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Goal reached



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The former Fastenal building on the north side of Votaw Street on the west edge of Portland will become the new site of Jay County Humane Society. The group that has been fundraising for the project said last week the \$1 million goal has been reached and the project will be put out for bids in early 2023.

Jay County Humane Society hopes to put renovation project out for bids in January

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Jay County Humane Society has reached its fundraising goal.

It's now prepping to put its renovation project out for bid in the next few weeks.

The humane society has raised at least \$1 million toward converting a building into its new animal control facility.

It started raising money at the end of October 2021 with plans to construct a new building for its animal control services. In the spring, Jay County Humane Society adjusted its plan, deciding instead to purchase and renovate the former Fastenal building at 1376 W. Votaw St., Portland.

Mindy Weaver, co-chair of the fundraising campaign and Jay County Humane Society treasurer, explained rising

costs would have worked against the organization if it constructed a new building. The former owners of the Fastenal building also agreed to donate a portion of their original asking price to the humane society.

"New construction is so outrageous," Weaver noted. "(We) would've had to raise a lot more money to get the building they were going to build for us."

Original construction plans came with a price tag of \$949,000. The humane society aimed to keep the renovation project around the \$1 million mark, factoring in additional funds in the case bids come in higher than expected or change orders adjust the total cost.

Jay County officials agreed in 2021 to contribute \$275,000 in economic development income tax (EDIT) funds toward the

shelter's new building. After several months of fundraising for the remaining amount, the humane society is now able to move forward with the project. Weaver pointed out a radiothon fundraiser through WPGW on Dec. 8 alone brought in \$40,650 for the organization.

"We had someone in the community who wanted to remain anonymous come forward and say they would match up to \$10,000," she recalled. "We hit that, I felt like, almost in the first hour. And so, we got our heads together and we got some more matches because we thought, man, we didn't see that coming."

Recently, representatives of the humane society met with architects and re-designed their plans for the new shelter. Many similar aspects carried through in the re-design, such as plans to have rooms for meet

and greets, intake and medical needs as well as some free-roaming cat rooms and separate air systems for dogs, cats and humans. They're also planning to convert the garage space into a sally port, which would allow employees to bring a vehicle inside for unloading or act as overflow space for animals if needed.

Jay County Humane Society has been struggling to find room for animals at its current facility, which houses 12 dogs and about 20 cats. Its current facility sits at just over 1,000 square feet and 576 square feet of exterior kennel space. Visitors enter the building by walking past dog kennels, which raises questions about safety.

During the planning process for a new structure, the goal was to have about 4,000 square feet.

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Power stations were attacked

Four sites in Washington were hit on Christmas Day

By PAUL ROBERTS
The Seattle Times
Tribune News Service

SEATTLE — Law enforcement officials still don't have suspects or a motive for break-ins that badly damaged four Pierce County electrical substations on Christmas Day and left hundreds of customers without power Monday afternoon.

Nor are police ready to say whether the incidents were coordinated or connected to a recent string of similar incidents at substations in the Pacific Northwest and on the East Coast.

"People want to associate (Sunday's incidents) with whatever's going on in North Carolina and Oregon and Southern Washington," said Sgt. Darren Moss, a Pierce County Sheriff's Department spokesperson, referring to the locations of several earlier incidents at substations.

But "we're (just) guessing until we have more information," Moss added.

The Pierce County break-ins, which started early Christmas morning, struck Tacoma Power substations in Spanaway and Graham and a Puget Sound Energy substation in Puyallup.

Just after 7 p.m., police received reports of a fourth incident, this one at a PSE substation on the Kapowsin Highway northeast of La Grande, where damage caused during the break-in started a fire.

"The suspect(s) gained access to the fenced area and vandalized the equipment which caused the fire," according to the sheriff's department, which has beefed up patrols near county substations.

All four incidents involved forced entry and heavily damaged equipment, and initially cut power to more than 14,000 customers in eastern Pierce County, according to police and utility officials.

See Power page 2

Vastly improved

By RAY COONEY
and BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

By this morning, road conditions were finally getting back to normal.

With temperatures rising, Jay County Highway Department was finally able to get plows on the road Monday, opening up all county roads that had been plagued by drifting snow since a storm Thursday night and Friday.

Jay County spent nearly 60 hours under a travel warning following the winter storm that brought just a few inches of snow but created problems because of high winds and frigid temperatures.

"Better than they did

County crews were able to plow roads on Monday

yesterday," said highway department superintendent Eric Butcher when he evaluated the road conditions this morning.

After trying to plow Saturday morning but running into issues with equipment because of the frigid weather — wind chills were as low as minus 35 — county crews were able to hit the roads Monday. (By that time,

temperatures had climbed into the teens, reaching the 20s by late afternoon.)

"With the warmer temperatures, we had nothing gelling up on us," Butcher said.

The department's attention this morning turned to clearing wider paths and eliminating ice in key areas.

See Improved page 2



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Folks driving in rural parts of the county experienced whiteout conditions Friday. Pictured is the view traveling south on county road 100 East, just south of county road 200 North, about noon Friday.

Deaths

Kathryn Bates, 90, Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 23 degrees Monday. The low was 15.

Tonight's low will be 26 with winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Conditions are still expected to be windy Wednesday, but the high will climb to 41.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

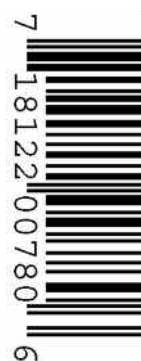
In review

Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District has scheduled a meeting for 6 p.m. Wednesday at the USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of today's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Thursday — Results from Wednesday's East Central Indiana Classic.



Improved ...

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“I’ve got guys out,” Butcher said. “We got everything opened up yesterday. We’re just out widening everything out today, just trying to make it a little bit better than it was.”
Crews were also salting areas, including intersections and curves.
Most of east-central Indiana was under a travel warning — roads may be impassable and travel is limited to emer-

gencies only — on Friday, but Jay County was the last one hanging on into Christmas Day. The warning was reduced to a watch at 5:08 p.m. Sunday. The watch was then reduced to an advisory at 3:10 p.m. Monday.
Most of the counties in the state remained on some sort of travel restriction as of this morning, with most on advisories and 11 on watches.
Light rain fell in Jay County

for most of Thursday afternoon and turned heavier in the early evening hours as the high temperature reached the low 40s before dropping enough for the precipitation to shift to snow about 7 p.m. Temperatures plummeted into the single digits just before midnight Thursday and continued to fall into the negative single digits with wind chill values as low as minus 35.
In those conditions, Butcher

noted Friday morning that county highway workers had not plowed the roads and did not plan to be out that day because of the extreme cold. Both Jay County Emergency Management director Samantha Rhodehamel and Butcher advised Jay County residents to stay inside their homes.
East and west roads were passable by that time, but several north and south roads had been shut down because of

drifting caused by the strong winds and blowing snow.
Conditions were better in municipalities, where structures provided something to block the wind.
Rhodehamel asked that residents avoid calling 911 for weather conditions, suggesting they check alerts from Jay County Sheriff’s Office, Jay County Emergency Management Facebook page or in.gov/dhs/traveladvisory for updates.

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| Skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 41 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. | Conditions will continue to be windy with gusts up to 30 miles per hour. The high will be 50. | Rain is expected, mainly in the afternoon. Skies will be cloudy with the high reaching 51. | Wet conditions will continue with rain expected. The high will be 51, with the low dropping to 40. | The high temperature will be 49. There is a 50% chance of rain. |

| Lotteries | |
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| Powerball Monday 17-41-47-60-61 Powerball: 17 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$215 million | 18-21-22-23-25-30-31-50-52-56-58-60-63-68-70-75 Cash 5: 9-10-17-25-35 Estimated jackpot: \$95,000 |
| Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$565 million | Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-5-8 Pick 4: 3-2-9-1 Pick 5: 9-4-9-5-9 Evening Pick 3: 2-9-6 Pick 4: 6-8-4-2 Pick 5: 1-5-0-9-4 Rolling Cash 5: 4-21-25-31-34 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000 Classic Lotto: 9-15-19-25-27-40 Kicker: 3-1-1-2-3-9 Jackpot: \$3.2 million |
| Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 3-0-2 Daily Four: 9-3-9-6 Quick Draw: 3-6-13-15-20-27-29-30-38-41-46-47-48-49-52-57-59-60-61-72 Evening Daily Three: 1-4-0 Daily Four: 4-7-2-1 Quick Draw: 3-9-15-17- | |

| Markets | |
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| Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.73 Dec. corn.....6.70 Wheat.....6.51 | Wheat.....6.94 July wheat.....7.41 |
| POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.71 Jan. corn.....6.71 Feb. corn.....6.70 | Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.47 Jan. corn.....6.49 Beans.....14.70 Jan. beans.....14.70 Wheat.....7.41 |
| The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.53 Jan. corn.....6.53 Beans.....14.70 Jan. beans.....14.75 | Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.23 Jan. corn.....6.25 Beans.....14.55 Jan. beans.....14.60 Wheat.....7.03 |

Today in history

In 1512, the Laws of Burgos, intended to “regulate the relations” between the Spain and the indigenous people of its American colonies, was issued by King Ferdinand II.

In 1801, Napoleon established the Republic of Luca after he conquered Italy. The republic lasted less than four years, with Napoleon granting it to his sister Elisa as a principality as part of the new French Empire in 1805.

In 1831, Charles Darwin began his voyage on the HMS Beagle, a trip during which he would formulate his theory of evolution.

In 2003, senior Tyler Bash was the only Patriot to finish in the top six as the Jay County High School wrestling team hosted the East Central Indiana Classic. Bash placed second at heavyweight, falling to Chuck Robinson of Zionsville in the championship match.

In 2021, Dunkirk City Council approved Mayor Jack Robbins’ recommendation to eliminate three police dispatch positions and to use the funds from those jobs to increase pay for the city’s police officers.

—The CR

| Citizen’s calendar | |
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| Today 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works special meeting, mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. | Wednesday 3 p.m. — Portland Police Pension Board, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland. |
| Thursday 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St., Redkey. | |

Obituaries

Kathryn Bates
June 28, 1932-Dec. 19, 2022
Kathryn Sue (Horine) Bates, 90, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away peacefully Monday, Dec. 19, 2022, at IU Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.
Sue was born in rural Redkey, Indiana, on June 28, 1932, a daughter of the late Anna Mae (Cook) and Luther Carlton Horine. She was a graduate of Redkey High School and formerly employed as a secretary for Indiana Glass Factory.
Sue was the widow of Jack Bates, who she happily married on June 2, 1956. She was a member of the Dunkirk Moose Lodge, American Legion, AMVETS, enjoyed bowling

and golfing, and loved going to casino penny machines.
Aunt Sue, as many called her, helped raise three nieces, four nephews and many other area children. She is loved and missed by all.
Sue is survived by five nieces and nephews, Kimberly S. (Horine) Lloyd (husband: Jody), Tamara L. (Horine) Kennard, Lance C. Horine, Larry Wright (wife: Beth) and Lisa (Wright) McDonald (husband: Jack); one sister-in-law, Janet Bates; preceded in death by her parents; husband Jack; one brother, Jay Ronald “Ronnie”



Bates

Horine (wife: Mary Ann); one sister, Mary Louise Horine; and two nephews, Kipp B. Horine and Layne A. Wright.
Services are private at the convenience of the family.
Burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana. Arrangements entrusted to MJS Mortuaries – Redkey Chapel.
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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.

Curriculum, pre-K top agenda

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com
Changes to K-12 curriculum, increased access to early childhood education and a response to Indiana’s ongoing teacher shortage are top-of-mind for Indiana lawmakers as the 2023 legislative session nears.
Republican state lawmakers have also hinted at the return of a contentious “curriculum transparency” bill that would limit classroom discussions about race, as well as a bill that seeks to prohibit sexually-explicit content in school library

books. Versions of both bills sparked widespread debate during the 2022 session, but both failed to pass.
Top GOP legislators are additionally pointing to a draft “Don’t Say Gay” that could ban Indiana teachers from holding classroom instruction about sexual orientation or gender identity.
It’s not exactly clear where Gov. Eric Holcomb stands on such proposals, although he told the Indiana Capital Chronicle he would entertain a variety of bills in the next session — and that while he wants to

“be very pragmatic” about what bills he signs, he did not say whether any would be too hot to touch.
The Republican governor is expected to outline his full legislative agenda for the next session on Jan. 4 — less than a week before Indiana lawmakers reconvene at the statehouse. The 2023 session will also draw debate around the next state budget — a majority of which goes towards education-related line items. Numerous other agenda items affecting Hoosier students and schools will be up for debate, too.
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Reached ...

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The former Fastenal building offers roughly 50% more square footage than original plans for a new structure, as well as three acres of land. (Current construction plans include fencing about an acre, although future projects may determine a use for the remaining two acres.) Likewise, the building also has higher capacity limits from original plans, with room for roughly 40 dogs and about 150 cats.
Weaver noted there are a few features they would like to tack onto the project — one example would be expanding the parking lot — that may not be completed in upcoming renovations. The organization would need to have a total \$1.15 million in order to add on those extra aspects.
“We’re a little under that,” she said. “If we don’t finish everything out right now, then that’s not the end of the world. Let’s get the dog and cat spaces

done and you know, if we don’t finish every little thing, that’s not going to keep us from doing the job we need to do.”
Jay County Humane Society has been providing animal control services to the county since December 2020 following the retirement of former animal control officers Bill and Kathy Fields. It took over as the sole provider recognized by the county in January of this year, having previously handled services alongside Midwest Pet Refuge. (Plans were for the organization to continue helping as needed, with Jay County Commissioners suggesting Midwest Pet Refuge subcontract with Jay County Humane Society moving forward.)
“We’re still struggling trying to do animal control the best we can,” said Weaver, who has been fostering two puppies at her house. “We’re plugging along with our present facility doing the best we can with it.”

| SERVICES |
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| Tuesday Stevens, Betty: 1 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier. |
| Wednesday Powell, Rex: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. |
| Jan. 14 Theurer, Donald: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland. |
| Service listings provided by PROGRESSIVE OFFICE PRODUCTS 120 N. Meridian St. Portland, Indiana 47371 (260) 726-9201 progressiveofficeproducts.com |

Judge rules to keep ED open

By GEORGE WIEBE
Post-Tribune (Merrillville)
Tribune News Service
Lake County Superior Court Civil Division Judge Bruce Parent ruled Thursday that Franciscan Alliance must keep its Hammond emergency department open for nine months as the city looks for a replacement.
The city filed a tempo-

rary restraining order against Franciscan on Monday, following the announcement that Franciscan Health Hammond would close its emergency room department at the end of the year.
“We’re just happy in the city of Hammond,” Hammond Mayor McDermott said.
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Safety, family made holiday special

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

I am writing this on Christmas Day. I had originally arranged for my brothers and their families to come to our house for the holiday. Then Mother Nature brought presents of bitter cold and noisy winds. In the process many of the local roads grew unspeakably dangerous. Discretion being the better part of valor, I asked them to stay home and we would reschedule our get together for next Sunday.

I had been looking forward to seeing them again. It has been awhile since we have all been together. We don't see each other nearly as often since Mom died. I baked a batch of cookies, made a huge casserole, and put a ham in the oven.

As I See It



We had the casserole last night with enough left over to serve when we finally do get together. The ham will be for tonight's supper. Again, there will be plenty left over for anyone who doesn't like the casserole. The other stuff I had planned to have can wait until I am certain that my brothers can safely come up here.

My hubby and I opened our gifts and declared them to be perfect. Daughter Beth outdid herself with the duct tape this year. The package she sent had

so much duct tape on it that I had a hard time figuring out how to get the box open.

The wrapping paper she chose featured chickens wearing ice skates. It was like no paper I have ever seen. I am wearing the jacket she sent. I noticed that it had Queen Anne's Lace printed on the back of it. It turns out that Beth had asked her talented daughter, Emma, to decorate it.

When Beth was little and I wanted to walk to the store instead of driving, I would tell her we were going on a nature walk. She loved those walks. It was just the two of us walking at our own pace. At that time the only wildflowers that I knew the names of were Queen Anne's Lace, wild roses, clover and dandelions. The chicory was known as those lit-

tle blue flowers. I told her that they used to grow in big sky colored drifts out by the barn.

The other flowers paled in comparison to the Queen Anne's Lace. It was once worn by a real queen. What could be better than that? For the rest of our lives this simple relative of carrots will remind both of us of those happy nature walks.

I have noticed that most of my happy memories were made while I was outdoors or in the barn.

The bad memories were mostly created inside the house. We won't go into that now. Some things are better left unsaid.

As usual, the presents for the grandchildren elicited a puzzled reaction. I had gotten my youngest grandchild, Nicholas,

a monogrammed apron and a cookbook. He had made scrambled eggs when I was there over the summer. At that time he said it was the only thing he could cook.

His reaction to the cookbook? "Doesn't she think I can cook?" He is 11 so, no, I don't think he is an accomplished chef just yet.

It was a beautiful Christmas made better by knowing that my family was all home safe and sound.

Maybe by the time I get down to Texas to visit again Nicholas will know how to cook something besides scrambled eggs.

Or maybe not.

I hope your Christmas was safe and happy and may your New Year's Day also be safe and happy.

Roommate has worn out his welcome, and more

DEAR ABBY: I'm 55 and own my home. "Randall," 53, lives with me and pays me rent. We used to be a couple, but COVID caused too much togetherness. He's in the spare bedroom now. My house is cheaper for him than anywhere else he could go. I was trying to be nice.

The problem is, he talks down to me. I want to have the interior of the house professionally painted, and he insists we should paint it ourselves. "It'll be fun!" We were testing paint samples on the wall and disagreed over which shade of white to choose. He tells me I should "defer to him" and ends up swearing, and when I ask him to stop, he says I'm overreacting. This is why we are not a couple.

I arranged to have the house painted, and he's continuing to chastise me for it. It's MY house! I want to ask him to move. He has more stuff in my house and garage than I do. I'm a minimalist, and all his stuff drives me crazy. How did I get into this situ-

Dear Abby



ation, how do I get out of it, and how do I avoid it in the future? — FEELING CONTROLLED IN COLORADO

DEAR FEELING CONTROLLED: This man moved in when you were a couple. The circumstances have changed radically. You allowed it to continue because it suited both of you. Because it no longer does, tell him you want him out of there because your relationship "is no longer working." Then set a date for it to happen. This scenario won't repeat itself if you set boundaries.

DEAR ABBY: My sophomore

year of high school has been filled with family members passing away unexpectedly and beloved pets as well. The cat we raised got sick. He couldn't breathe and got incredibly skinny. Despite my pleading to take him to the vet, my parents insisted he was already too far gone. My father finally scheduled a vet appointment, but my companion died the same day.

An older cat we had also became very ill. My parents refused to take her to the vet either. Now another one is getting sick and, despite my pleading, they still refuse. They say, "Some cats just get sick like that," or "Vets can't always help."

My parents' refusal to get them help has me confused, angry and disgusted. I get that vet visits are expensive, but surely a few bills are better than letting a furry companion die. How can I tell my parents how angry I am at them for doing nothing, especially since we don't know if

the last two deaths were preventable? — CAT LOVER IN KANSAS

DEAR CAT LOVER: Because of advances in medicine, veterinary expenses are higher than they've ever been. This is the reason that when someone acquires an animal, it is so important they buy health insurance for their new family member. Your parents' reluctance to take the cats to a vet may be rooted in the fact that they are unable to pay for it. Please accept my sympathy for the losses you have experienced recently.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is the oldest of five, with four younger adult sisters. Many people ask if he's the "favorite" since he's the firstborn and the only male, but it couldn't be further from the truth. My mother-in-law favors her daughters to the point of almost ignoring my husband.

When it comes to grandchildren, she's obsessed with her

daughters' children and pretty much ignores our children's existence. She visits the others 10 times for every one visit to ours. When my husband has spoken to her about it, she says she just "doesn't see it." Our children have been hurt by her more times than I can count. How can we make her see the pain she continually causes our family? — OUT OF FAVOR IN FLORIDA

DEAR OUT: Because your children have been hurt by Granny's lack of caring "more times than you can count," recognize that the time has come to quit subjecting them to it. Your husband has tried to get through to his mother, but without success. She isn't going to change. Pain is nature's way of telling us to back off. If there are other relatives who are capable of being loving and supportive, guide your children toward them. If you do, you will all be happier.

Community Calendar

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

Today

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information,

contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For

more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'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.

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.

Saturday

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.

Sunday

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

Sudoku

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Saturday's Solution

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State should reject ALEC legislation

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The American Legislative Exchange Council, a national nonprofit group that promotes conservative legislation, is urging state lawmakers around the country to adopt legislation that would shield companies from political boycotts by investors, banks and other companies that deal with U.S. businesses.

The ready-made law comes after major retailers refused to sell MyPillow products because of comments made by owner and spokesman Michael J. Lindell in support of former President Donald Trump's claims of a stolen 2020 election.

Then, when fellow conspiracy theorist Elon Musk bought

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Twitter, half of the social media company's top 100 advertisers, most notably Chevrolet, Chipotle Mexican Grill, Ford and Merck & Co., decided to stop advertising on the site.

According to a report by National Public Radio, those and other companies in this year alone had spent more than \$750 million on the platform before pulling the plug. The

model legislation, called the Eliminate Political Boycotts Act, urges state governments, local police departments, public universities and other governmental entities to add a clause in contracts requiring businesses to "not engage in economic boycotts," according to a November report by The Guardian.

In typical ALEC fashion, the measure comes ready for introduction. All legislators have to do is fill in the name of their state before passing the bill into law.

According to ALEC, the legislation is needed now to fight the "woke capitalism" spreading across the country.

The Guardian quotes the proposed law.

"Corporations are boycotting and sanctioning essential industries, such as fossil fuel and agriculture producers, by refusing to provide them with products or services or imposing undue burdens on them," the measure reads.

"Banks are increasingly denying financing to creditworthy companies solely for the purpose of marketing their environmental or social justice credentials, to the detriment of their clients and shareholders."

A similar bill was proposed in Indiana in January, according to a report by the Indianapolis Star. HB1224, also being touted

by ALEC, read that state governments could not invest or contract with companies that boycotted energy companies dealing in coal and gas. The legislation was signed by lawmakers in Texas and, according to the Indy Star, a "handful of other states" are also considering the measure.

Let's hope Indiana lawmakers reject this legislation.

But if they do consider it, let's hope they do more than fill in the blanks.

They are, after all, Indiana lawmakers. They should be passing legislation aimed at addressing issues in Indiana, not rubber-stamping measures put forward by interests from out of state.

Growth is expected to return to normal

By LARRY DEBOER

HSPA Infonet

Thursday, Dec. 15, was a much-anticipated day at the Indiana Statehouse. It was Revenue Forecast Day, when the General Assembly heard the prediction of how much revenue will be available for state spending during fiscal years 2024 and 2025. The legislature will pass a two-year budget, in the session starting in January, based on these revenue estimates.

The forecast is done in two parts. The state hires a private firm, S&P Global, to forecast changes in Indiana's economy. Then a committee of Indiana budget experts uses this information to forecast state revenues. The economic forecasts come from the outside, so they're not tempted to, say, increase the prediction of retail sales in order to raise estimated sales tax revenue.

It's a consensus forecast, meaning that the Senate, the House and the governor's office all agree on the same predictions. Everyone starts the budget debate with the same numbers. The debate will be about policy, not about whose forecast is right.

On Forecast Day, the legislators really wanted to know how much money they'll have for state spending over the next two-and-a-half years. But they pay good money for an economic forecast, so they patiently listened to the economist describe what S&P Global expects. S&P thinks there will be a mild recession at the beginning of 2023 (starting now!), with a recovery starting by July, then modest growth for the following two years. The Fed is expected to raise interest rates through the first half of 2023. S&P predicts that inflation will fall below 3 percent by the end of next year, and that the unemployment rate will top out at 5 percent in 2024.

The economist finished, and it was finally time for the revenue forecast. First came the adjusted forecast for fiscal year 2023, which ends on June 30. Revenues have been running ahead of last December's forecast, so 2023 revenue was revised upward by \$368 million.

Next, the first estimates of revenues in fiscal years 2024 and 2025. Revenues are expected to grow 3 percent in 2024, and 2.9 percent in 2025. That's growth of \$628 million in 2024 and \$616 million in 2025. All three numbers add up to about \$1.6 billion.

The Budget Agency also provided an update of state balances. By the end

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of fiscal 2023 the state expects to have \$4.8 billion in the bank.

You can see the economic and revenue forecast on the Budget Agency's website, at in.gov/sba, under "Budget Information" and "Revenue Data."

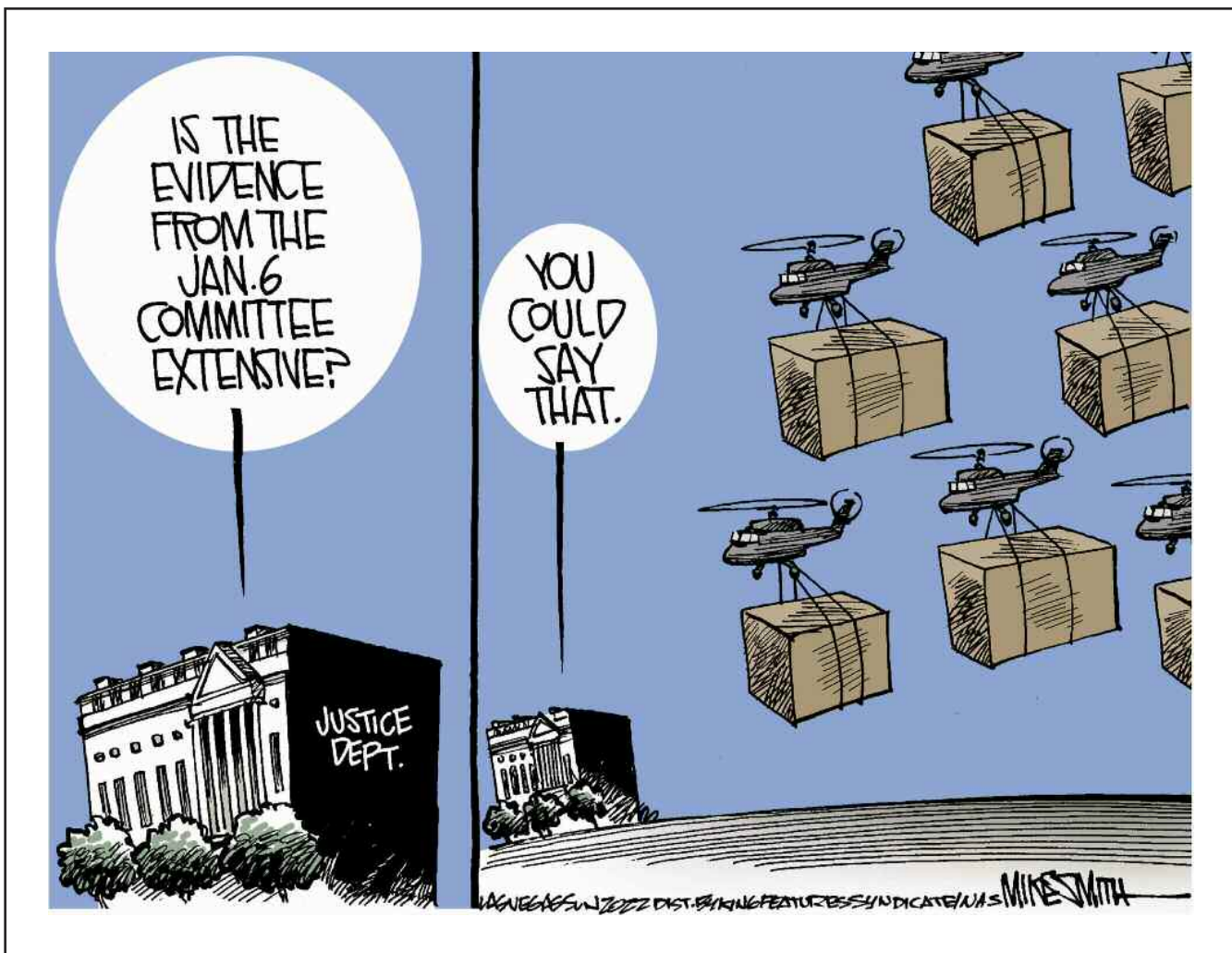
Those are the numbers, and they mean that state revenue growth is returning to normal. The past few years have been crazy. The COVID lockdown caused a one-third drop in revenues at the end of fiscal 2020 (that is, April through June 2020). The income tax deadline was delayed from one fiscal year to the next, which doubled up on income tax collections in fiscal 2021. The economy recovered rapidly starting in the second half of 2020 and into 2021. Federal COVID aid added to income and spending, accelerating income and sales tax receipts.

Instead of a revenue disaster, the recession and recovery produced a revenue windfall. Total revenues grew 8.9 percent per year on average from fiscal 2019 to 2022. Growth had averaged 3.4 percent over 2016-19. The 3 percent revenue growth predicted through 2025 reflects the expected mild recession and recovery, and the fall of inflation. There won't be big federal aid, and there won't be record low interest rates, just modest growth in incomes and sales. You know, normal.

State balances are still well above normal, though. That \$4.8 billion in balances is 22.8 percent of current revenues. They were \$2.3 billion at the end of 2019, which was 13.6 percent of revenues. Balances will be more than double that just four years later. That's even after another refund back to taxpayers, \$935 million this time, and a big \$2.5 billion transfer to cover unfunded pension liabilities.

Yes, revenue growth will slow, from spectacularly fast to merely normal. Legislators might decide to use big balances for added projects or lower taxes. But should a recession be deeper than expected, the state has the balances to cover a revenue shortfall.

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We owe young people more

By LUIS J. RODRIGUEZ

Los Angeles Times

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My grandson Joshua died from fentanyl last month.

This beautiful and vibrant young man was 22 years old. He was part of my large, blended family — white, Black and Mexican — in northern Illinois.

Joshua was technically not my blood grandson. He was the half-brother of my blood granddaughter Ana, daughter of my oldest son, Ramiro. Joshua had two other brothers, both amazing young men, one in the Army. Since they were babies, all three brothers called me "Grandpa Louie" like Ana did. The boys' father was Ramiro's best friend and a former Chicago gang youth whom I helped — although he did 90% of the work — leave behind the vice grips of street life and jails. I practically adopted him, and together we all worked hard to get out of worsening violence, drugs and crime. His sons with Ana's mom, and son with another woman, are my grandkids, no matter what.

I loved Joshua. He deserved a better world. Yes, he was troubled, like many of the struggling young people in this part of Illinois who have been affected as jobs left and drugs rushed in. Our family protected Ana and her brothers as best we could from the inner-city world their fathers grew up in — my son Ramiro ended up in prison, including for a 13½-year stretch. But drugs like crystal meth and fentanyl know no boundaries. Many well-raised and good people get snarled in their ever-expanding web. Ana is currently incarcerated for drug-related charges. Government data show that in 2021, nearly 108,000 people in the U.S. died of drug overdose — more than 71,000 from synthetic opioids, mostly fentanyl.

Chicago, not far from where Joshua lived, is my second home. I lived there for 15 years. My two

youngest sons were born there. I have a daughter and two grandchildren still in the city, and Ana has two daughters (my great-grandchildren) who live in northern Illinois. There's another granddaughter and four other great-grandchildren in the middle of the state. Now I'm in the San Fernando Valley, where I've been for 22 years. But the helplessness families often feel when they lose a loved one to drugs or violence is much the same, regardless of where you are.

No matter how many laws are enforced, how many prison sentences or police officers are deployed — often with military gear and equipment — drug and gun violence continue unabated. When Joshua died, we were remembering the gun murder a year before of the 15-year-old son of my daughter's high school friend who we also helped when she was a teenager. Her son was killed by gang youth — and he was neither in a gang or in deep trouble. When I went to Illinois recently for Joshua's funeral, we did Indigenous prayers and songs for the parents who lost sons within a year of each other (I have Indigenous roots from Mexico).

We must turn our sense of helplessness into healing and then action.

Politicians like to spout "tough on crime" policies, which for the last 40 years have been given full rein. They've failed.

Instead, let's try caring and community strengthening. Let's try faster and more comprehensive drug treatment, full mental health servic-



Luis J. Rodriguez

es and healing arts practices, which have shaped my community work in the Valley. I've advocated for these approaches when I worked with Chicano gang youth in Los Angeles during the 1970s and early 1980s; with Bloods and Crips as well as Chicago youth both in and out of gangs in the 1990s; with young people in Mexico, Central America, South America, England and Italy — and when I returned to the Los Angeles area in 2000.

In the largely working-class Latino and Black community of the northeast San Fernando Valley, my wife, Trini, and I helped create Tia Chucha's Centro Cultural & Bookstore, which also offers a program called Trauma to Transformation that sends artists, poets and theater workers to prisons, juvenile lockups and parolee housing. I know from experience that these mentoring and guidance programs help people.

Unfortunately, our leaders have not shown the political will to provide proper funding and infrastructure to reach every community in need. I appeal, then, for all of us to work together so our children, regardless of race or income, can be given a chance to thrive, not just struggle to survive.

No more helplessness. These are human-made problems that we have the creative capacity to solve. Bring the most impacted people to the fore of efforts to stop violence and destructive drug use — we can make the difference.

For all the Joshuas of the world, let us now become embracing and proactive. As South L.A. community leaders declared when brokering a historic gang peace treaty just before the 1992 L.A. uprising, give us the tools — the "hammers and the nails," if you will — and we will rebuild our communities.

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Republican House Speaker Todd Huston in November announced a desire to “reinvent” high school in Indiana during the upcoming legislative session. Since then, other GOP leaders and state education department officials have echoed the same idea.

Longtime chairman of the House Education Committee, Rep. Bob Behning, R-Indianapolis, said the state’s high school curriculum needs to better prepare students to enter the workforce and should include greater emphasis on the importance of post-secondary education.

Part of that could include making math “more relevant” by tying components like financial literacy, simple interest and mortgage rates into coursework, he said. Other options include more apprenticeship programs — and making those types of opportunities more easily count towards a student’s diploma requirements.

Indiana Secretary of Education Katie Jenner has also doubled-down on the importance of adding additional work-based learning opportunities for students and making it easier for high schoolers to access post-secondary education credentials before graduation.

“In the four years we have children in high school, how do

we really maximize that time, so they’re set up for the best possible success?” Jenner said.

Sen. J.D. Ford, D-Indianapolis, said Democratic lawmakers will renew their call to automatically enroll qualified students into the 21st Century Scholars program, a statewide grant program that supports student enrollment at two- and four-year schools.

Enrollment in the program varies across the state, with some schools reporting 80% of qualified students are already enrolled, while others have less than 8% signed up, according to the Indiana Department of Education’s new GPS dashboard.

Senate education committee chair Sen. Jeff Raatz, R-Richmond, said he supports the idea if the current requirements — such as maintaining good grades while in high school — stay in place.

Ford emphasized the need for Indiana to expand resources centered around early childhood education. The ranking Democratic lawmaker said the issue is top-of-list for other members of the party, too.

“If we want our students reading at that third grade level ... if we want to see positive graduation rates, it all starts with pre-K,” he said during a recent legislative conference, referring to the state’s dismal literacy rates reported earlier this year.

He said early education has

become an urgent issue after last year’s IREAD scores showed roughly one in five Hoosier third graders can’t read proficiently.

In response, Sen. Fady Qadoura, D-Indianapolis, said he plans to introduce a bill to expand the income eligibility for On My Way Pre-K, a state program providing pre-K grants to low-income families of four-year-olds.

Jenner noted that learning Indiana’s learning gaps “start so early,” adding “it’s imperative that we have excellent, excellent early learning in Indiana.

“I think that if we really want to scale access to early learning, we have to get bureaucracy out of the way as much as possible,” she said.

Behning maintained that his caucus “has been a strong champion for pre-k,” and said pricing for early learning “probably needs to be adjusted.”

The Indiana State Teachers Association (ISTA), the largest teachers union in the state, announced this month that its top agenda item is addressing the state’s teacher shortage, including through improved pay and benefits.

“The educator shortage crisis is real ... and the shortage has become unsustainable,” said ISTA president Keith Gambill during a news conference earlier this month. He noted there are currently about 1,500 educa-

tor job openings in Indiana, affecting over 35,000 Hoosier students.

There are over 2,800 jobs available in Indiana schools overall, according to the Indiana Department of Education School Personnel Job Bank.

ISTA’s proposed four-step plan of action for legislators emphasizes the need for educators to earn more pay. Gambill said legislators also need to improve working conditions for both teachers and students, respect educators’ voices — including expanded collective bargaining rights — and “inspiring and preparing” the next generation of educators.

Indiana Democrats and teachers union representatives have pleaded for Republicans to ditch divisive “culture war” bills that prompted protests and heated debate throughout the previous legislative session.

Despite this, Behning said he “guaranteed” such bills would still be introduced. Raatz said such bills could be entertained in his chamber, as well.

“I’m not saying we’re going to see them, and I’m not saying we’re not going to see them,” Raatz said. “But at this stage of the game, the culture war should not be proliferated in the classroom ... we need to educate. We need the basics.”

Behning said lawmakers in both the House and Senate will

introduce measures that seek to combine language from two previous contentious bills — one that sought to ban “critical race theory” from being taught in classrooms, and another which aimed to remove “sexually-explicit” materials from school libraries.

GOP lawmakers said earlier this month that they will also attempt to enact a controversial bill to restrict discussion of LGBTQ+ subjects in schools.

Behning said during a legislative conference in Indianapolis that the upcoming draft would be “similar to what Florida did in regards to sexual orientation.”

The “Don’t Say Gay” law Behning referred to was signed into law by Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis, a Republican, has been described as one of the most “hateful” pieces of legislation in the country.

Ford said the state has “more important priorities to deal with,” however.

“We will definitely be playing defense if we have to,” Ford said. “Those divisive concepts, in my opinion, always serve to divide us, and so I’m hoping that next session will be more about investing in our kids.”

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China is ending quarantine rules

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BEIJING — China is ending the quarantine requirement for people arriving in the country, the Beijing Health Commission said on Monday.

China is downgrading the danger level of the coronavirus as of Jan. 8, which means travelers will no longer have to go into quarantine after their arrival.

Currently, travelers have to spend at least five days in a hotel in quarantine, isolating and subject to close monitoring. At some points during the pandemic, incoming travelers had to go into quarantine for 21 days.

The commission said in future, travelers will only have to show proof they have tested negative for COVID-19 before departing

for China. They will not have to test on arrival.

In further gradual changes, Chinese nationals are to be allowed to travel abroad again, after being prevented from doing so under strict restrictions.

The easing comes after China suddenly ended its zero-COVID policy on Dec. 7, following almost three years of lockdowns, mass testing and other tough measures.

The authorities said the reversal was due to the fact that the new Omicron variants are less serious.

The virus is spreading rapidly in China since the change of policy. According to internal estimates that have not been officially confirmed, 248 million people, or 18% of the population, were infected with COVID-19 in the first three weeks of December alone.

Power ...

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Power was restored to most of those affected customers Sunday evening, but some areas were still without electricity Monday, according to utility maps.

As of about 11 a.m. Monday, around 500 PSE customers and around 650 Tacoma Power customers were still without power due to the vandalism, the utilities said.

PSE said around 2 p.m. Monday that power for all its affected customers had been restored. Power was restored to Tacoma Power customers by 4 p.m. Monday, according to a tweet by the utility.

“We know this has been a long couple days for our customers without power,” the utility said. “While conducting final checks, our crews discovered another issue that must be fixed before deploying a mobile substation to restore around 650 customers.”

Customers are likely to have their power back well before law enforcement officials are able to explain who broke into the substations or why they did it.

The Pierce County Sheriff’s Department still has no suspects in any of the incidents.

Moss said many substations have camera systems, but declined to say what investigators had learned by reviewing any video of the incidents. The cameras will “be a big help in the investigation, but we can’t really release ... any details just yet.”

Moss said Pierce County is taking the lead in the investigation but that federal law enforcement could be involved later. In the

meantime, Pierce residents are asked to call 911 to report any suspicious activity near a power facility.

Police were also careful to avoid characterizing the incidents as attacks or linking them to other similar incidents at power facilities in recent months.

The motives in those earlier incidents aren’t clear. But energy experts have long warned that the nation’s power grid would be a top target for domestic terrorists. Members of white supremacist and antigovernment groups have been linked to some previous plots.

A U.S. Department of Homeland Security memo warned in January that extremist groups have been creating “credible, specific plans” to attack power facilities since at least 2020. This month, two North Carolina electricity substations were shot up and damaged, causing thousands of people to lose power.

Vandals have also hit power facilities in Clackamas County, Oregon, and near Woodland, Cowlitz County, just north of Portland, according to reporting by KUOW and Oregon Public Broadcasting.

Although the four break-ins on Sunday were similar in many respects to some of the earlier attacks, Moss said it was too early to conclude whether the incidents were all coordinated and politically motivated, or whether at least some were potentially copycat incidents.

Moss acknowledged that many area residents were anxious to know who was behind the break-ins and what their motives are.



Resolutions inspired by trending health topics

Improving personal health is a popular New Years resolution. A 2020 Finder survey found that an estimated 188 million Americans planned to make resolutions to carry them into 2021. Similar numbers of people likely will put personal goals on the calendar this year. Those focused on health and wellness may consider these trending topics.

Collagen supplementation

Collagen is a family of proteins that serves as the structural component of most connective tissues in the body. Collagen production wanes as people age, but it also can drop quickly due to excess sun exposure, smoking, lack of exercise, and excess alcohol consumption, according to the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health.

Many people are interested in maintaining adequate levels of collagen, which is vital to giving skin a youthful appearance and helps to maintain healthy joints. According to Google Trends, online searches for collagen have increased steadily since 2014. Collagen has become a top-selling supplement to improve hair, skin and nails. Though human studies that



prove collagen supplementation efficacy are lacking, some randomized controlled trials have found that collagen supplements improve skin elasticity and joint mobility and reduce joint pain. Collagen supplements are thought to be safe, but people should discuss supplementation with a doctor first.

Fermented foods

More research is showing a connection between digestive tract (gut) health and immunity, and people concerned with boosting their immune systems are paying attention. Research published in the journal Cell in 2014 indicated the immune system has evolved to maintain a symbiotic relationship

with microbiota in the gut. Accordingly, when operating optimally, this immune system-microbiota alliance allows the induction of protective responses to pathogens.

Naturally fermented foods may help strengthen the gut microbiome by supplying it with healthy probiotics, according to Dr. David S. Ludwig, a professor of nutrition at the T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Some pickles, Korean kimchi, sauerkraut, and other foods can be beneficial. Consumers should look for product labels that say “naturally fermented,” which use live organisms for the fermenting process.

CBD and hemp products

Even though medical mar-

ijuana and recreational marijuana use is now legal in many parts of the country, CBD is widely being harnessed in its own right. Cannabidiol oil is a chemical found in marijuana and hemp plants. CBD doesn’t contain THC, the psychoactive ingredient found in marijuana that produces a high, advises the Mayo Clinic. CBD has been studied as a treatment for a wide range of conditions like Parkinson’s disease, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, and anxiety. The only CBD product currently approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is prescription Epidiolex for epilepsy.

Since hemp oil is high in essential fatty acids, it may produce anti-inflammatory effects and improve brain function. It is widely used in beauty products like skin creams as well. Always speak to a doctor before using CBD and related products.

Getting healthier is a common theme of New Year’s resolutions. Various health trends could affect what people resolve to do in the year ahead.

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♥ Q 5 4 2
♦ A J 9 3
♣ K Q 4

WEST
♠ A K 9 8 7 3
♥ 6
♦ Q 10 8 5
♣ 9 3

EAST
♠ Q 6 4
♥ 8 7 3
♦ 6
♣ A J 10 8 6 2

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

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

Opening lead — king of spades.

and so must avoid losing a diamond to make the contract. Before tackling the diamonds, however, he should do all he possibly can to find out how the remaining unseen cards are divided.

He starts by drawing three rounds of trump, ending in dummy, and then makes the crucial play of ruffing the four of clubs, on which West discards a spade.

The count of the hand is now complete, and South should know exactly how to play the diamonds. Accordingly, he cashes the king of diamonds, then leads a diamond and fineses the nine! After the nine holds, he returns to his hand with a trump and fineses the jack of diamonds to make the contract.

The reason South can confidently take the initial deep finesse in diamonds is based on simple arithmetic. As the play progressed, he learned that East had started with three hearts and six clubs, and he also knew from the bidding that East had started with either three or four spades. With at least 12 of East's cards in three suits thus accounted for, it followed that East could not have been dealt more than one diamond. Therefore, after cashing the king, finessing the nine and then the jack was sure to succeed.

Note that if South fineses the jack on the second round of the suit, West will subsequently get a diamond trick to set the contract.

There are many deals where the success of a contract depends on declarer's getting a precise picture of the opposing distribution. Such information may be gained from both the bidding and the play of the hand leading up to the moment where the critical decision must be made.

Take this case where South reaches four hearts on the bidding shown. West begins by cashing the K-A of spades and shifts to the nine of clubs. Dummy's queen loses to East's ace, and the jack-of-clubs return is taken by dummy's king.

South has lost the first three tricks

Tomorrow: Similar is not the same. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc.

Peanuts

Rose is Rose

Agnes

Hi and Lois

Funky Winkerbean

Blondie

Snuffy Smith

Beetle Bailey

12-27 CRYPTOQUIP

AZ W YLWEQ YLHY BWKRY-KHYT
OKZYLTKLZZA RZMWYTP WR
JWQTJP YZ YHQT DT HR H

DTDOTK? BKHY MLHEMT!

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A CELEBRITY EXCLAIMS "THAT EXPLOSION WAS STUPENDOUS!" ARE THEY FAMOUS BLAST WORDS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals M

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Exerciser's target
5 Gilbert and Sullivan princess
8 Body lotion ingredient
12 Ceremony
13 Fanatic
14 Without
15 Eve's grandson
16 Syria's capital
18 Vandalized
20 1980s Attorney General
21 Sly one
22 Vinyl records
23 Fathered
26 Fairy tale maidens
30 NPR's Shapiro
31 Eggy quaff
32 King, in Cannes
33 Moistens
36 Representative
38 Chopping tool
39 Bikini top
40 Maxim

DOWN

1 Wilma's hubby
2 Director
3 Molecule part
4 "Take care"
5 Alphabetized list
6 Group of two
7 \$ dispenser
8 Size up
9 Valentine border
10 Burden
11 Being, to Brutus
17 Clock radio
19 Pantheon member
22 Trail the pack
23 Feeling down
24 A Gershwin brother
25 Crater part
26 Two, in Acapulco
27 Before
28 Horror star
29 Command to
31 Compass dir.
34 Asian temple
35 Corp. bigwig
36 Off-tattooed extremity
37 Chess play
39 Low-voiced singer
40 Totals
41 Challenge
42 From the U.S.
43 Audition CD
44 "Casa-blanca" role
45 "Sister Act" sisters
46 Understand, slangily
48 Freedom, for short

Solution time: 22 mins.

Yesterday's answer 12-27

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Felony court news

Dealing drugs

Three people were sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to dealing drugs.

Abigail E. Weesner, 20, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing in a schedule IV controlled substance, a Level 3 felony. She was sentenced to seven years in Indiana Department of Correction with five years suspended and given credit for time served. Weesner was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe as well as a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana were dismissed.

James O. Nunn, 50, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. He was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with four years suspended and given credit for time served. Nunn was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Nunn was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment

program, the court would consider a modification to his sentence. As part of his plea agreement, his charge was lessened from a Level 2 felony, and the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Randy J. Noles, 23, 962 S. Shank St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. He was sentenced to six years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Noles was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, his charge was lessened from a Level 3 felony, and a second Level 4 felony charge for dealing methamphetamine was dismissed.

Drug possession

Several people were sentenced to serve time for drug possession.

Shawn J. Cox, 43, 317 E. Bell St., Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6

felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 30 days suspended and given 30 days credit for time served. He was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Cox was placed on probation for 335 days and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement and a Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Caytlyn M. Ingram (formerly known as Caytlyn M. Perry), 23, 628 E. Main St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but eight days suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Ingram was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of her sentencing for substance abuse counseling and placed on probation for 537 days. Amy Thornbury, 40, was

found guilty by a Jay Circuit Court jury of methamphetamine possession, a Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction and given three days for time served. Thornbury was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. She was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court may consider modifying her sentence. Thornbury was found not guilty of marijuana possession and resisting law enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors.

Bobbie L. Smith, 45, 1041 S. 23rd St., Richmond, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to two years in Jay County Jail with one year suspended and placed on probation for one year. Smith was given credit for four days served. She was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Joshua L. Clayman, 48, 642 Katelynn Drive, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methampheta-

mine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 18 months in Jay County Jail with all but 90 days suspended, given credit for two days served and placed on probation for 15 months. Clayman was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for obstruction of justice and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed. Clayman's charge was lessened from a Level 5 felony.

No license

A man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to carrying a handgun without a license, a Level 5 felony.

Joey Adams Jr., 30, was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to 2.5 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. He was fined \$1 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Adams was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider a modification to his sentence.

(Indiana no longer requires a license or permit to carry a handgun as of July 1. Adams' case was originally filed in Sept. 2021.)

Portland City Court

Judge Donald Gillespie

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Dawn M. Hines, Anderson, driving without a valid license; Alexander W. Johnson, Jacksonville, Florida, driving without a valid license; Torrance L. Stewart, Okolona, Mississippi, violating Redkey's prohibiting truck traffic ordinance and driving with a suspended license; Jessie A. Zirkle, Portland, disregarding auto signal and driving without insurance.

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Robert D. Davidson, Portland, overgrown weeds, grass or weeds taller than 8 inches and refusal to remove ordinance violations, pre-trial Jan. 4; Robert J. Bangiola, Hudson, New York, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, continue Jan. 11; Jonathan O. Edde, Portland, driving with expired plates and without insurance, pre-trial Jan. 4; Nora Mullinix, Logansport, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, continued Jan. 11.

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Pacers fall to limited Pelicans

New Orleans played without Williamson and Ingram

By **CHRISTIAN CLARK**
The Times-Picayune/
The New Orleans Advocate
Tribune News Service

NEW ORLEANS — In the second quarter, Naji Marshall whizzed a left-handed pass to Willy Hernangomez.

Hernangomez scored a layup despite getting fouled, a sequence that caused the Pelicans' lead to swell to 18 points.

Earlier this month, Pelicans coach Willie Green described Marshall as a "knife" on the floor, a description that seemed fitting based on the way Marshall sliced through the Indiana Pacers' defense Monday at the Smoothie King Center with his passing and ball-handling ability.

Marshall carved the Pacers up for a career-high 22 points and six assists in the Pelicans' 113-93 win.

New Orleans was without Zion Williamson and Brandon Ingram, its two stars, along with a score of important role players, but it routed Indiana anyway for its third straight win.

New Orleans (21-12) fell behind 14-6 with 6:55 remaining in the first quarter. Green called a timeout, and from that point on, his team dominated the game.

The Pelicans closed the first quarter on an 18-4 run.

The Pelicans brutalized the Pacers inside, hauling in 16 offensive rebounds. Center Jonas Valanciunas grabbed six offensive rebounds by himself. He scored 20 points and collected 12 rebounds for his 300th career double-double, out-dueling Pacers center Myles Turner, who had 14 points and eight rebounds.

Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton, who came into the game averaging 20.7 points and 10.5 assists, was held in check. Haliburton had seven points on 2-of-8 shooting at halftime, and he finished the game with 12 points and six assists.

Rookie Ben Mathurin was left to lead Indiana with 15 points off the bench. Buddy Hield matched Haliburton with a dozen.

The Pacers were coming off of back-to-back wins over the Boston Celtics and Miami Heat.

Indy offense flops again

By **GEORGE BREMER**
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INDIANAPOLIS — Justin Herbert finally is headed to the playoffs, and the Indianapolis Colts are closing in on a potential top-five draft pick.

Those were the takeaways from the Los Angeles Chargers' 20-3 victory Monday night at Lucas Oil Stadium.

The home team produced just 173 yards under new starting quarterback Nick Foles and was 0-for-10 on third down. It's the second time

this season the Colts (4-10-1) have failed to convert a third down and the fourth time they've failed to score a touchdown.

Indianapolis also has lost five straight games and eight of its last nine overall.

"I think we never got into a rhythm as an offense," Foles said. "I think the points show — I mean, three points ... that's never going to be good enough. So we never got into a rhythm as an offense that really got going. And that starts with the quarterback, and we have to make sure we do a good job

throughout the course of the game to try to find a rhythm."

The decision to bench veteran quarterback Matt Ryan for a second time this season was made in part with the hope Foles' big arm could open up the Colts' deep passing game.

Making his first start in a calendar year, however, Foles threw for just 65 yards in the first half and finished 17-of-29 for 143 yards with three interceptions.

He was sacked seven times, and his longest completion went for just 19 yards.

Indianapolis finished with just 10 first downs and turned the ball over on downs on each of its three fourth-quarter possessions. It's only trip into the red zone ended with a failed quarterback sneak on fourth-and-inches from the Chargers' 12-yard line on the first snap of the fourth quarter.

Only three other drives penetrated Los Angeles' territory. Foles threw interceptions on the first two in the first quarter, and the third ended with Chase McLaughlin's 46-yard field goal in the second period.

Broncos fire coach Hackett

By **PARKER GABRIEL**
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When Broncos general manager George Paton hired Nathaniel Hackett to his first NFL head coaching job 11 months ago, he hoped he was infusing a jolt of energy and offensive creativity back into a proud franchise in the midst of a six-year playoff drought.

Instead of Mile High offensive fireworks, however, Hackett installed and oversaw the worst offense in the league — a mess no number of resolute news conferences or tweaks to the coaching staff structure could solve.

Hackett was fired Monday a day after the team fell to 4-11 with an embarrassing 51-14 loss at the Los

Angeles Rams, the team announced. In a statement announcing the firing, owner and CEO Greg Penner thanked Hackett for his work while also indicating support for general manager George Paton.

"Following extensive conversations with George and our ownership group, we determined a new direction would ultimately be in the best interest of the Broncos," the statement read. "This change was made now out of respect for everyone involved and allows us to immediately begin the search for a head coach."

"We recognize and appreciate this organization's championship history, and we understand we have not met that standard."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball at Yorktown — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming in Holiday Invitational at Lima YMCA — 10 a.m.; Girls basketball at National

Trail — 6 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball at Russia — 5 p.m.

Wednesday
Jay County — Wrestling hosts East Central Indiana Classic — 9 a.m.; Diving at Homestead — 10 a.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Pendleton Heights — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
3:15 p.m. — College football: Servpro First Responder Bowl — Memphis vs. Utah State (ESPN)
6:45 p.m. — College football: Ticksmart Birmingham Bowl — Coastal Carolina vs. East Carolina (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
10:15 p.m. — College football: Guaranteed Rate Bowl — Wisconsin vs. Oklahoma State (ESPN)

Wednesday
2 p.m. — College football: Military Bowl Presented by Peraton — Central Florida vs. Duke (ESPN)
5:30 p.m. — College football: Autozone Liberty Bowl — Kansas vs. Arkansas (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins at New Jersey Devils (TNT)
8 p.m. — College football: San Diego County Credit Union Holiday Bowl — Oregon vs. North Carolina (FOX)
9 p.m. — College football: Taxact Texas Bowl — Texas Tech vs. Mississippi (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Calgary Flames at Seattle Kraken (TNT)

Thursday
2 p.m. — College football: Bad Boy Mowers Pinstripe Bowl — Syracuse vs. Minnesota (ESPN)
5:30 p.m. — College football: Cheez-It Bowl — Oklahoma vs. Florida State (ESPN)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
9 p.m. — College football: Valero Alamo Bowl — Texas vs. Washington (ESPN)

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