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Champ, May seeking seat on council

Incumbent faces challenge from Redkey council member

Candidates who are competing for a seat on Jay County Council both have experience on Redkey Town Council.

Incumbent Democrat Ted Champ and current Redkey Town Council member Randy May, a Republican, are facing off for the Jay County Council District 1 seat.

Champ, rural Redkey, has served on Jay County Council for 10 years, including currently as its vice president. He served on Redkey Town Council for 10-plus years, including as its president, and also served a term on Jay School Board.

May, Redkey, is in the midst of his first term on Redkey Town Council. He works in production for Tyson Foods.

Both candidates are graduates of Redkey High School.

They were asked to respond to a questionnaire from The Commercial Review. Their answers follow.

What is the most important issue facing county council and what, specifically, would you do to address it?

Champ: Keeping taxes low while still having a balanced budget, plus keeping employees' pay competitive. I would continue to fine tune the budget and make cuts where needed so that taxpayers get the best bang for their taxes.

May: We need more child care in the community to help working parents.

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Photo provided

Portland Mayor John Boggs swears in Steve Schlechty as the city's interim police chief Monday. Schlechty, who had been the department's assistant chief, is stepping in for chief Mitch Sutton as he deals with health issues. Michael Brewster was named interim assistant chief.

Interim chief named

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Portland Police Department has a new leader.

Steve Schlechty, 54, was sworn in as interim police chief Monday. Michael Brewster was named to fill Schlechty's former position as assistant chief.

"It's going to be a new challenge for me," said Schlechty during an interview Tuesday. "I have a great group of guys up here that I think will be able to help me with anything I need."

He's taking over the role from Mitch Sutton, who started as police chief in July 2021 and plans to retire in February. (Sutton has been struggling with health issues for the past several months.)

Slechty, a 1986 graduate of Jay County High School, served as assistant chief at the depart-

ment for a little more than a year. He previously worked for the department for 21 years, including as a K-9 officer and patrol sergeant.

He's planning to continue working toward goals implemented by Sutton, such as the lateral transfer program for officer recruitment. (The program OK'd by Portland City Council in Oct. 2021 seeks to hire officers from other departments, allowing more trained employees to join the force.) He

would like to add a third-shift sergeant position as well as implement an on-call rotation for supervisors during the weekends.

Slechty said he's also planning to implement a couple new programs — he declined to share more information on those yet.

Brewster is also looking forward to the responsibility, pointing to the lateral transfer program and officer retention as key goals. He started as a

reserve officer for Portland in 2002 and as a full-time officer the next year. He served two terms on Portland City Council and currently serves as Jay County Coroner.

Slechty pointed to their experience as a factor he believes will aid them in leading the department.

"Between me and him, each one of us has over 20 years of experience, I think we should be able to make this happen," he said.

Slechty will lead department as Sutton is headed to retirement



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Dearduff decorates

Freedom Dearduff, 9, paints her pumpkin purple and blue Saturday during the fall festival at Dunkirk City Park. The festival included hayrides, games and vendors and was followed by a trunk or treat.

Looking ahead to '23

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

It's time to think about 2023.

Portland Park Board on Tuesday discussed possible park repair/replacement projects for next year as well as plans to incentivize lifeguards and celebrate the re-opening of Portland Water Park.

Board president Brian Ison shared with the board a list of potential projects with estimates obtained last month. They include:

- Replacing the electrical panel at the west baseball/softball diamond in Weiler-Wilson park at a cost of \$12,200
- Extending electrical service to the gazebo in Hudson Family Park at a cost of \$7,450 and potentially adding lighting along the walking path
- Sealing the parking lot south of the Hudson Family Park amphitheater at a cost of \$18,750

Parks department employee Matt Shauver also proposed the addition of an expression swing — a swing with facing seats that allows young children to swing with an adult — to the Hudson Family Park playground at a cost of just over \$2,000. Ison also noted that Shauver is working on getting quotes for tree trimming in Hudson Family Park and said the board continues to look into opportunities for grant funding for restroom/concession improvements at Port-

land Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field.

Those potential projects come in at a total of about \$40,500. The department's 2023 budget for park repairs and maintenance is \$45,000. (It also has \$45,000 for capital improvements.)

Also, looking ahead to 2023, the board discussed possible incentives for lifeguards — a shortage of lifeguards limited water park hours in 2021 and was a contributing factor to not opening the facility this year.

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Potential park projects include electrical and parking lot work

Deaths

Annabelle Smith, 92, Berne
Norma Wellman, 88, Fort Norma
William Hicks, 51, Redkey
 Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Tuesday. The low was 49.
 Expect a low of 46 with patch fog again Thursday morning. Sunny skies will follow with a high in the low 70s.
 See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Jay Circuit Court trial that was scheduled for Thursday has been canceled. Jurors do not need to report for jury duty.

Coming up

Thursday — A look at local athletes competing at the collegiate level.

Saturday — A final review of the ballot ahead of Tuesday's election.



Obituaries

Annabelle Smith

July 19, 1930-Oct. 27, 2022
Annabelle Smith, age 92, a former resident of Noble Township, Jay County, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 27, 2022, at Swiss Village in Berne.
Annabelle was born on July 19, 1930, in Portland, the daughter of Veo and Ethel (Martin) Flory. She and her husband farmed for many years in Noble Township. She also worked as a secretary for NAAS Foods, Pennville Custom Cabinets, Big Wheel, 3D, Bearcreek Farms and Super 8 Motel. She was a member of Bellefountain United Methodist Church and VFW Auxiliary.
Annabelle married Orla Smith on Sept. 3, 1949, and he died on Sept. 6, 2006.
Survivors include:



Smith

Her son — Jeff Smith (wife: Agnes), rural Portland, Indiana
Three grandchildren — April Heers, Michelle Evans and Kyle Ludy
One foster granddaughter — Amber Wanken
Several great grandchildren and nieces and nephews
She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rhonda Ludy; grandson, Nathan Smith; and siblings, Gerald Flory, Calvin Flory and Ruby Mertz.
Visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.
Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Pastor Darrel Borders will officiate and burial will follow at Salamonia Cemetery in Salamonia, Indiana.
Memorials may be directed towards Bellefountain United Methodist Church.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Norma Wellman

Dec. 14, 1933-Oct. 31, 2022
Norma Jean Wellman, 88, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away peacefully with her children by her side, on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, at Briarwood Village in Coldwater, Ohio.
She was born on Dec. 14, 1933, in Shelby County, Ohio, to the late Bert and Rose (Robbins) Vonderhyde.
Norma is survived by her children, Matt (Misty) Wellman of Bluffton, Indiana, and Pamela Timmerman of Fort Recovery; her grandchildren, Chase Wellman, Cierra (Kory) Stroud, Austin (Alexis) Timmerman, Paige Timmerman, Isaac Timmerman and Ava Timmerman; her great-grandchildren, Sutton, Max, and CJ; and her sister-



Wellman

in-law, Jenny (Dick) Alig of Coldwater.
In addition to her parents, Norma was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Jeff Timmerman; and her siblings, Edna Seigel, Mary Leugers, Irene Grisez, Leonard Vonderhyde, Dorothy Hole, Emma Hoelscher, Bert Vonderhyde, Richard Vonderhyde, Elsie Winner and Kathryn Bergman.
Norma spent a majority of her life as a homemaker and her family was the most important thing to her. She valued every moment she was able to have with her grandchildren and great grandchildren.
Norma was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church and later in life attended Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church in Fort Recovery.
A Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 4, 2022, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, St. Anthony, Ohio. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Per Norma's request, there will be no visitation prior to Mass.
Memorial contributions may be given to EverHeart Hospice, 1350 N. Broadway Street, Greenville, OH 45331.
Condolences may be shared with Norma's family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.com.
William "Bill" J.A. Hicks, Redkey, Feb. 16, 1971-Nov. 1, 2022. Services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.
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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

Table with 5 columns: Thursday 11/3, Friday 11/4, Saturday 11/5, Sunday 11/6, Monday 11/7. Includes weather icons and forecasts for each day.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$119 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-9-6
Quick Draw: 1-5-11-17-18-20-24-26-34-43-46-55-60-63-64-69-73-76-79-80
Evening Daily Three: 8-9-7
Daily Four: 0-2-0-2
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-9-3
Pick 4: 9-4-3-9
Pick 5: 7-3-1-2-7
Evening Pick 3: 1-0-9
Pick 4: 6-7-2-4
Pick 5: 7-6-4-8-7
Rolling Cash: 3-5-24-25-28
Estimated jackpot: \$175,000

Markets

Table with 2 columns: Product Name and Price. Includes Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, and The Andersons Richland Township.

Today in history

In 1862, First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln sent a letter to her husband, President Abraham Lincoln, advising him about pushback regarding the cautious nature of Gen. George B. McClellan. The general was removed from his command three days later.
In 1972, a Blackford County Circuit Court jury convicted Dr. Richard L. Stump, operator of the Redkey Clinic, on a charge of illegal possession of narcotics. Stump faced two to 10 years in prison. He also had other charges still pending.
In 1976, Jimmy Carter was elected as the 39th president of the United States. Carter, a Democrat, would lose his reelection bid to Ronald Reagan four years later but has become revered for his humanitarian work post-presidency.
In 2021, Portland Park Board members Brian Ison and Shauna Runkle reviewed a draft of the city's five-year park plan. They were unable to vote as they were the only board members in attendance, leaving them one member short of a quorum. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St., Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Council ...

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The drug problem needs to be addressed. Too many young lives have been taken. I don't know what the answer is to get the drug problem under control. I would work with law enforcement and drug prevention programs to see what can be done. I would like to see Jay County Retirement Center stay open. I would visit the facility and work with the council to see what choice we would have to keep it open.
Jay County's personnel committee and council have spent months working toward finalizing raises and, in conjunction, the 2023 county budget. How would you approach raises and the overall budget?
Champ: Work with council and department heads to get raises they deserve, but at the same time looking for cuts in the budget that could be made so raises could be given

Looking ...

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Ison proposed that the city cover the cost of lifeguard certification, paying half up front and the other half after a lifeguard has completed a season of work at the water park. (Board member John McFarland said Jay Coun-

without tax increases for the taxpayer.
May: I would check with other counties to see what their pay scale was.
The county, in part through the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP), is working to decide how to utilize its almost \$4 million in coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. What do you see as top priorities for that funding?
Champ: The Jay Emergency Medical Service building needs to be upgraded or a new one built, affordable housing, affordable day care, to name just a few. We need to use this money wisely for longtime investment in Jay County. This money should and could be used for more than one project. Again, we need to look for long-term benefits from this money.
May: I would like to see funds from the American Rescue Plan Act

be used to focus on child care and mental health care.
Why should residents of Jay County vote for you?
Champ: I am experienced, have had a honor of serving for the last 10 years, have a proven voting record and am willing to work with other council members so taxpayers get what they deserve. I care about Jay County and have lived here all my life. I will vote to continue keep taxes low. I will continue to serve the taxpayers of Jay County to the best of my ability.
May: I've been in Jay County all my life. My heart is in District 1. I will do my best to make the right, responsible decisions for District 1. To me, being on any council is more than going to a meeting once a month and voting. I will attend Dunkirk and Redkey council meetings and be involved in the community as needed. I would like to have a chance to work for you.

SERVICES
Friday
Wellman, Norma: 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Catholic Church, 471 St. Anthony Road, Fort Recovery.
Fenters, Bill: noon, Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Castillo, Rebecca: 7 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Saturday
Smith, Annabelle: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Sunday
Du Jardin, Thomas: 2 p.m., Portland Golf Club, 124 W. 200 South, Portland.
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ty High School offers the certification cost of \$100.)
Board members Michael Brewster and McFarland — Shawna Runkle and Glen Bryant were not at the meeting — were supportive of Ison's proposal. The board plans to address it next month after consulting with city attorney Wes Schemenaur about a contract.
The board also gave McFarland permission to reach out to potential lifeguards on behalf of the board to discuss the potential incentives.
Board members also briefly talked about the water park manager position, saying they have had some interest but the hourly wage is a factor. (The job currently pays \$16.93 an hour and would require a city council change to the salary ordinance in order to increase it, street department superintendent Tom Leonard noted.)
Ison also encouraged board members to start thinking about plans for celebrating the water park's opening weekend — it traditionally is Memorial Day weekend — following three years when it has not been open for full seasons because of the coronavirus pandemic, staffing issues and repairs.
In his update to the board, Shauver noted that

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SMILE... It's that Time Again! Image of Santa Claus with a camera.

Our Season's Greetings issue will appear in the CR December 16! Deadline for all ads & photos is December 7th! Tommy "Chip" Phillips II District 2 Jay School Board

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Rotary welcomes

Rotary Club of Portland recently welcomed the Rotary International District 6560 governor and assistant governor. Pictured from left are members Drew Houck, Rusty Inman, Jamie Michael and Jenae Blasdel, assistant governor Jan Roestamadj, district governor Mekey McAllen, president Annette Alexander and members Jeff Steed, Bonnie Maitlen, Joe Johnston, Rob Weaver and Bill Hinkle.

Poets looking for right words

By KWAME DAWES

Perhaps we are too close to the monumental moment in history to fully appreciate just how to approach it in poetry, but the poets are writing about this pandemic in the way that poets must — to find language to chart the sentiment of the time.

“April Moon,” by Cathy Song, fixates on the need for genuine tenderness between those who are surviving — an act of choice and control, in the

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midst of the uncontrollable swirl of loss orbiting about us. “Grace willing” she writes, “we will remember.”

This seems like a fit epitaph for a poet in these times.

April Moon

The moon tonight is closer to us than it will be for the rest of the year, grace willing, the year we will remember as the Great Pandemic. Pulling us closer into its orbit, shining the light of its fullness into the room, we turn to hold in our hands each other’s face as if for the first time, and the last—
Pink Moon, Egg Moon, Moon of New Grass.

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Dating is roller coaster ride

DEAR ABBY: Since my divorce, I have started dating again. I was seeing a firefighter until I realized he was married with kids. Yes, I was angry with him for hiding the truth from me from the start. Then I started dating another guy I thought was the one for me. I even had him move in with me.

At the beginning things went well, but now he has started to change. He doesn’t pay as much attention to me as he did, and he thinks when I point out something I’m not comfortable with that I am trying to start a fight, which I’m not.

Since COVID started and I got injured and haven’t been able to work, his attitude has been very off with me. Unless it’s all about him or his job, he doesn’t talk to me. My kids don’t like him as much as they did, either.

I never lost touch with the firefighter. He is deeply in love with me, and I do still love him. He says when I kick the current man out he would move in and take care of me and treat me the way I should be treated. If the firefighter moves in, would that make me a homewrecker? He has told me he and his wife aren’t doing well as a couple. I’m confused. I was very happy with him and also happy with the man who moved in with me — at first — but no more. What should I do? — THINKING TWICE

Dear Abby



DEAR THINKING TWICE: Neither of these men is “The One.” Because it’s apparent you aren’t getting what you need from the man who is living with you, tell him, as nicely as you can, you are no longer happy with the arrangement, and then set a date for him to move.

If the firefighter moves in, you WILL appear to be a homewrecker. Expect the fallout to be nasty. He is married and has kids for whom he will have to provide until they are adults. He should not move in until he has at least filed for divorce and some kind of legal settlement is in the works. His moving in will not guarantee that life will be bliss from then on. It is very important you learn how to be on your own before jumping into any relationship without knowing the men better — and longer — than you have been doing.

DEAR ABBY: I’m a married

woman in my 50s with two adult children and one grandchild. I work as a nurse. I wear my hair short because I have thick, unruly hair. One day, at a local supermarket, I was walking down the aisles looking for my husband. A man and his wife had a young daughter about 6 years old with them. He called me a slang word for lesbian. I ignored him and continued walking. He looked annoyed that his word didn’t bother me. (I am not a confrontational person.)

When I got home, I was thinking about the incident. It bothered me that he was teaching his young daughter that it’s OK to call people names. When I see or meet people, I notice if they are kind and show manners, I don’t think about whether they’re gay or not. Was I right to ignore him and walk away? — SHORT-HAIRED IN TEXAS

DEAR SHORT-HAIRED: You were absolutely right to keep walking. There was nothing to be gained by trying to educate an ignorant homophobe who appears to have been trying to start a fight. The best reaction you could have given was the one you did — which was to prevent him getting a rise out of you. But I’m sorry you didn’t inform your husband when it happened.

Community Calendar

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

Today

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who’s lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness,

the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

ALANON 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.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-

ANNA’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

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at South Side Church of Christ, 1209 S. Shank St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA’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.

Sudoku

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8								

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday’s Solution

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

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.

Announcing

The Commercial Review’s 24th Annual Christmas Fiction Contest



Open to residents of Jay, Randolph, Adams, Delaware, Blackford and Wells counties in Indiana, also Mercer and Darke counties in Ohio. Former area residents who are subscribers to The Commercial Review may also enter.

Selected entries will be published in The CR’s annual Christmas Greetings special section. The first-place entry will also receive \$250.

Original short stories with a Christmas theme or setting should be emailed to news@thecr.com by Dec. 9. Each entry should bear the writer’s name, complete address and telephone number.

Entry Deadline is Dec. 9, 2022.



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Acts of kindness weren't forgotten

(Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Oct. 1, 2006. This story is of a different era, one in which getting into a stranger's car doesn't immediately evoke thoughts of "Dateline" or "Unsolved Mysteries." To be fair, those references are probably dated as well. Today, a true crime podcast would probably be more appropriate. But Jack had dozens of stories about hitchhiking, both in the United States and abroad. Many of them were like this one, in which a stranger delivers an unexpected kindness. It's a theme worth remembering as we approach the holiday season.)

Back in the Saddle



hibited, so I was stuck with local highways. And yet, a car pulled over. It might have been someone's fantasy, but it was true. There were four young women in the car, pretty much my age at the time. At least two of them were very pretty. They'd just gotten off work at the Richmond Glove Co. and were heading home. Why they stopped to pick up a hitchhiker, I'll never know. But they did. Where are you going? They wondered. Over by Noblesville, I said. First one was dropped off, then another, then another. Finally, it was just me and the driver. She wasn't the prettiest of the group, but she possessed remarkable kindness. Let's go home, she said. Her brother was back from Vietnam on leave, she said, and I should meet him. Now, keep in mind, this is 1968. I was a student at a Quaker college, steeped in anti-war think-

ing. My hair had been cut shorter for work at Conner Prairie, but the cultural and political lines were clearly drawn. Yet she said, let's go home. We headed north from U.S. 40 and then went west down a long lane to a farmhouse. There, I was treated like a king. I met my new friend's brother, a great guy I met her parents and heaven knows how many siblings. Gathering around a huge table, we had a meal that could have been suggested by Norman Rockwell: Fried chicken, fresh tomatoes, sweet corn, mashed potatoes. There may even have been homemade ice cream. We didn't talk politics that night. We did talk a little about the war. My new friend's brother talked about his experiences in Vietnam. I talked about the arbitrary nature of the draft. I may have even told them that I'd been working as a campaign volunteer in Wisconsin that spring for anti-war candidate Gene McCarthy.

But there was nothing that could break the mood. We were all Americans. We were all Hoosiers. We were all human beings, trying to find the right path. After dinner, I suggested they take me back to U.S. 40 so I could stick my thumb out and get back to Conner Prairie. My new friend and her brother would have none of it. They recalled that their former pastor lived in the Noblesville area. The young soldier said he wanted a chance to drive his car after so long without being behind the wheel. And the next thing I knew, they were taking me to my door, probably 50 miles away and another 50 miles home. I remember thanking them when they dropped me off, stunned by my good fortune. No problem, they said. Forget it. But I haven't. And I doubt I ever will.

DCS must deal with issue now

Kokomo Tribune
As if children in Indiana's foster care system weren't facing enough concerns in their young lives, a report released last month details even more concerns.

Of the 115 children whose records were audited, 109 did not have medical passports in their health care files, according to an investigation by the Indiana Inspector General's office.

Seventy-six of the children did not have prescriptions for the psychotropic or opioid medications they were taking listed in the state child welfare system, the report showed. And the authorization to take psychotropic medication was not included in the records for 49 of the 85 children who were taking them.

Signing on to be a foster parent means making a commitment to a child who has been removed from their biological family due to safety concerns. The majority of foster children enter care as a result of abuse, neglect or abandonment by their parents, according to information listed by the Indiana Foster Care organization.

When children are placed in new homes, foster parents are expected to take care of various individual needs, whether that be dietary or educational — with medical care being the most important care required. This includes keeping an up-to-date medical passport — a record of health care services the child receives — that is supposed to be updated consistently throughout the time the child is with their foster parents.

"DCS recognizes that it was not able to produce the required authorizations for the medications prescribed to our children timely during this audit," the department said in a letter replying to the inspector general's office.

And now, in coming years, more children are likely to enter the foster care system in the state after Indiana's near-total abortion ban followed the U.S. Supreme Court's overturning of *Roe v. Wade*.

According to a report by the Indiana Youth Institute, the number of children in foster care throughout the state from 2018 to 2020

Hoosier Editorial

Seventy-six of the children did not have prescriptions for the psychotropic or opioid medications they were taking listed in the state child welfare system ...

dropped from 34,269 children to 26,913.

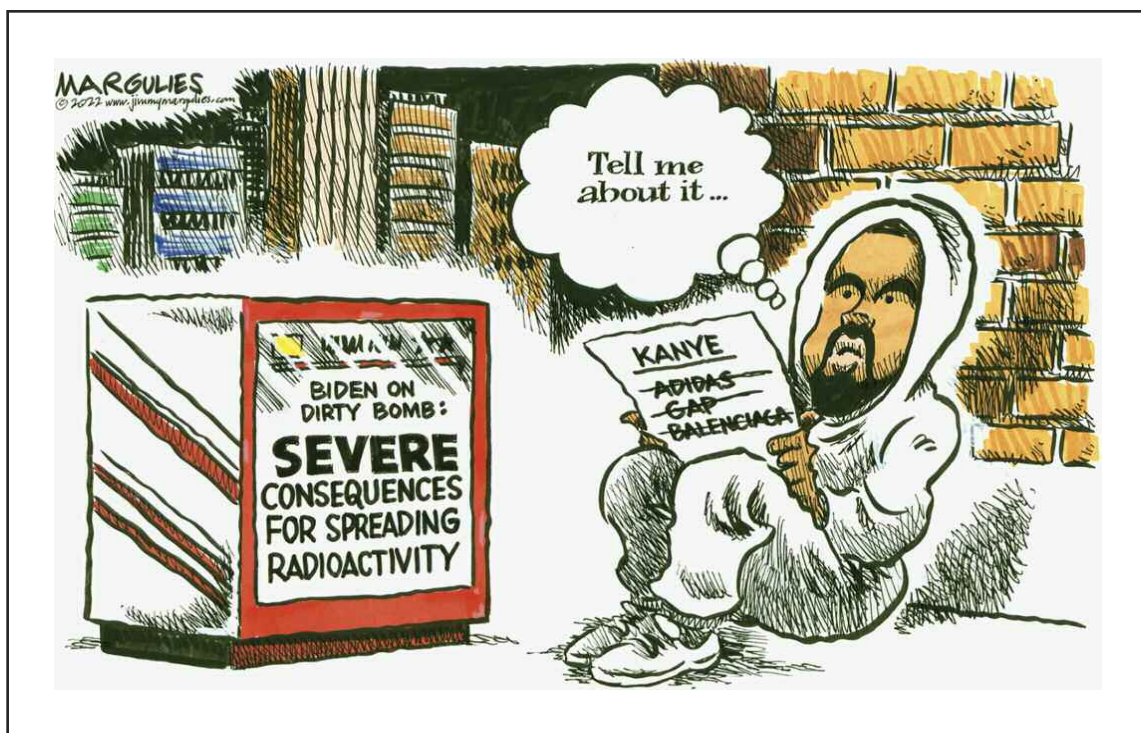
While the drop was blamed on the COVID-19 pandemic, it also noted that Congress passed the Family First Prevention Services Act in 2018, which, according to the IYI report, was "designed to prioritize family permanence, and prevent removal, to the extent possible."

But now, it appears legislation may once again wreak havoc on the system.

Rep. Rita Fleming, D-Jeffersonville, said in a statement following the state inspector general office's report that she was "very concerned by the findings. Children in foster care are some of the most vulnerable people in the state, and we need to be doing all we can to ensure their safety."

"As we are expecting a large influx of children entering our foster care system due to the near-total ban on abortion, we must act now to strengthen the Indiana Department of Child Services to ensure workers have the resources necessary to do their jobs to the best of their ability," she added.

The DCS must take Fleming's advice now and fix the issues in the system before this problem gets out of control and the system is overwhelmed.



Thomas thumbs nose at law

By LAURENCE H. TRIBE and DENNIS AFTERGUT
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

There's a sad lesson for the law and the country in Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas' Oct. 24 stay of a federal appeals court's order that Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., comply with a subpoena to testify before a grand jury in Fulton County, Georgia. The district attorney there is conducting a criminal investigation into the parties involved in trying to overturn the results of the 2020 presidential election.

In government, even Alexander Hamilton's "least dangerous" branch — the judiciary — becomes dangerous when there is no enforcement mechanism behind a law.

Title 28, Section 455 of the United States Code is the federal statute that applies to Thomas. It provides: "Any justice, judge, or magistrate judge of the United States shall disqualify himself in any proceeding in which his impartiality might reasonably be questioned" or his spouse "is known by the judge to have an interest that could be substantially affected by the outcome of the proceeding."

The statute says "shall" — meaning, this is not discretionary. Congress has imposed on federal judges a mandatory duty to disqualify themselves if their impartiality might be reasonably questioned. It does not matter whether Thomas issued Graham's desired stay or denied it; he wasn't supposed to rule at all.

Unfortunately, the statute includes no method to enforce it. Obedience to the law thus depends upon the honor of the justice or judge. Any justice in Thomas' position who was concerned about the Supreme Court's legitimacy — or his own integrity — would have recused himself.

As for Graham's attempt to avoid complying with the subpoena, he doesn't have a legal leg to stand on. The Constitution's speech and debate clause, on which Graham relies, is meant to protect federal legislators'

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words and actions that relate to their legislative duties. Graham was clearly not on a lawmaking mission on Nov. 13, 2020, when he phoned Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger and asked questions that Raffensperger understood to be about "how many votes (he) could throw out" to help Trump.

The lower court order that Thomas stayed gave Graham the right to claim his legislative privilege on a question-by-question basis when he testifies. So why fight the subpoena? What is he afraid of?

Thomas' stay is temporary; the final decision will be made by the full court. There are plenty of reasons why even the court's conservative majority will follow the settled rule that gives grand juries wide latitude to investigate in criminal cases and to enforce such subpoenas.

Even with a temporary stay, Thomas cannot legally thumb his nose at the federal prohibition on participating in judicial decisions where a reasonable person could question the jurist's impartiality. Certainly, that is in question because his wife has been a leading MAGA operative actively promoting the "big lie" that the 2020 election was fraudulent.

Virginia "Ginni" Thomas attended the Jan. 6, 2021, rally where then-President Donald Trump ignited the storming of the U.S. Capitol. And weeks before that, she texted Trump's White House chief of staff Mark Meadows at least 29 times, pressing him to overthrow the voters' verdict on Trump. "Help This Great President stand firm, Mark!!! ... Biden and the Left (are) attempting the greatest Heist of our History."

When Meadows responded that he had "staked (his) career on it," Thomas replied gratefully: "This plus a conversation with my best friend just now ... I will try to keep holding on." (She didn't say who her "best friend" was.)

In another email to Meadows, she referred to the "Biden crime family" and to "ballot fraud co-conspirators ... being arrested & detained for ballot fraud right now ... to face military tribunals for sedition."

In November and December 2020, Ginni Thomas also emailed Republican state legislators in Wisconsin and Arizona, falsely telling them that the power to choose electors was "theirs and theirs alone." Her messages fit neatly into the untenable "independent state legislature" theory now before the Supreme Court and promoted in December 2020 and January 2021 by Trump lawyer John Eastman. Eastman was a former Supreme Court clerk for Justice Thomas.

Notably, media reports of Ginni Thomas' Sept. 29 testimony before the Jan. 6 House select committee include no denials that she forwarded to her husband communications from Eastman. Her opening statement to the committee read, "I did not speak with (my husband) at all about the details of my postelection activities." The Washington Post and The New York Times quoted an evasive quip from her statement: "It is laughable for anyone who knows my husband to think I could influence his jurisprudence — the man is independent and stubborn."

Clarence Thomas certainly was stubborn when he refused to recuse himself from Graham's case as federal law requires him to do.

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Library art

Charlotte-based muralist Osiris Rain works on a mural depicting the artwork of Vernon Grant on the side of York County Library in Rock Hill, S.C. Rain is a muralist and post-contemporary figurative painter who trained at the Angel Academy of Art in Italy.

Walmart, Walgreens and CVS reach deal

By JEF FEELEY
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

CVS Health Corp., Walgreens Boots Alliance Inc. and Walmart Inc. have tentatively agreed to pay more than \$12 billion to resolve thousands of state and local government lawsuits accusing the chains of mishandling opioid painkillers, according to people familiar with the matter.

The proposed settlement — potentially one of the last big accords spawned by more than five years of litigation over the highly addictive painkillers — calls for CVS to pay \$4.9 billion, Walgreens to pay at least \$4 billion and Walmart to pay \$3 billion, according to the people, who asked not to be identified because they weren't authorized to speak publicly about the tentative deal.

The settlement won't be finalized until enough states, counties and cities agree to it, the people said. That's the way a \$26 billion opioid accord involving Johnson & Johnson and the three largest U.S. drug distributors was structured in 2021.

A group of six state attorneys general who targeted pharmacy providers for not properly monitoring opioid prescriptions handled by their companies led months of talks that generated the proposed accord, the people said.

Spokespeople for CVS, Walgreens and Walmart declined to comment Tuesday on the proposed deal. CVS is scheduled to announce third-quarter earnings Wednesday.

Bloomberg Intelligence's Holly Froum predicted a global deal wiping out the pharmacies' opioid exposure could cost \$10 billion to \$15 billion.

Ballot suit allowed to move forward

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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A legal challenge to Indiana's ballot access law will move forward after a federal judge ruled last week that the lawsuit brought by the Indiana Green and Libertarian parties requires a "fact-intensive" review.

The lawsuit was filed in March in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Indiana. It alleges that minor parties and independents face "severe and unequal burdens" because of the state's "unconstitutional" rules dictating how they can qualify for

Indiana's general election ballot. The Indianapolis judge, James R. Sweeney II, on Thursday rejected a request from Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita to dismiss the suit. The state argued that Indiana's election law is constitutional under both the First and Fourteenth Amendments.

But Sweeney said in his ruling that the plaintiffs' constitutional challenge needs further analysis: "It is far too early for the court to say that no relief is possible on the facts as alleged."

Indiana's current law stipulates that any political party which earns 10% of the vote in the last

election for secretary of state can nominate their candidates for federal, state, legislative and local offices in the primary election.

To be guaranteed general election ballot placement in the secretary of state's race, the party must earn 2% of the total vote cast at the last election for secretary of state in the election district that the candidate seeks to represent.

But without that vote count, minor parties must start from scratch and collect thousands of signatures to participate in the next race.

The number of necessary signatures — which is roughly 45,000 for

2022 — is equal to that same 2% margin.

The law took effect in the 1980s. Before that, the signature requirement was only 0.5% of the secretary of state's votes in a previous election.

Since then, there have been just eight successful attempts by minor parties or independent candidates to collect the necessary signatures required by Indiana law to secure a spot in a state election, according to the lawsuit.

Plaintiffs in the lawsuit say the requirement is an extra, unfair burden on non-major political parties.

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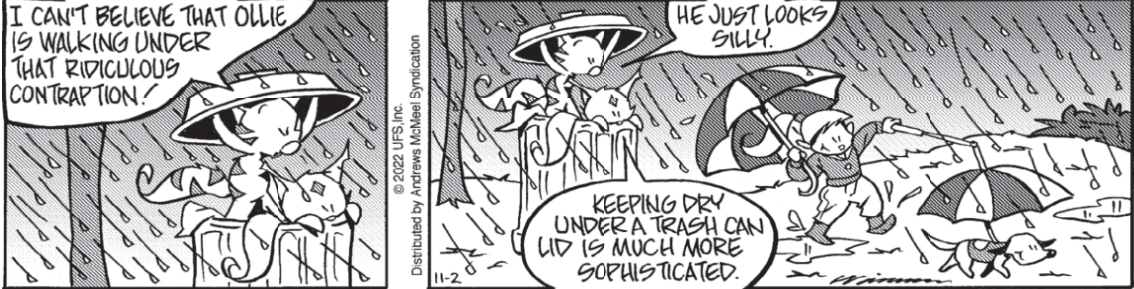
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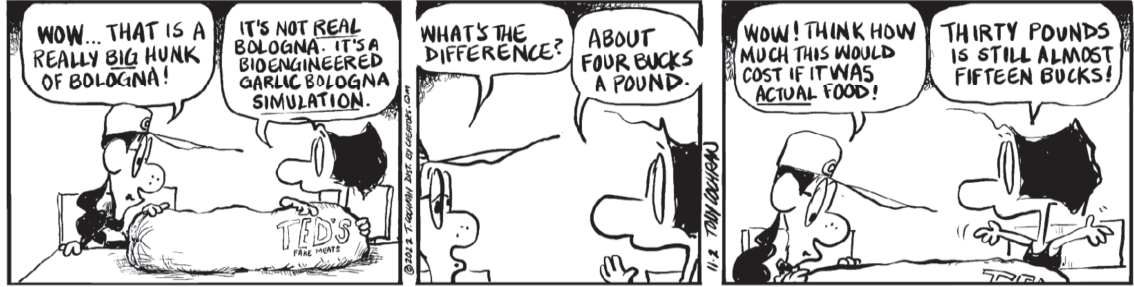
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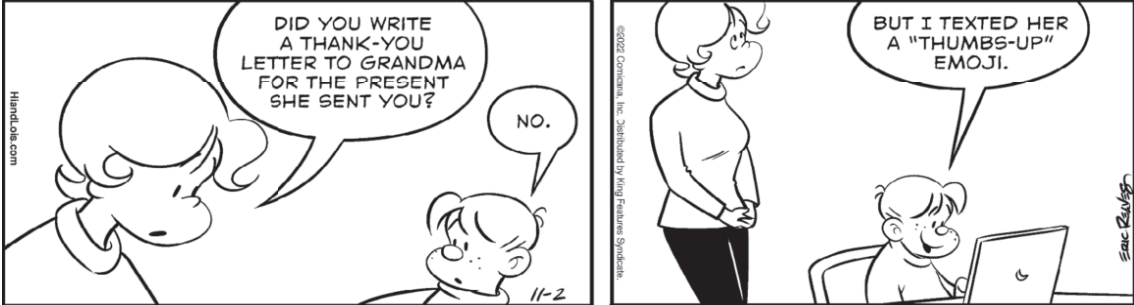
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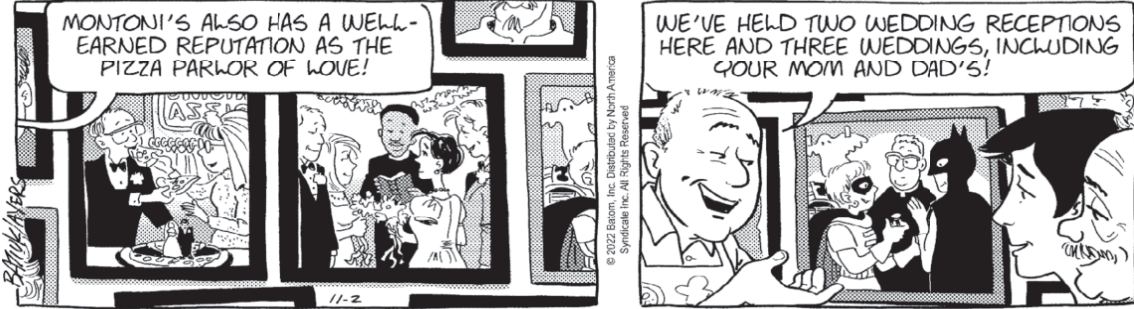
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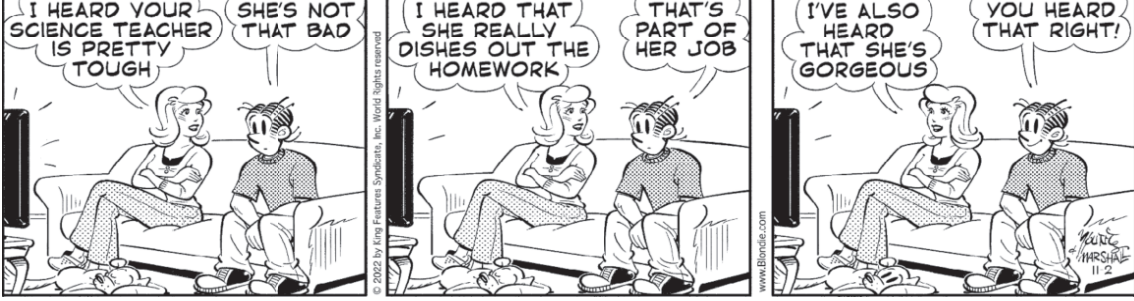
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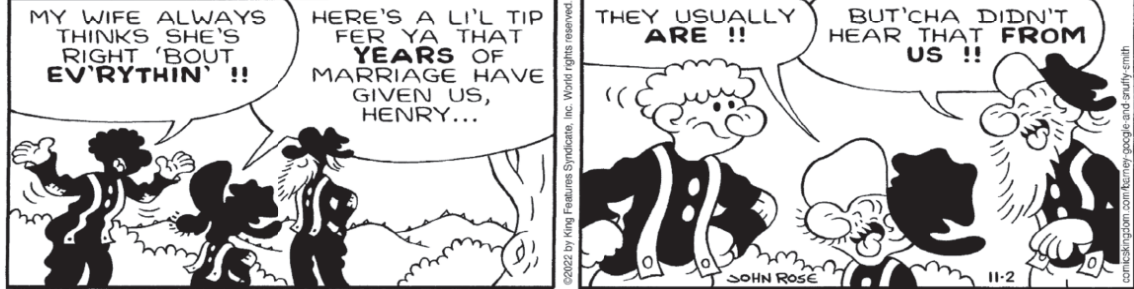
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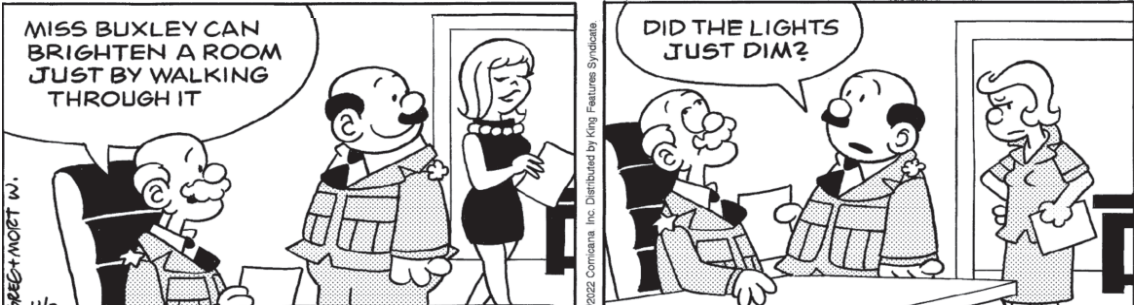
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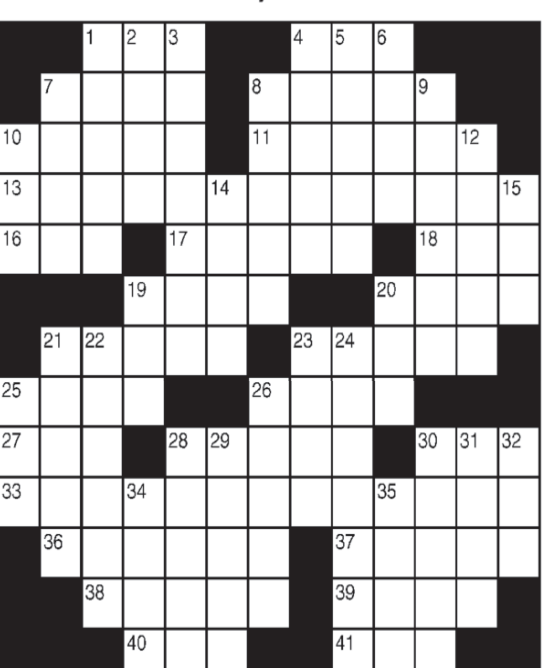
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Sports

Brady fired, Hines traded

By **GEORGE BREMER**
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indianapolis Colts' struggling offense claimed two more victims Tuesday.

Eight days after veteran quarterback Matt Ryan lost his starting job, the team relieved offensive coordinator Marcus Brady of his duties.

Hours later, Indianapolis traded running back Nyheim Hines to the Buffalo Bills for running back Zach Moss and a conditional sixth-round pick that can become a fifth-rounder.

Hines has rushed 18 times for 36 yards and a touchdown this year. He also had 25 receptions for 188 yards this season.

For his career, Hines has rushed 300 times for 1,205 yards and 10 touchdowns and caught 235 passes for 1,725 yards and seven scores.

The Brady news was announced in an afternoon release accompanied by a quote from Reich.

"This was an incredibly hard decision, but one I felt needed to be made in the best interest of the team," Reich said. "I appreciate Marcus' commitment to the organization, and he made a significant contribution to our offensive success over the last five seasons. I wish him the best moving forward."



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Scrimmage shot

Jay County High School junior Molly Muhlenkamp puts up a shot over Hailey Rains of Huntington North during Tuesday's girls basketball scrimmage. The Patriots, who are ranked fourth in the Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Class 3A preseason poll, will open their regular season Tuesday when they visit Fort Wayne South Side.

Phillies blast to a 2-1 lead

By **MATTHEW DEGEORGE**
Daily Times (Primos, Pa.)
Tribune News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Phillies fans waited 13 years, plus one extra rainy Monday, for World Series baseball to return to South Philadelphia.

The payoff for their patience was a record-tying display of power.

The Phillies bashed five home runs, started by Bryce Harper in the first and capped by back-to-back bombs from Kyle Schwarber and Rhys Hoskins in the fifth, to

demolish the Astros 7-0 in Game 3 of the World Series to take a 2-1 series lead.

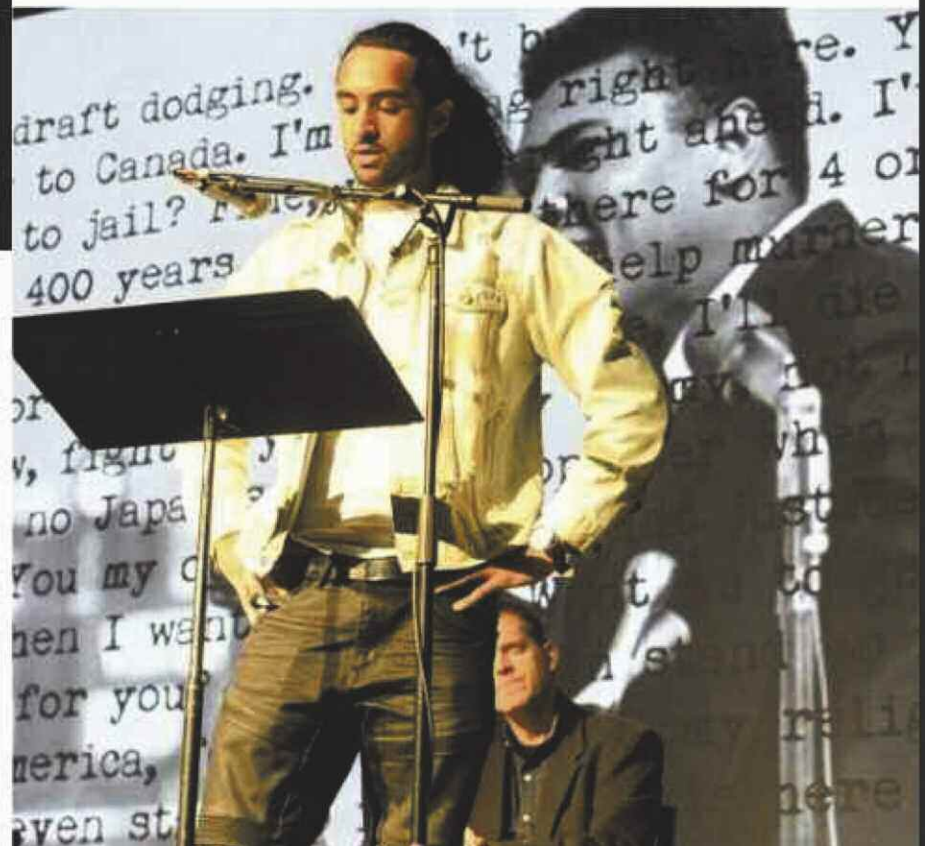
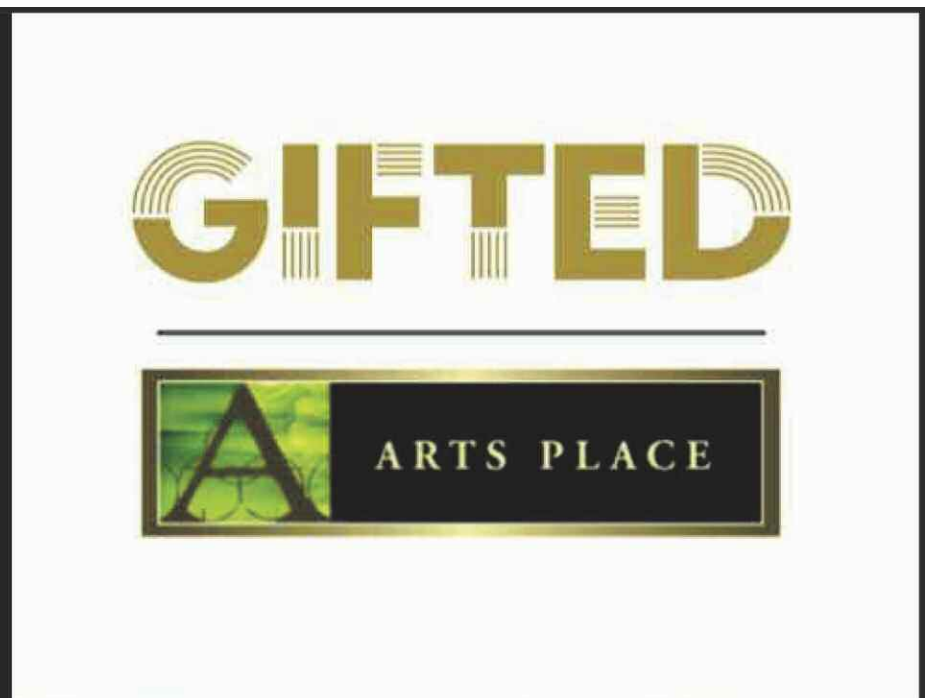
The power surge was unrelenting against Astros starter Lance McCullers Jr., the first pitcher in MLB playoff history to allow five home runs in a game. The Phillies are just the fourth team to hit five dingers in a game in the Fall Classic, joining the Astros in Game 5 of the 2017 Series, Oakland in Game 3 in 1989 and the Yankees in Game 4 of the 1928 Series.

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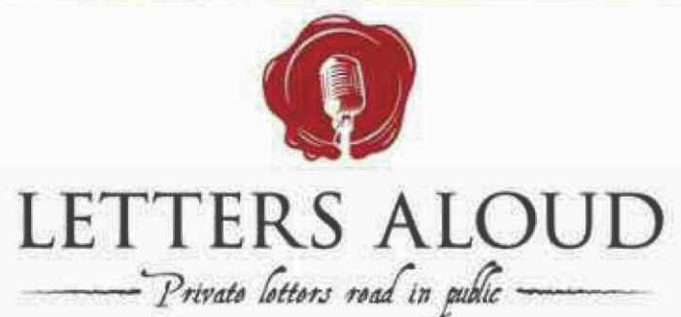
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