petting zoo and family photos or videos.

We try to support our son and daughter-in-law, but we do not feel respected and loved in return. When we invite them for dinner, they arrive an hour or

Dear Abby



described that your dinner invitations are treated like garbage and they don’t have enough respect to return your calls and texts in a timely manner, it occurs to me that you have been so overflowing with love that you have been taken for granted.

You may have raised your son well, but your daughter-in-law appears to be running the show. Her parents may take precedence on the hierarchy of importance, and if that’s the case, you and your husband need to clear the air with your son AND his wife, and sacrifice less when they snap their fingers.

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two late or don’t show up at all. We send them text messages, but they don’t respond. We offer to help and are there for them when they ask us to be, regardless of our personal consequence. What can we do? — OVERFLOWING WITH LOVE

DEAR OVERFLOWING: When I read that your daughter-in-law told you that you weren’t invited to the special events surrounding Charlie’s birthday, my initial reaction was that she may have thought they would be too much for you and your husband to handle. However, when you

Births

Lipps

Brooklyn Rose, a daughter, was born July 5 to Codey and Chanteall Lipps of Lynn.

She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Grandparents are Chris and Tina Rhodus of Union City, Ohio, and Tabetha Rohrer of Winchester.

Great-grandparents are Cindy and Charles Wallace of Winchester, Jeff and Ruby Brown, and Oma and Marion Lipps.

Segraves

Lennon Kay, a daughter,

was born July 12 to Matthew and Marrison Segraves of Winchester.

She weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Siblings are Laney Segraves, 1, and Luke Segraves, 4.

Grandparents are Gary Moore of Winchester, Penny Moore of Anderson, Lori Hall of Winchester and Kevin and Dodi VanSkyock of Ridgeville.

Great-grandparents are Linda Moore of Winchester, Kay Segraves of Portland, Jeff and Ruby Brown of Anderson and Bill Pierce of Anderson.

Marriage licenses

Travis L. Gentry, 42, Dunkirk, and Felisha L. Harrison, 37, Dunkirk

Sandy L. Aller, 55, Redkey, and Jeanette E. Templeton, 55, Redkey

Derek S. May, 55, Portland, and Amanda J. Baldauf, 54, Portland

Seth D. Ainsworth, 28, Portland, and Mon Sorn, 26, Indianapolis

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

JAY COUNTY HOSPITAL EMPLOYEES — 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday, Aug. 1, in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library. Attendees should bring their own table service and are invited to bring a dish to share and a white elephant gift as a prize for bingo. Reservations are not required. For more information, call Sharon Taylor at (765) 578-0357.

Saturday

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.

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 museu-mofthesoldier.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.

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

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

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

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

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

Tuesday

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

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday’s Solution

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

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



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Remember that system can work

By **LEE H. HAMILTON**

Many years ago, I was in the audience when the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the legendary civil rights activist and election mobilizer, gave a speech. He often used the catchphrase, “Keep hope alive!” when he spoke, and he did so that time. The audience picked it up as a chant. “Keep hope alive!” they called. “Keep hope alive!” It was a memorable bit of political showmanship.

A few years later, I gave a speech at a small college in Iowa. I used it to analyze all the challenges our country faced, domestic and foreign, and finished thinking I’d done a pretty good job of laying out our problems. Afterward, a young student came up to me. “That was a marvelous speech, Congressman,” she said. “I’ve just got one question: Is there any hope?”

I realized then that, far from rising to the occasion, I’d failed. Jesse Jackson was right: You always have to leave your listen-

Lee H. Hamilton



ers with hope, and I had not done that.

This is very hard to pull off, of course — possibly harder now than it was then. We face a long list of seemingly intractable problems, from climate change to mass shootings to threats to our democratic processes to overseas rivals willing to test us at every turn. It’s easy to get discouraged and to believe that we cannot solve or manage those problems — and then to give in to despair. But Jackson and that student were right. We constantly need reminding that we can change things for the better.

The reason, actually, is straightforward. The backbone

of our system of representative democracy is its faith in ordinary Americans to step up to their responsibility as citizens to improve their corner of the world — by their own direct actions as well as by making discriminating judgments about politicians and policies. If you rob people of hope, then you rob them of a reason to be involved.

In decades of talking to people all over the country, I’ve been repeatedly impressed by the strength of citizens’ desire to improve their communities. This often reflected itself in specific projects — a bridge or a road or renovations to a local school — but it also applied to supporting quality leaders who could get things done for their communities.

To be sure, people were often wary of politics: they thought it was filled with messiness and noise. But at the end of the day, they saw the need for deal-making, compromise, and negotia-

tion. I think this is still true for the majority of Americans, though an alarming number these days want to elect political leaders who will brook no compromise — and, indeed, seem to take an almost punitive approach to fellow citizens and politicians who disagree with them. They want to extinguish hope.

Still, I believe that most Americans are solidly pragmatic. They recognize the complexities of the challenges we face, see the limitations on what can be accomplished at any given moment, and believe that even in the face of division there’s much that unites us, especially the urge to improve our own lives and those of our neighbors and fellow community members. They’re very aware of differences of opinion and operate out of a basic sense of decency and fairness — they want the process to reflect fairly where people stand. I think that, without articulating it, they under-

stand instinctively that keeping the process fair is crucial to keeping hope alive.

I’ve worked in this system a long time, and I believe it can do just that — if it’s allowed to work, and if citizens are allowed to fulfill the basic responsibility of being involved. That’s why the hope of changing things for the better is so crucial. We may face serious, difficult problems, but if we allow ourselves to become discouraged — or even worse, to be discouraged from tackling them — then progress really will be impossible.

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NIL is fine NCAA mess

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Do you remember the old days when the National Collegiate Athletic Association was a power-hungry, inflexible, rules-driven entity hell-bent on penalizing “illegal” payments to college athletes?

Universities raked in billions of dollars from rich TV contracts to showcase the crown-jewels of men’s basketball and football, and they shared none of the money with the athletes who were actually providing the entertainment.

Sure, the majority of those athletes were on full-ride scholarships, and some were even destined to become multi-millionaire pros. Still, NCAA member schools figuratively tattooed college athletes with the “amateur” label while pocketing those billions upon billions of greenbacks. Many of the athletes came from impoverished households, making the NCAA’s hypocrisy even more shameful.

Finally withering under intense pressure, the power-hungry, inflexible, rules-drive NCAA threw its hands to the sky in July 2021 and ... gave up.

We’re now a year into the age of Name, Image and Likeness (NIL). For some, it’s a golden era, a time when college athletes may profit from their celebrity and keep their eligibility.

But the age of NIL is quickly devolving into a no-holds-barred pay-for-play throw-down that has university athletic departments bidding to land big-name transfers and star recruits.

Purdue fans have already felt the sting of the new reality. The Boiler-maker basketball team seemed poised to land Kansas State transfer Nijel Pack, the former Indianapolis schoolboy star from Lawrence Central. That was before Pack took the money — \$800,000 across two years as part of an NIL agreement with LifeWallet — and ran to the University of Miami.

Pack’s deal might seem outrageous, but it pales next to the reported \$9.5 million Jaden Rashada, a quarterback prospect, will get in NIL money to pick Miami over Florida.

Such deals point to the

Hoosier Editorial

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prospect that certain universities with crazy, deep-pocketed alumni will buy their way to dominance on the football field or basketball court.

But, you ask, hasn’t it always been that way in major college sports? Maybe, but at least in the bad ol’ days, rogue universities were sometimes caught and punished.

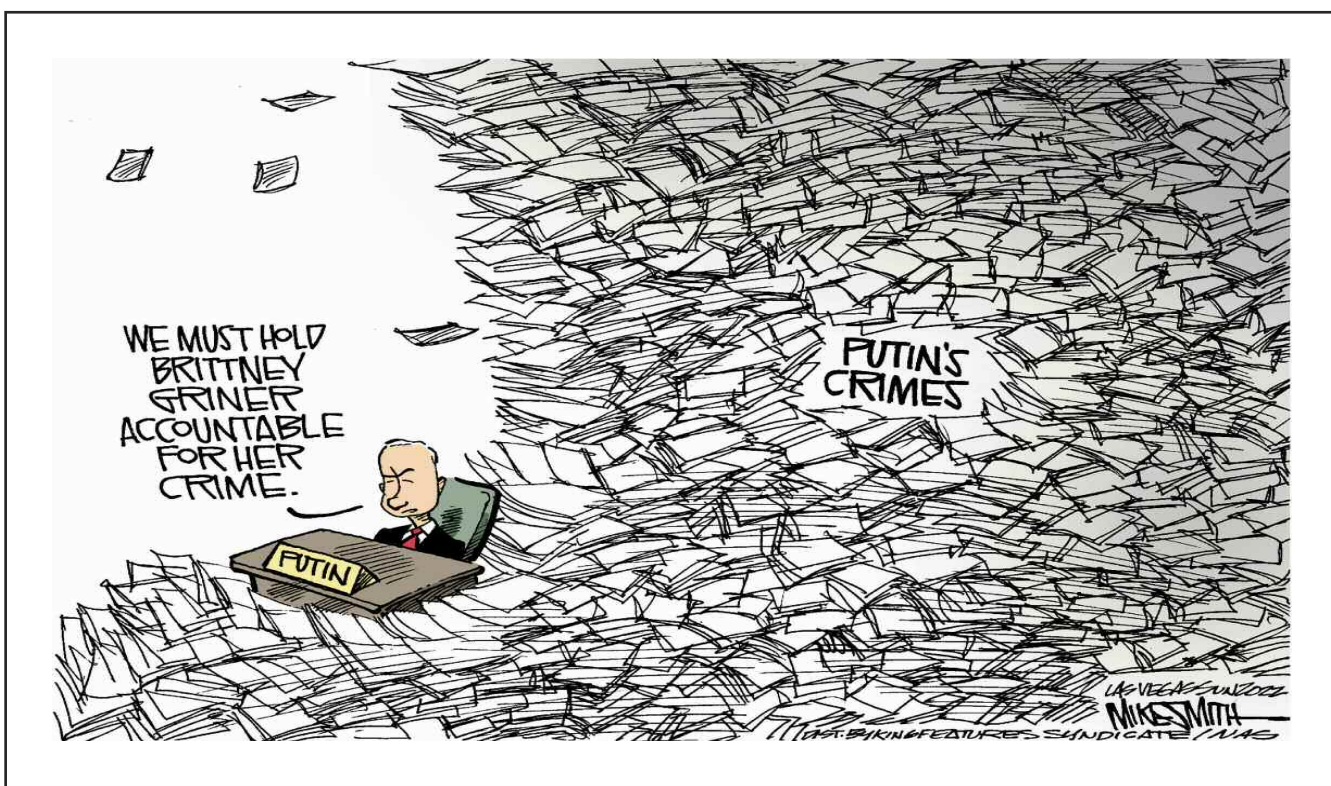
Still, NIL isn’t all bad. College athletes can now capitalize on their talents and their celebrity. That’s as it should be, and it will even encourage some to stay in college longer until they’re truly ready to turn pro.

Here’s the problem: The NCAA snapped its fingers and totally transformed college sports with little regard for what the new landscape might look like.

The NCAA keeps asking Congress to interject itself, but lord knows Congress does too much interjecting as it is.

So it’s up to the NCAA to step forward and provide real leadership by setting — for the first time in a long time — practical, sensible, enforceable rules.

No more figurative “amateur” tattoos, for sure. But also no pay-for-play megadeals that threaten to eviscerate the very concept of collegiate competition.



Court can’t stop movement

By **2022 Public Voices Fellows on the Climate Crisis**
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The U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to curb the Environmental Protection Agency’s power over carbon pollution in West Virginia v. EPA jeopardizes a clean and livable planet at the worst possible moment. Along with its recent decisions on abortion and guns, it seems that the court’s conservative majority has no qualms about suppressing the future of all life on this planet.

After this onslaught of rights-eviscerating rulings, it’s easy to feel stunned, hopeless and inert. Instead, we should realize that the people of the United States have power.

We are a group of climate-engaged stewards from across the nation, including a classical musician, a doctor, a student, a climate labor researcher, a documentary filmmaker, a youth climate activist and a lawyer-turned-journalist — a group as diverse as the progressive movement as a whole.

One thing is clear: The clean energy transition can’t be stopped. It’s happening at all levels of public life; it’s happening in public schools, in hospitals, in municipal utilities, in churches and in our own homes.

That’s because the majority of Americans want a livable future. According to research from Yale University and George Mason University, 70% of the U.S. population is worried about climate change, and most American voters — even Republicans — support climate-friendly energy policies. The Supreme Court decisions won’t erase this popular mandate.

This month, a coalition of labor and environmental groups helped make Rhode Island the first state to commit to 100% renewables by 2033. Last year’s Climate and Equitable Jobs Act committed Illinois to have a carbon-free power sector by 2045 and



to 100% clean and affordable renewable energy by 2050. Both are the most pro-worker climate bills to date, requiring labor standards on utility-scale renewables and creating thousands of union careers for frontline communities.

Hawaii has become the first state to declare a climate emergency, New York state is building nine gigawatts of offshore wind power projects and California is transitioning to an all-electric bus fleet. Collective efforts of environmental advocates, community organizers and labor unions made these ambitions a reality.

On a local level, school districts across the nation are installing renewable energy sources like wind and solar modules, and committing to net-zero emissions targets. Union and state jobs coalitions are pushing campaigns for carbon-free and healthy schools.

Municipal utilities — nonprofit, community-owned power companies that provide 10% of the electricity in the United States — are installing renewables in response to customer demand. And there is activist momentum to transition investor-owned utilities to municipal ones — campaigns that will expand if utilities don’t listen to the 85% of Americans who want more renewable energy.

Federal funds will be transformative. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act is providing a massive influx of \$1.2 trillion that

will create millions of jobs and support our transition to a more renewable, resilient energy economy.

This is not to say we are close to where we need to be. Emissions increased 6.2% last year compared to 2020, largely due to more coal use. One in 10 homes was impacted in 2021 by natural disasters exacerbated by the climate emergency.

Nationwide, more than 17 million people live within one mile of an active oil or gas well and contend with elevated air pollution and disease, a tragic reality that’s earned one region in Louisiana the name “cancer alley.” Too many Americans still must fight the placement of coal-fired power plants in their communities. The ruling in West Virginia v. EPA hits them hardest.

Some might fear this moment as a disheartening step backward; we frame it as an invitation to join an existing network ready to spring forward and fill the gap.

The last several decades show a history of local actions that have achieved durable and transformative change. It is a collective, organic movement — one that has pushed and thrived and survived independent of EPA or other federal recognition.

We may be licking our collective wounds today, but we know that the moment is too urgent to stay defeated. Together with Americans of all ages, races and creeds, we will persevere.

We’ll do it because we care about our children, our communities and our planet. And because the cost of inaction has never been higher.

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7-16 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: **WEIGHTY BOOK REVEALING ACTOR BEATTY'S BEST-KEPT SECRETS TO ACHIEVING SERENITY: "WARREN PEACE."**

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: **T equals P**

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Big events

- Demolition derbies have become among the most popular events at the Jay County Fair. When did the fair first host a derby?
(1) Aug. 8, 1966
- What artist played the first "big concert" at the Jay County Fair in 1981 and returned to perform along with his daughter in 2004?
(2) Mel Tillis

7-18 CRYPTOQUIP

MRC YXBNDYM DSVMPBZ NM
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BRHVIGND SX PFR JROYM.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: **IF GREAT ACTOR FONDA ONCE GAVE A BARRIE PLAY A WOEFULLY BAD REVIEW, DID PETER PAN "PETER PAN"?**

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: **B equals R**

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to blueberries. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 21 = E)

A. 22 21 12 14 9 22
Clue: Well-being

B. 26 21 25 25 23
Clue: Small fruit

C. 5 10 9 25 18 21 5 9 7
Clue: Vitamins/minerals

D. 4 21 14 18 6 18 19 10 7
Clue: Very tasty

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to blueberries.

ARTT

Answers: **TRIT**

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in California on July 16, 1967. I graduated from college with a degree in sports information. I dabbled in sketch comedy as a kid, then went on to do it on "Saturday Night Live." I later transitioned to comedic films.

Answer: **Will Ferrell**

kids' corner

FOOD FACT!

COOKING FOOD ON A GRATE OVER AN OPEN FLAME IS KNOWN AS WHAT?

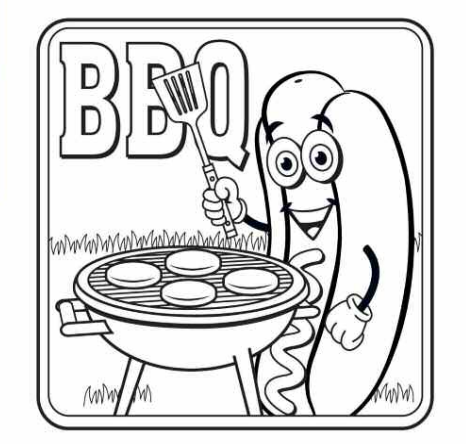
Answer: **GRILLING**

How they say that in...

ENGLISH: Sear
SPANISH: Soasar
ITALIAN: Scottare
FRENCH: Griller
GERMAN: Scharf abraten

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THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

1741: ALEKSEI CHIRIKOV SIGHTS LAND IN SOUTH-EAST ALASKA. HE SENDS MEN TO INVESTIGATE, MAKING THEM THE FIRST EUROPEANS TO VISIT ALASKA.

1916: WILLIAM BOEING AND GEORGE CONRAD WESTERVELT INCORPORATE PACIFIC AERO PRODUCTS. IT IS LATER RENAMED BOEING.

2006: TWITTER IS LAUNCHED.

New Word

PROPANE
a flammable gas used as bottled fuel

BLUEBERRIES WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ANTHOCYANINS
ANTIOXIDANTS
BAKING
BENEFITS
BLUEBERRY
BUSH
COGNITIVE COMPOUNDS
FIBER
FLAVONOL
HEART
JAM
JELLY
JUICE
MANGANESE
MYRICETIN
NUTRITIONAL
POLYPHENOLS
PURPLE
QUERCETIN
SERVINGS
SUPERFOOD
SWEET
VITAMINS

Did You Know?

ACCORDING TO "EAT THIS, NOT THAT," MOST PEOPLE SEARCH FOR HOW TO GRILL SEAFOOD AND VEGETABLES ONLINE MORE OFTEN THAN THEY SEARCH FOR HOW TO GRILL MEAT.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: **BASTING BRUSH**

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

36 Goddess of wisdom
5 Crib cry
9 Gal. fractions
12 Colorado resort
13 Russian river
14 Motor City labor org.
15 Alike (Fr.)
16 Eyelid woe
17 Lyricist Gershwin
18 Santa's runway
19 Sly chuckle
20 Per person
21 British verb ending
23 Right angle
25 Exaggerated pride
28 Affliction
32 Look of disdain
33 Edition
34 Agreed silently

DOWN

20 #1 Elvis Presley song
22 Ambulance sound
24 Non-clergy
25 QVC alternative
26 Popular card game
27 Nap site
29 Enzyme suffix
30 Press for payment
31 Verily
35 Moolah
36 Prizes
39 Burlap fiber
40 Messes up
41 Power co.
43 Lure
45 Central point
46 Black, in verse
47 Dis-patched
49 Smidgen

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 7-16

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Cutting the Gordian knot

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 10 8 5 4 3
♥ 6 4
♦ Q 9 5
♣ A J 3

WEST
♠ A K 6
♥ A Q J 7 2
♦ 10 2
♣ 9 7 4

EAST
♠ —
♥ K 9 8 5 3
♦ 8 7 4 3
♣ 10 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ Q J 9 7 2
♥ 10
♦ A K J 6
♣ K Q 8

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 2 ♠ 3 ♥
4 ♠

Opening lead — ten of diamonds. A red flag means danger, and it makes no difference whether you see it on the highway or at the bridge table. In either case, the best thing to do is to slow down and be careful.

Consider this deal where South reached four spades on the bidding shown and West led the ten of diamonds. Declarer won with the king and returned a trump. West went up with the king, on which East discarded the nine of hearts.

Disregarding the heart signal for the moment, West led the deuce of diamonds. South won with the ace and played a second trump. West took the ace and led a low heart to East's king, and when East returned a diamond and West ruffed, South was down one.

Granting that the defenders functioned flawlessly to defeat the contract, South would have made four spades had he heeded the warning implicit in the opening lead, which indicated that West had either a singleton or doubleton diamond and was trying for a ruff.

South should therefore have led a heart at trick two in order to interfere with enemy communications. This would have neutralized the danger of a ruff by severing a vital link between the defenders.

The heart play at trick two could do no harm because:

If West had one diamond and three trumps, the contract could not be made, period.

If West had one diamond and two trumps, the contract could not be defeated, since South would lose only two trumps and a heart.

If West had two diamonds and three trumps (the actual case), leading a heart was the only way to defuse the impending ruff.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 6 5
♥ K J 9
♦ K Q 9 7 3
♣ K 2

WEST
♠ 9 8
♥ 10 4
♦ A J 5 4
♣ A Q J 10 3

EAST
♠ Q 10 4
♥ 3
♦ 10 8 6 2
♣ 9 8 6 5 4

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

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 ♥ 2 ♠ 3 ♠
4 ♠ 4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠
Dble Rdble Pass 5 ♠
Pass 5 ♠ Pass 5 NT
Pass 7 ♥(!)
Pass

Opening lead — four of hearts.

This was the most dramatic, endlessly discussed and hotly debated deal of the 2012 final of the annual Grand National Teams. The contestants were teams representing New York City and Florida. As the teams picked up their cards for the last hand of the 64-deal match, the New Yorkers were leading by 4 IMPs.

When the deal was first played, New York bid and made six hearts, an excellent result that would seem to have secured their victory. But that was before the bizarre goings-

on at the second table, where David Berkowitz and Gary Kohler produced the auction shown to reach seven hearts — off two aces — with the player holding both aces on opening lead!

That player, John Hurd, was certain North-South were void in one or both suits, and so was reluctant to lead either of them for fear of establishing additional tricks for the declarer. Since his partner, Joel Woodridge, appeared to have the spade suit stopped for his double of four spades, Hurd felt no tricks would get away if he made the neutral lead of a trump.

This reasoning may have seemed to have merit, but that's not the way it worked out in actual practice. Kohler won the trump lead in dummy, ruffed a low diamond, returned to dummy with a trump and led a spade to the jack. After this held and the suit divided 3-2, Kohler discarded dummy's clubs on his last two spades and then ruffed his club loser in dummy to make the grand slam and win the match.

Berkowitz later explained that his second and third calls were controlling cubeds that he hoped would enable Kohler to bid a small slam. But Kohler interpreted the bids as indicating a singleton spade and the ace of clubs. He acknowledged that the wheels came off in the auction at some point, but he bid the grand slam because "I knew I had to go big or go small, and it's not my style to go small."

Tomorrow: First things first.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Sch. supporters
5 White House monogram
8 Young cow
12 Stellar musician
14 Hodgepodge
15 Soften
16 Harvest
17 Auction signal
18 Calif. NFL team
20 Harmful gas
23 Batting practice area
24 "Lucky Jim" author
25 With gusto
28 — de deux
29 Sports bar fixture
30 Candied veggie
32 Gulleets
34 Knucklehead

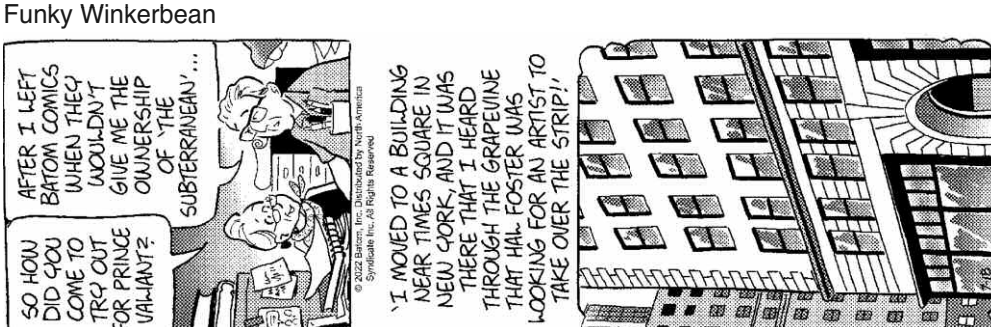
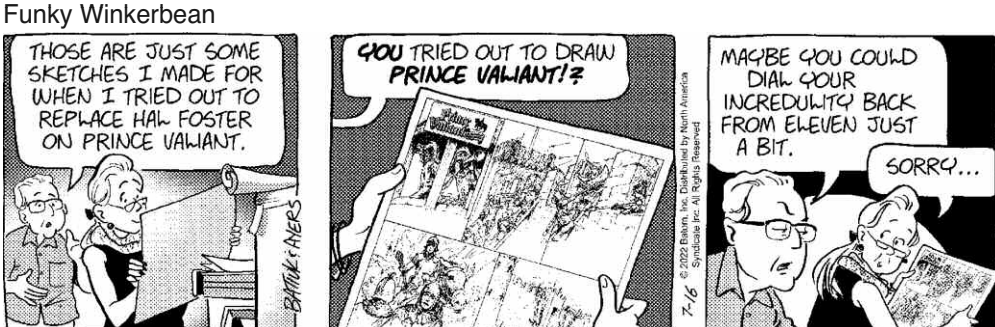
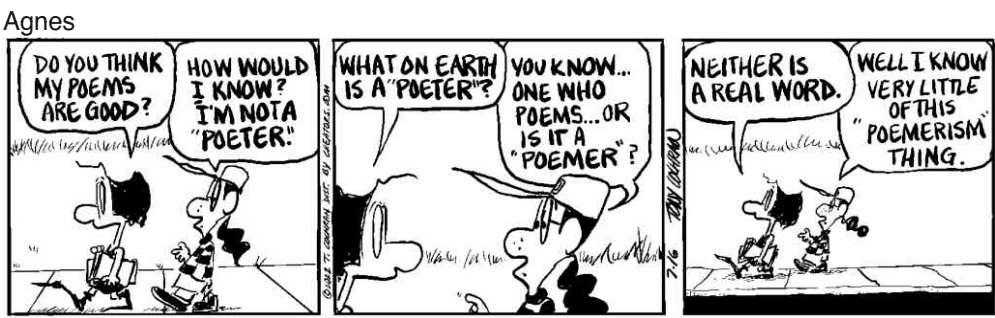
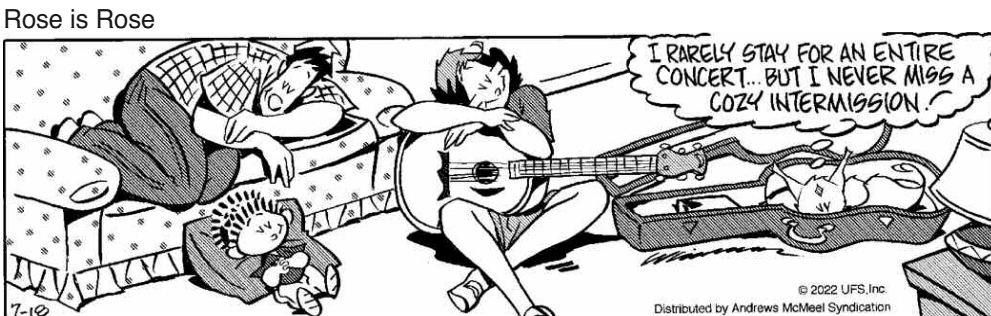
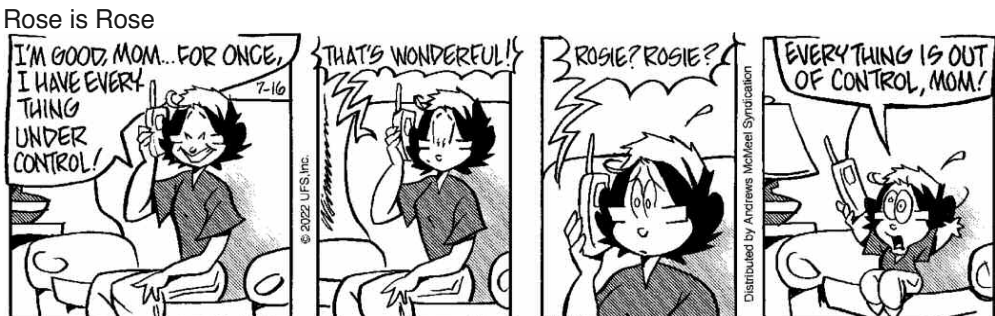
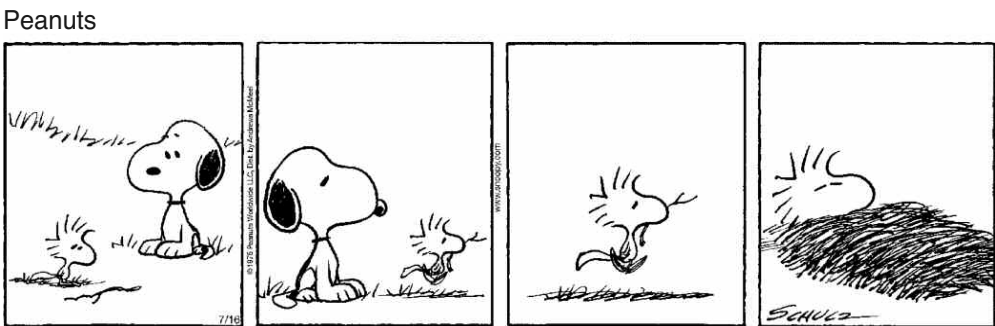
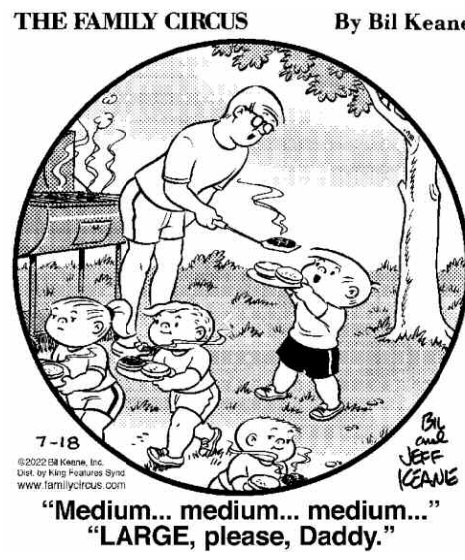
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13 Japanese noodle
19 "— a Kick Out of You"
20 Knock
21 Latin 101 word
22 Platter
23 Broadway rosters
25 Chicago suburb
26 Rhone city
27 Harvard rival
29 Ripped
31 Peaks (Abbr.)
33 Oxidized
34 "Rats!"
36 Poet Sandburg
37 Conceal
38 PC picture
39 Big rig
40 This and that
43 Grass shack
44 Chai, e.g.
45 Leftover bit
46 Code-breaking gp.

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 7-18

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Sports

Inaugural adaptive Jay grad to play in national championship

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Nothing much has ever been able to slow down Evan Mathias. Born with congenital defects in both legs, he was still trying to walk before he was even 8 months old. (Doctors moved up his double amputation in an effort to not slow him down.)

With his two prosthetic legs, he played baseball, basketball, dodgeball, kickball and whatever else his friends were involved in growing up, often at Jay Community Center. He was a three-sport athlete in high school and a collegiate golfer.

"That's one thing about Evan, he never had any problems trying to accomplish anything he can accomplish," said former Jay County High School teacher and coach Barry Weaver, who mentored Mathias in tennis and swimming. "That's really a great personality trait."

It has continued to serve him well.

Now 26, Mathias will etch his name into the golf history books next week when he plays in the inaugural U.S. Adaptive Open Championship on Course No. 6 at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club in North Carolina.

"It's really exciting being able to get to showcase my talents and just playing against everyone," said the 2014 JCHS graduate who now lives on the south side of Indianapolis with his wife Lela. "Just having the opportunity to go play is going to be really cool. I'm going to meet a lot of really great people. It's just going to be really exciting for disabled golf in general."

There has been a push in the last decade or so to make disabled golf more prevalent. In December, those efforts paid off as the United States Golf Association announced the establishment of the 54-hole U.S. Adaptive Open as a "new national championship that will showcase the world's best golfers with disabilities."

The tournament was set up to feature at least five male players and two female players in eight categories — arm impairment, leg impairment, multiple limb amputee, vision impairment, intellectual impairment, neurological impairment, seated players and short stature — with golf handicap as the top determining



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Evan Mathias follows through on an approach shot during the final round of his Jay County High School career during the 2014 regional tournament at The Players Club at Woodland Trails in Yorktown. Mathias, now 26, will play Monday through Saturday in the inaugural U.S. Adaptive Open Championship on Course No. 6 at Pinehurst Resort & Country Club.

factor for who would make the field. Those interested in playing had until May 4 to send in their application.

When the list of 96 competitors was announced May 18, Mathias was on it.

They will play in a 54-hole, three-day event beginning Monday at Pinehurst No. 6. (It's part of the same complex that includes Pinehurst No. 2, which has hosted the U.S. Open three times.)

"I think it's been a long-time coming," said Mathias, one of two Indiana golfers in the field. "This is a really big step for adaptive golf."

As a Patriot, Mathias was a three-time regional qualifier in golf. He led JCHS to just its second team regional berth as a sophomore in 2012, carding a 78

at Hickory Hills Golf Club for second place overall.

He went on to play for Marian University in Indianapolis and has continued his success on the golf course since then. He's won multiple Georgia State Amputee Golf Tournament championships, including going back-to-back in 2015 and '16, and three years ago turned in a record-setting effort to take the ParaLong Drive Cup in Nevada. (His drive of 398 yards was the longest ever recorded by an above-knee amputee.)

"You always hope that kids, after you are around them and watch them develop to early adulthood, that they can continue on and do the things that they really enjoy doing and really strive to be able to do as adults," said Weaver. "It really makes you

feel good about the young adults we have. ... It's great to see those that get the opportunity and take full advantage of it."

Mathias and his former Patriot teammate Austin Wendel, who will act as his caddie, made the trip to North Carolina late this week and got a first practice round in Friday. He'll continue to get the lay of the course this weekend in preparation for teeing off Monday. (The Golf Channel plans coverage, including highlights, from noon to 2 p.m. and 4 to 5 p.m. each day of the event. Live scoring will be available at usga.org.)

He has the second-lowest handicap in his division and is a contender to be near the top of the field overall.

"It's all going to be able just putting three really good rounds

together, just playing as best as I can," he said. "Just consistency, just putting 18 solid holes together, not making big mistakes and playing smart ..."

Mathias, who first picked up a set of golf clubs at age 5, played in his first National Amputee Golf Association event when he was 10. He and his parents, Matt and Tiffany, credited NAGA with helping him see the possibilities that were out there for him in life as an amputee.

He's excited for the chance to pass on that same knowledge to others and to help grow adaptive golf.

"It's really awesome for everyone who is disabled, having this opportunity come up and seeing what's going to come from it," he said. "It's going to be really cool to see what happens."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County Summer Swim Team in

Wabash Valley Conference Championships at South Adams - 9 a.m.
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs.

South Bend Royals at Bethel University - 1 p.m.

Sunday
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. Michiana Brewers - 1 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7 a.m. — Golf: The Open Championship (NBC)
8:40 a.m. — Formula E: New York City E-Prix (CBS)
11 a.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC Fight Night (ESPN)
2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
2:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series - Crayon 200 (USA)
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro - Germany vs. Finland (ESPN2)

4 p.m. — Golf: LPGA Tour - Great Lakes Invitational (CBS)
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Detroit Tigers at Cleveland Guardians (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees (FOX)
8 p.m. — Auto Racing: Camping World SRX Series - I-55 Raceway (CBS)

Sunday
4 a.m. — Golf: The Open Championship (USA)
7 a.m. — Golf: The Open Championship (NBC)
Noon — Soccer: Women's Euro - Netherlands vs. Switzerland (ESPN)
1 p.m. — Auto racing: Formula E (New York City E-Prix (CBS)
2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)

4 p.m. — Auto racing: NHRA - Mile High Nationals (FOX)
5 p.m. — Soccer: Copa America Femenina - Bolivia vs. Chile (FS1); Major League Soccer - New York City at New York Red Bulls (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Draft (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: FC Cincinnati at Columbus Crew (FS1)

Monday
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Home run derby (ESPN,ESPN2)

Tuesday
8 p.m. — Major League Baseball: All-Star Game (FOX)

Local notes

Ticket sales set
Jay County Junior-Senior High School

will begin selling super and season tickets Monday for the 2022-23 sports season.

A Patriot Pass, which is good for all junior high and high school events, is \$100. (It is \$60 for those 65 and older.) Super tickets are \$75 for high school only and \$60 for junior high only. And season passes are \$20 for football and \$45 for boys basketball. (All Jay County students will be admitted to home games at no charge.)

Tickets will be sold from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 6 p.m. July 18 and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. July 19. From July 20 on, they will be available during regular office hours — 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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