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Miller joins race for Dunkirk mayor

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
Both municipalities in Jay County are now guaranteed contested general election races for mayor. Jay Miller filed Tuesday to run for the Republican nomination for mayor of Dunkirk.

Miller is the first GOP candidate to file for the office. Incumbent Democrat Jack Robbins has filed to run for a second term.

Portland's ballot already featured multiple candidates for mayor, with incumbent Republican John Boggs facing challenges from Jeff Westlake and Joel Smitley while former two-term mayor Randy Geesaman has filed to seek the Democratic nomination.

Miller grew up in Dunkirk before serving 20 years in the U.S. Air Force and then spending an additional 10 years in St. Louis before moving back about 20 years ago. He had worked as a call center manager before retiring about four years ago. He is Scout Master in Dunkirk and is also commander of the Civil Air Patrol.

"I want to see this town grow," said Miller of the reason he decided to run for mayor. "And I don't think we're heading that way and I want to see it do better."

He said he wants to bring in new businesses that will employ more than just a few people. He did not get into specifics about his plans to attract larger businesses to the city, but he said he would place his focus on industry.

"Industry will bring downtown," he said. "People have to have money to spend before downtown will show up."

Miller was also a candidate in the 2019 election, finishing third in a three-way race for clerk-treasurer to Democrat Tina Elliott and independent Kelly Watson.

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Slick, improving



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Hannah Boggs, a junior at Jay County High School, builds a snow man Wednesday outside her home on the east side of Portland. Jay School Corporation closed Wednesday and today in response to the snowy weather and slick road conditions.

Jay County remains under travel advisory though conditions weren't as bad as expected

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review
It wasn't as bad as expected. Snow continued through much of the day Wednesday, covering the ground and leaving behind a slick residue on roads.

About 3.5 inches of snow fell in Jay County Wednesday. With temperatures in the mid 30s, some of the accumulation melted into slush.

As of 9 a.m. today, the county was still under a travel advisory, meaning travel or activities may be restricted in areas. Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodehamel noted she plans to speak with Jay County Highway Department

superintendent Eric Butcher this afternoon about road conditions before deciding when to lift the advisory.

"We're getting some more snow, it looks like this morning and overnight the roads got a little slick as far as the county roads and the city streets," she said.

So far, she added, there have been few slide-offs reported to Jay County Sheriff's Office and no major vehicle accidents.

Jay School Corporation closed again today, opting to implement remote learning. Schools were also closed Wednesday, with plans to make up the day Feb. 20.

Indiana Department of

Transportation workers and private plow owners and Jay County Highway Department workers cleared roads periodically Wednesday. Portland residents could be seen shoveling, snowblowing or clearing off their cars. Some youngsters built snow men.

Butcher noted all paved county roads were plowed Wednesday.

"It wasn't that bad," he said. "It melted, obviously, pretty (well). It was such a wet, heavy snow (that) the temperature was in our favor yesterday."

He added salt trucks are covering roads this morning to help with slick conditions, and they're also plowing through-

out today to tackle stone roads and widen paved roads.

Today's forecast includes a 70% chance of more snow through the early afternoon. There is a slight chance of snow tonight, Friday and Saturday, with the chance increasing Sunday. Less than an inch of snow accumulation is expected today. The low temperature tonight is expected to be in the low 20s.

Butcher pointed out a light dusting across the county today. Roads are still slick and snow-covered, he noted.

"Once again, just encourage people to be safe," he said. "Give yourself extra time and give yourself extra braking distance."



Tribune News Service/Los Angeles Times/Wally Skali

Honoring victims

A girl bows at a series of portraits of victims of a mass shooting at the Star Dance Studio on Tuesday in Monterey Park, California. The shooting resulted in 11 deaths.

Jay rate was 2.3%

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
Jay County's unemployment rate in December was more than double what it was the year before.

It was still below 3%. According to estimates Indiana Department of Workforce Development released Wednesday, Jay County recorded an unemployment rate of 2.3% in December.

The local rate ranked in the middle of the state list, coming in tied for 46th-lowest out of 92 counties.

During a run of dramatically low unemployment, Jay County's rate in December 2021 was just 1.1%. That was the lowest rate in at least 30 years.

The rate was down 0.4 percentage points from November. Vanderburgh, Union,

Randolph and Putnam counties tied Jay County at 2.3%. (It had ranked 39th-highest in the state in November.)

Local unemployment has been below 3% for 18 consecutive months. The last time it was above 4% was July 2020, coming off of the unemployment spike resulting from coronavirus pandemic shutdowns.

Jay County's rate was 0.1 percentage points lower than the statewide average.

Daviess County led the state with a rate of 1.5% in December. Boone and Hamilton counties were next at 1.6%.

Adams County, which tied for the lowest rate in November, was tied for fourth-lowest in December at 1.7% along with Posey, Gibson and Dubois counties.

Lake County took over the highest rate in the state as it came in at 4.4%. Howard County, which had been highest for four straight months, was next at 4.3%. Every other county in the state came in at 3.7% or better.

Area rates are as follows:

Adams County: 1.7%, down 0.3 percentage points, tie-fourth lowest

Blackford County: 2.4%, down 1 percentage point, tie-35th highest

Delaware County: 2.4%, down 0.6 percentage points, tie-35th highest

Jay County: 2.3%, down 0.4 percentage points, tie-46th lowest

Randolph County: 2.3%, down 0.3 percentage points, tie-46th lowest

Wells County: 1.8%, down 0.41 percentage points, tie-eighth lowest

In review

Voting for our People's Choice special section is open through Jan. 31. To vote, visit bit.ly/CRPeoplesChoice23. Winners will be revealed in a special section in the Feb. 24 edition of The Commercial Review.

Weather

About 3.5 inches of snow fell Wednesday in Jay County. There is a chance of snow tonight with a low of 21 and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour. Windy conditions will continue Friday with a 20% chance of snow and a high of 35.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Board of Works will meet at 4 p.m. Friday in the mayor's office at city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. The board's regular meeting that was scheduled for Feb. 2 has been canceled.

Coming up

Friday — Folk band to perform Saturday at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball team's game against Bluffton.



Bill to fund housing program advances

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
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A bill establishing a revolving fund known as the Residential Housing Infrastructure Assistance Program advanced in committee Tuesday but still doesn't have a price tag attached to it. "We are creating a tool for our communities to provide infrastructure for the housing needs they see fit in their communities, especially workforce housing," said Rep. Doug Miller, author of House Bill 1005.

The Elkhart Republican led a series of interim study committee meetings on housing and crafted this bill to specifically pay for the vital infrastructure needs not otherwise considered in alternate grants or programs. Miller, a homebuilder, emphasized the need to invest in rural communities, with 70% of the revolving fund dedicated to areas with less than 50,000 residents. The fund will be overseen by the Indiana Finance Authority, and the money could be used

for sidewalks, curbs, sewer, water and other infrastructure. These costs are usually built into the cost of residential development projects. By providing a funding stream to cover the basics, the hope is to reduce the cost of housing overall. "I think we're really trying to look at Indiana and say we've got opportunities across the state to help areas that haven't been helped before," Miller said. Applying localities will be evaluated on various criteria, including whether they've

recently investigated their housing in a study or revised their ordinances to include higher density housing, accessory units and manufactured or modular housing. Additional considerations include whether the community has requirements for garage sizes or placement, off-street parking or minimum lot sizes — which disincentivizes the large housing projects encouraged under this bill. The Indiana Chamber of Commerce praised the bill in

committee after highlighting the state's need for more affordable housing in a press call earlier that day. "The Indiana Workforce Excellence Institute, which is a subsidiary of the chamber, annually does a survey of employers and last year's survey shows that the top external factor that is negatively impacting talent attraction or retention... is housing," said David Ober, the organization's vice president of taxation and public finance.

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Friday 1/27	Saturday 1/28	Sunday 1/29	Monday 1/30	Tuesday 1/31
35/29	38/32	36/25	31/19	26/18
Mostly cloudy Friday with a slight chance of snow in the afternoon.	Another slight chance of snow, this time mixed with rain. There's a 50% chance of snow late.	Snow may continue into Sunday with a 30% chance of afternoon snow, with a lesser chance at night.	Cloudy throughout the day with a chance of snow at night.	More snow is in the forecast Tuesday with a 40% chance of precipitation Tuesday.

Lotteries

Powerball 9-17-20-38-40 Power Ball: 40 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$572 million	52-56-58-68-69-70-75-76 Cash 5: 15-22-26-27-39 Hoosier Lotto: 3-8-14-34-42-43 Estimated jackpot: \$8.8 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 8-7-0 Pick 4: 2-7-0-4 Pick 5: 8-1-0-1-5 Evening Pick 3: 3-5-6 Pick 4: 1-7-7-2 Pick 5: 5-9-4-6-8 Rolling Cash: 27-30-33-36-37 Classic Lotto: 3-8-11-31-41-47 Kicker: 7-2-0-7-9-3 Estimated jackpot: \$4.5 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-8-4 Daily Four: 6-9-9-2 Quick Draw: 13-14-15-22-27-28-29-32-34-40-45-52-54-56-59-64-72-73-77-80 Evening Daily Three: 5-9-5 Daily Four: 0-8-1-7 Quick Draw: 5-10-12-21-27-29-31-38-39-43-44-50-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.96 Feb. corn.....6.96 Wheat.....7.35	Wheat.....6.95 July wheat.....7.38
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.99 Feb. corn.....6.99 March corn.....7.01	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.80 March corn.....6.82 Beans.....14.99 Feb. beans.....15.02 Wheat.....7.37
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.82 Feb. corn.....6.82 Beans.....14.96 Feb. beans.....15.03	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.52 Feb. corn.....6.52 Beans.....14.82 Feb. beans.....14.87 Wheat.....7.08

Today in history

In 1654, Portugal issued a decree that Dutch and Jewish settlers had three months to leave Brazil. About 150 Jewish families fled, with 23 refugees eventually establishing the first Jewish community in New Amsterdam (New York).

In 1788, the first European settlement in Australia was formed when Arthur Phillip arrived at what is now Sydney Cove. He brought with him a shipload of convicts.

In 1888, "The Phantom of the Opera" opened in New York City.

In 2001, an earthquake near Bhuj, Gujarat, India, resulted in more than 20,000 deaths.

In 2005, Jay County Board approved a one-year contract with Cardinal Health System for pharmacy management services after it was determined that the service being provided by Pharmacy Systems Inc. was unsatisfactory.

In 2020, former Los Angeles Lakers player Kobe Bryant, along with his daughter and several others, died in a helicopter crash.

In 2022, Jay County remained rated "red" (extreme risk for the spread of coronavirus) in Indiana State Department of Health's update after setting consecutive single-day records for new cases with 49 on Jan. 19, 53 on Jan. 20 and 70 on Jan. 21. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
3 p.m. — Jay County Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
9 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment Commission executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Friday
8 a.m. — Portland

School measure rolled back

By **CASEY SMITH**
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Indiana lawmakers on Wednesday approved a bill that would further expand school choice for Hoosiers but rolled back certain provisions that would have made the program universally accessible. The bill to widen eligibility for the state's education scholarship accounts advanced 8-5 from the Senate Education Committee. Sen. Jean Leising, R-Oldenburg, joined Democrats in voting against the measure.

It now heads to the Appropriations Committee, where further deliberations will tackle the ongoing questions about how much the program will cost and who will be allowed to take part.

GOP senators who support the bill, said it would give families more options and ensure that students who don't qualify for the program now — but want to — can participate.

Still, critics say they're concerned about how much universal education scholarship accounts would cost and whether the state can afford to fund all students who are eligible to participate. Democrats maintain, too, that the program expansion would pull additional dollars away from already cash-strapped public schools.

Currently, Indiana's Education Scholarship Account (ESA) program is limited to students who qualify for special education.

Although the first draft of the bill, authored by Sen. Brian Buchanan, R-Lebanon, would have extended the program to all students — regardless of a student's education-

Measure moves forward but will not expand choice to be universally accessible

al needs or their family's income level — an amended version approved on Wednesday includes language to reserve half the appropriation just for special education students.

The latest language also limits eligibility to match income requirements in place for the state's voucher program, known as Choice Scholarships.

The income ceiling is high, however. A family of four can make up to \$154,000 annually — equal to 300% of the amount required for a student to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program.

For children who qualify and don't attend public school, the state will give an average of \$7,500 to parents to use for private school tuition, homeschool or other educational expenses.

The previous state budget appropriated \$10 million a year for the program, enough to fund about 1,300 ESAs. Fiscal year 2023 is the first year the program enrolled students. The treasurer's office reports that 143 students are participating in the program this year.

Buchanan said he's seeking the

same \$10 million for ESA funding in the next biennium, noting that the program will be "first come, first served" if the number of students who want an ESA exceeds the state cap.

"If we have to clean it up, we will, and we're already having some discussions now," Buchanan said, referring to how the state's budget writers might fund the ESA expansion. "But I don't know what it's going to be in the budget."

Several other measures also moved forward Wednesday. That included a bill to require all Indiana students — beginning with the Class of 2028 — to take a personal finance course before they graduate from high school.

Schools would have to offer a stand-alone course with curriculum centered around life skills like opening a bank account, applying for loans, and filling out tax returns. It's one of five bills that would make personal finance a graduation requirement.

State senators heard mixed testimony on a separate bill that places restrictions on high school graduation waivers and doubles down that schools can have dress codes.

Mayor ...

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Other candidates who have filed to run for election in Dunkirk are:
Democrat
Incumbent Tina Elliott

for clerk-treasurer
Donna Revolt for city council District 2
Republican
Incumbent Kevin Hamilton for city council District 1
Jacqueline Miller for city council District 2
Dan Watson for city council at-large

Capsule Reports

Sliding off

An Ohio man lost control of the truck he was driving on Indiana 26, causing him to slide off the road into a ditch about 7:13 a.m. Monday.

Daniel J. Schmitmeyer, 23, Coldwater, told police he was driving a 2008 Chevrolet Silverado west on the highway when he began to slide. He lost control of the truck, causing it to go into a ditch on the north side of the road.

Its trailer detached and rolled onto its top, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage. The truck is registered to Fortkamp Enterprises of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Garage door

A Fort Wayne woman crashed the vehicle she was driving into a person's garage door about 3:42 p.m. Sunday.

Jennifer A. Andrews, 38, was delivering a package to Brian Homan's house in rural Pennville when the 2020 Mercedes-Benz Sprinter she was driving

struck the garage door.

Andrews told police her vehicle went forward after she put it in park.

The vehicle she was driving is registered to Principle Merchants Leasing of Hooksett, New Hampshire. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Pole struck

A Portland teen driving on county road 350 South hit a pole about 8:47 p.m. Sunday.

Rosealynne S. Smith, 17, Portland, told police she was driving a 2015 Chevrolet Cruze east on the road when she drove off the side of the road and into a ditch.

She subsequently crashed into a utility pole, which was not damaged, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

The vehicle she was driving sustained between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

SERVICES

Today
Bales, William: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.
Fields, Robert: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.


Friday
Miller, Robert: 11 a.m., Rock Run Church of the Brethren, 64985 county road 33, Goshen.

Saturday
McAbee, Edith: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Monday
Hedges, James: 11 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

Tuesday
Johnson, James: 5 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

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Junior, senior high students made honor roll

Jay County Junior-Senior High School recently announced its honor roll recipients.

Making the list were sophomores Alyssa Aker, Chloe Alexander, Adam Alig, Brenna Bailey, Sean Bailey, Madison Baker, Rhyanne Baldauf, Carter Barton, Emily Bell, Alyssa Best, Coryn Blalock, Alexa Bravo and Kristen Bromagem.

Also Paighton Bromagem, James Brunswick, Griffin Byrum, Kane Camara, Rose Carter, Keegan Cavanaugh, Melanie Cavanon, Dylan Chalfant, Keira Corwin, Makenzie Cox, Olivia Cox, Kadon Craig, Benjamin Crouch, Ellie Darnell, Morgan DeHoff and Adriene Denney.

Also Eli Dirksen, Meredith Dirksen, Jenna Dues, Gretchen Elliott, Corey Emery, Jasmine Esparza, Megan Faller, Krishna Flores Banuelos, Maliah Fosnaugh, Luke Fugiett, Caden Gambill, Ethan Gillum, Ayla Grabner, Cheyenne Greene, Jocelyn Haggard, Ares Hambrook, Trenten Hamilton, Courtney Harris, Brady Hess, Isaac Homan, Jayla Huelkamp, Kenzie Huey and Alannah Hurley.

Also Jordyn Hutzler, Kylee Jackson, Blake Kahlig, Alexis Kirk, Elayna Knipp, Kayden Lawhead, Austyn LeMaster, Emma LeMaster, Lina Lingo, Gretchen Link, Myra Lopez Gonzalez, Savannah Lugar, Jaelynn Lykins, Dylan Marentes-

Estrada Landon Mills-Blowers, Aubrey Millspaugh, Audrey Muhlenkamp and Daisy Muhlenkamp.

Also Duston Muhlenkamp, Levi Muhlenkamp, Austin Myers, Alan Navarro-Garcia, Elizabeth Nuckols, Cameron Paxson, Cassie Petro, Gabe Pinkerton, Alana Plessinger, Ciara Priest, Emma Ransom, Layne Reidt, Zoe Romine, Adamaris Ruiz-Herrera, Brenden Runyon and Inara Sanderson.

Also Austin Schoenlein, Carlene Shaneyfelt, Peyton Shannon, Jozey Shimp, Sophia Shumaker, Breanne Siegrist, Gage Smith, Kenleigh Smith, Destiney Smitley, Madelyn Snow, Rylee Sollars, Sophia Sprunger, Ella Stockton, John Stofira, Zedrian Vasquez, Tatiana Ventura-Willis, Carter Wellman, Heavyn Willoughby, Mallory Winner, Gavin Young, Grace Yowell.

Freshman named to the list were Reba Ashcraft, Camden Barnett, Elizabeth Barnett, Seth Bee, Garrett Bennett, Vincente Blazquez Jr., Rhysin Blowers, Joseph Boggs, Braylee Bow, Jazilyn Braden, Francisco Bravo, Jacqueline Bravo, Anna Brewer, Dominick Bright, Austin Carter, Kaiden Castillo, Anthony Castro-Martell, Brennan Chrisman and Lincoln Clamme.

Also Gavin Clay, Renee Claytor, George Clemmons, Kaileigh Compton, Rainah Cross, Adrianna

Dailey, Cody DeHoff, Cara DeRome, Trevor Der-ringer-Brock, Andrew Detto, Meah DeVoe, Logan Doll, Max Dues, Audrey Evans, Faith Faulkner, Lauren Fisher, Matthew Fisher, Cole Forthofer, Camden Fraley, Carter Fugiett, Paisley Fugiett, Nayeli Gonzalez Lopez, Emma Hatzell and Finley Hatzell.

Also Maria Hemmel-garn, Sadie Hernandez, Sophia Hoevel, Callie Houck, Natalee Hough, Kaylin Hudson, Brady Jetmore, Kayla Jetmore, Lillian Johnson, David Keen, Maisey Keller, Jacob Kellogg, Max Klopfenstein, Mya Kunkler, Nicholas Laux, Madalyn Link, Callie McCowan, Jacob Monroe, Luke Moser, Drew Muhlenkamp, Lani Muhlenkamp, Rayma New-some, Raylah Newton, Canyon Nichols, Joseph Nichols, Johnathon Pier-cy, Haley Ridenour, Jacob Robinson and Katelyn Rowles.

Also Andrew Scheme-naur, Mikalah Shauver, Alexis Sibray, Kaidon Sills, Anthony Smith, Jacey Smith, Kevin Smith, Carson Snyder, Kade Somers, Andrew Stouder, Gradin Swoveland, Grayson Swoveland, Kennedi Teegarden, Kenzie Tobe, Camille Tweedy, Rockelle Van Note, Noah Walter, Nevaeh Wellman, Grant Wendel, Paityn Wendel, Avery Wentz, Elaina Whitehead, Calie Yates, Emily Young, Peyton Yowell.

Eighth graders on the

list were Caylin Aker, Erin Aker, Kadence Allred, Jensen Avery, Boston Bar-rett, Emmarie Barton, Ariel Beiswanger, Taven Bentley, Wyatt Bihn, Corbin Bishop, Dakota Blalock, Aubrey Bland, Kya Bland, Beckett Branden-burg, Brenna Brewster, Jenna Bricker, Brooklynn Bright, Leighton Brown, Rhoen Brown, Chloe Byrum, Peyton Carpenter, Bryden Carter, Kaprei Cochran, Blake Collins, Hunter Collins and Christopher Comer.

Also Shawn Crabtree, Andrew Davidson, Conner Davis, Declan Earnhart, Skyler Esparza, Melia Fosnaugh, Wyatt Foster, Harley Franks, Alexander Frazee, Tessa Frazee, Madison Gage, Opal Gar-rett, Caleb Garringer, Stephen Garringer, Joseph Gessaman, Olivia Gillum, Trinity Glassford, Dawson Goldsworthy, Miriam Graber and Gavin Hambrook.

Also Elijah Howell, Julian Hudson, Lydia Johnson, John Lin, Jason Linn, Grant Linville, Lexi Litmer, Ella Littler, Lucyn-da Mace, Austin Lothridge, Ab Martinez-Martinez, Coleton May, Liam McBride, Alison McGraw, Jocelyn Minch, Morgan Missicano, Chloe Muhlenkamp, Stanislaus Muhlenkamp, Angie Navarro-Garcia and Fletcher Nichols.

Also Hina Ohba, Madis-on Paxson, Nevaeh Petty, Ava Raines, Gavin Ray, Kaiden Reynolds, Ella Rigby, Adria Roessner,

Efren Ruiz-Herrera, Moa Sakamoto, Brenna Schmiesing, Hallie Schwi-eterman, Cierra Smith, Jaley Stephens, Elijah Stockton, Allison Tipton, Lynzie Tobe, Carley Trinidad, Isabel Vasquez, Brock Wasson, Audrey Watson, Jacob Weitzel and Clark Wellman.

Seventh graders named to the honor roll were Kavyn Adams, Makenna Avery, Paislee Ballard, Brayden Barlow, Raif Beiswanger, Rockland Beiswanger, Ava Bice, Elena Bihn, Makayla Bishop, Bristol Brewster, Madalyn Brewster, Chloe Brown, Bo Brunswick, Elizabeth Brunswick, Ivan Brunswick, Emilee Buck-ner, Brooklynn Byrum, Gavin Byrum, Katie Calvert, Kadyn Carpenter, Evelyn Carter and Mylee Castillo.

Also Mariela Castro-Martell, Porter Clamme, Cameron Coats, Aeroelet Cooke, Cooper Cooke, Douglas Cox, Grace Coy, Amara Crawford, Braxton Cross, Emmeline Crouch, Jaxson DeHoff, Kevin Dues, Draven Eley, Gabriel Enyart, Noah Enyart, Abby Fifer, Kaitlyn Fisher, Maria Flores Banuelos, Kynleigh Folkerth, Elias Fosnaugh, Ava Franks and Oakland Gaerke.

Also Tyeron Galloway, Alexander Garcia-Ben-itez, Sadie Garringer, Cooper Glentzer, David Graber, Emma Graber, Martha Graber, Mattie Graber, Mille Graber, Westy Haskett, Isaac Haw-baker, Amelia Heath, Gra-

cie Hidy, Emalyn Homan, Halle Homan, Jessie Homan, Harlow Hough, Mallory Hudson, Renna Hurt, Cody Jacobs, Drake Jacobs, Amanda Jones, Emma Kavy, Lyla Kunkler, Cheyenne Ladewig, Matthew Landon, Troy Lee, Audrey LeMaster, Peytonlynn LeMaster, Frederick Lingo and Emma Lloyd.

Also London Lloyd, Corbin Lothridge, Aiden Loyd, Avery Lykins, Ava May, Natalie May, Kohen McIntire, Bentley Mertz, Raylynn Meyer, Alexander Miller, Emma Miller, Parker Moore, Presleigh Moore, Zoey Moore-Carlin, Alyvia Muhlenkamp, Owen Muhlenkamp, Dani-ca Myers, Kali Newell, Allison Paul, Gabrielle Petro, Jadalyn Plessinger, Gabriela Raines, Hailee Randall, Braelyn Rath-bun, Brayden Ray, Mavrick Reier, Ammillia Rhum, Alexander Rivers, Caleb Roesch and Brenna Ruble.

Also Alexis Schoenlein, Peyton Schoenlein, Kylie Shannon, Parker Shan-non, Adrian Shawver, Alivia Shawver, Cohen Shimp, Cooper Shimp, Kent Siegrist, Kason Sims, Harper Smith, Nicholas Snow, Adam Stephen, Lane Stephens, Cambria Stewart, Michael Swartzentruber, Carson Tarter, Bailey Towell, Tyler Wasson, Rachel Wengerd, Allie Westfall, Carson Westgerdes, Samuel Westgerdes, Joel Wilson and Danielle Wright.

Beneficiary may have used gift for other purposes

DEAR ABBY: I have a moral and ethical dilemma. I nominated a co-worker for a benefit through our company. The person was awarded what I consider to be a good sum (\$5,000) for replacement hearing aids.

Seven months have gone by and this person "still has the check" and hasn't used the money for its intended purpose. They bought two "beater" cars and took a trip to New York City.

I feel like I was duped. Should I call the hotline and let the foundation know my suspi-

Dear Abby



foundation that sent the generous check, explain your concerns and leave the ball in their court. They may, indeed, wish to follow up — and possibly inform the police — if there was fraud involved.

DEAR ABBY: I'm stuck in a rut here. My girlfriend is anxious and depressed. I love her very much, and I want to help her. I understand that someone with anxiety and depression can be a handful, but some-times I feel like I'm dealing

with too much. My girlfriend is so deep in this state that no matter how I try, it seems like she doesn't want my help at all. How do I deal with this? I feel like I'm going mad. — NEED GUIDANCE IN THE EAST

DEAR GUIDANCE: I am sure you love your girlfriend very much, but it is important to realize that depression and anxiety are medical conditions. YOU cannot "fix" them.

The most helpful thing you can do for your girl-friend would be to convince

her to discuss what's going on with her doctor so she can be referred to a licensed mental health provider. Medications are available that could help her, as well as talk therapy, which she may also need.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips.

Contact Dear Abby at Dear-Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today
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.

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

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

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.

Monday, Jan. 30
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

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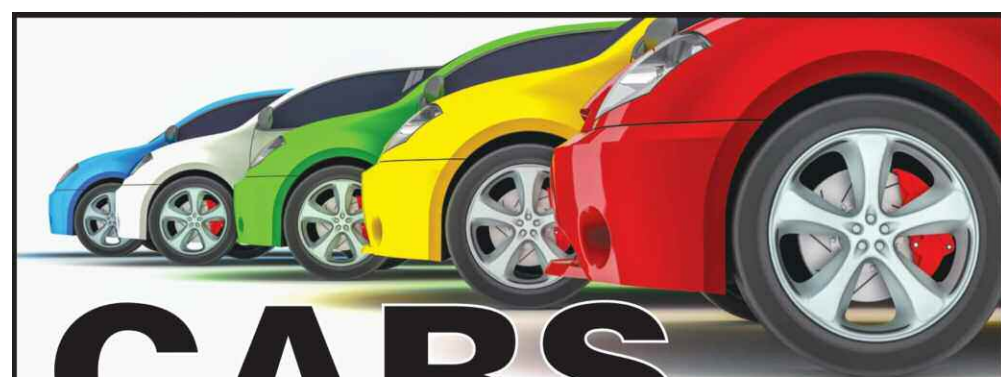
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State needs to invest in education

By **MORTON J. MARCUS**

How far back should we look to evaluate where we have been and where we are going?

What factors should we consider?

The wise analyst/consultant picks that period of time and those factors which makes the folks paying the bill happiest.

Since this column won't pay me enough to buy a breaded tenderloin sandwich, I'll pick what I think is most helpful for all of us to know.

The average wage per job in Indiana paid \$64,909, 21st in the nation in 2021. (These data from the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis don't provide the median — for those who read last week's column.) That puts Indi-

Eye on the Pie



ana \$6,108 below the national average.

Over the past decade, without adjustment for inflation, the average Hoosier wage grew by 3%, the 17th highest in the U.S. But we don't live in the present alone. We carry the past with us.

Over the 50 years from 1971 to 2021, our average rate of growth in wages ranked 36th among the 50 states. In 1971, Indiana's aver-

age wage was 2.6% below the national average; in 2021 Indiana was 8.6% short of the national average pay.

(Please don't start that dribble about our low cost of living; wages determine housing prices which are the biggest factor in the cost of living.)

Wages, salaries and bonuses are forms of compensation. Without adjustment for inflation in the past 24 years, compensation of Hoosiers grew annually by 3.4% compared to 4.2% for the nation. The result: Indiana workers went from 2.1% of total compensation nationally in 1997 to 1.7% in 2021.

Compensation of workers is the biggest piece of Gross Domestic Product (GDP). In

1997, Hoosier workers got 57.5% of the state's GDP; in 2021 it was 52.5%. That five-percentage-point decrease was greater than the nation's 1.1 point drop.

Workers in 2021 got a smaller part of the value of the goods and services they provide than they did in 1997. And it was worse in Indiana than nationally.

For Hoosiers it's been a double whammy. A smaller share of GDP and a slower rate of GDP growth in Indiana (3.8% annual average) than in the nation as a whole (4.2%).

There you have three facts: Although 1) Indiana recently is doing better than in the past quarter century in average wages, 2) the weight of deficient

GDP growth, and 3) a declining share of compensation from GDP, presses down on the economic opportunities for Hoosiers.

Our problems will not be resolved by competing with Asian companies, but by outperforming companies in the U.S. and Europe who produce more distinctive products and services. Computer chips, like corn chips, are just commodities.

Our investments should advance innovative economic resources — such as educated children and adults.

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The nonsense has lasted long enough

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

The recurring farce of lifting the US government debt ceiling began again this week.

As total debt surpasses \$31.4 trillion — the current statutory limit — the Treasury is undertaking a series of bookkeeping maneuvers to disguise new borrowing and keep the government operating. At some point, these methods will be exhausted. If Congress doesn't vote to increase the limit, new borrowing could be halted and outright debt default is possible.

The farce demands that this dire result gets headed off at the last moment, but it might be unwise to take this for granted. A system that envisages the mere possibility of a self-inflicted default proves that, when it comes to fiscal incompetence, the U.S. Congress leaves no path unexplored. When this pantomime was last played through almost to the end, in 2011, default was indeed avoided — but financial markets were destabilized, the country's credit rating was cut, and taxpayers faced nearly \$20 billion in additional borrowing costs.

It should hardly need saying that this malpractice ought to stop.

Defenders of the current rules say that debt-ceiling negotiations provide at least a semblance of fiscal discipline. One analysis found that every major deficit-reduction deal between 1985 and 2011 resulted from such fights. Yet if the debt limit was ever an effective tool, it no longer is: Debt has increased to roughly 95% of gross domestic product (not counting intragovernment obligations), up from 78% in 2019. That figure is on track to keep rising. Pressure on Congress to restrain government borrowing might very well be needed, but the nuclear option of a threatened default is partly self-defeating. People assume it won't happen, which serves to neutralize the deterrent effect — until one day, by accident, it does.

Avoiding such a needless disaster should be a priority. Once the debt ceiling is reached, and the creative accounting is all exhausted, payments that service government debt should be required to continue. The rules could specify automatic cuts in other spending and increases in taxes sufficient to avoid new borrow-

Guest Editorial

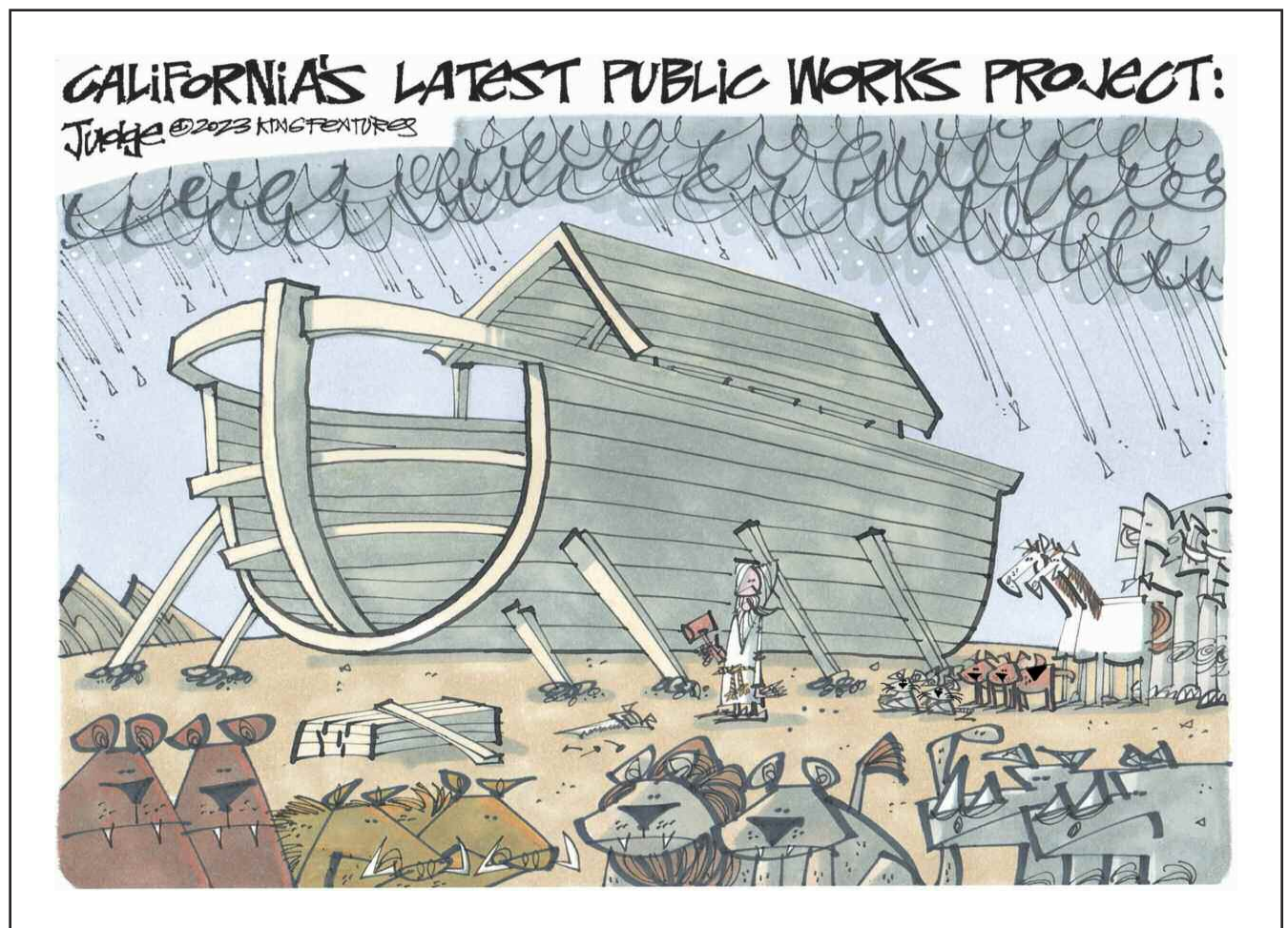
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ing. That might well involve shutting down much of the government and interrupting vital programs — an adequately dramatic outcome to exert some discipline, should that be necessary, but not so grave that it would be seen as all but impossible. In other words, a more effective deterrent.

To be sure, some more thoroughgoing reforms to fiscal policy would be preferable.

Congress could, for instance, replace the limit on the nominal value of debt with one defined by the ratio of debt to national income (a far better measure of fiscal sustainability). It might change the hard limit to a threshold that triggers gradual, not sudden, remedial measures. It could revive and strengthen "PAYGO" provisions that match revenue to increased spending. It should certainly avoid blockbuster "omnibus" spending bills and restore the largely abandoned process of actually analyzing budget proposals before enacting them.

Even if such ideas continue to go nowhere, Democrats and Republicans can surely agree on two things. First, public debt cannot safely be allowed to keep rising at the projected rate. Second, purporting to solve this problem by threatening to default on the country's obligations is nuts.



Film is a view to the present

By **BILL TORPY**
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

The Atlanta History Center's new documentary about Stone Mountain has lots of grainy black-and-white film of the Ku Klux Klan rallying atop the big rock.

Then the storyline gets more unsettling. It has color film of a cross burning in 1973, just a year after the Confederate carving was finished, complete with a Klansman saying "Burn, (N-word), burn!"

The past, to twist Faulkner's quote, wasn't that long ago.

Stone Mountain is history and at the same time is very present.

Atlanta History Center CEO Sheffield Hale told me the documentary is "timely. There's a high-level of interest in this."

The state legislature is now considering allocating \$11 million to refurbish a building at the park and create a "truth-telling" museum to narrate the story of the massive carving. And the digital documentary is spreading the story online and, as Hale says, is demonstrating that the history center is not just "terrestrial."

This ain't your grandfather's Atlanta History Center, kids.

The 32-minute documentary tells the story of the origin of the massive carving of Stonewall Jackson, Jefferson Davis and Robert E. Lee astride their ginormous horses. It's the Holy Trinity of the Confederacy. The documentary presents it as a tribute to the Lost Cause, the capping point to the widespread effort across the South after the Civil War to mythologize the losing side's heroes and goals.

And to make sure Black folks knew their place.

It's expertly crafted with several learned talking heads interspersed with historical footage, soundbites and factoids.

It tells the story of the effort early in the last century to create a Confederate colossus forever to be revered. It was a memorial that wasn't

going anywhere unless you had artillery to blast it away.

The effort to carve the mountain gained steam in 1915 after the movie, "Birth of a Nation," a groundbreaking film which also was an ode to the Confederacy and the Klan. In fact, it helped revive the white-sheeted terrorists and Stone Mountain was its kicking-off point.

Certainly a shameful chapter. Yet, it is history.

The carving was started by Gutzon Borglum, who later did Mount Rushmore. But it remained unfinished until after the U.S. Supreme Court's 1954 Brown v Board of Education decision which outlawed racial segregation in schools. The effort to finish the carving was Georgia giving the world's largest middle finger to the federal government.

Hale said the history center is not advocating the destruction of the carving or anything like that. It's just trying to kick off "a real conversation" about the monument, which dominates the park, a place that attracts people from all races.

"That's the conversation; should we have a 3,000-acre park that's a monument to the Confederacy?" Hale asked. "It's not just an artifact from a time of massive resistance (to desegregation). This is backed, by law, by the state."

At the end of the documentary, Hale reads from the Official Code of Georgia, an act created in 2001. It says, the "heroes" who are "graven upon the face of Stone Mountain shall never be altered, removed, concealed or obscured in any fashion and shall be preserved for all time."



Bill Torpy

Or at least, that is, until some future legislature comes into office decades later and thinks differently.

The 2001 act came about as a compromise in the effort to remove the Confederate battle flag from the Georgia state flag. Former Gov. Roy Barnes, who opined in the documentary, had to agree back then to enshrine the carving into law to remove the stain of the Confederacy from the state flag. A year later, Barnes got run out of office by angry voters.

So, given the current makeup of right-leaning legislature, it seems, the carving is safe for now.

Beverly "Bo" DuBose is a longtime Atlanta History Center board member who decades ago donated his family's huge collection of Civil War artifacts to the Atlanta History Center, making it the largest such collection under one roof.

"To tear (Stone Mountain's carving) down just because it makes someone feel bad or good has no advancing point," he told me. "In today's environment, it is politically incorrect. (The effort) didn't start out that way. But those who finished it, well, that was a different story."

Either way, he said, it is history.

Today, many Confederate memorials are being curated with markers being erected nearby to tell the story of how the Lost Cause was mythologized. Stone Mountain would certainly need a big marker. Or, a museum.

State Rep. Billy Mitchell, a Black Democrat who represents the Stone Mountain area, has tried to pass a law allowing localities to remove such monuments, to no avail.

Of Stone Mountain's carving, he'd like to see the state stop maintaining it and allow weeds, kudzu and dirt to start covering the granite heroes. "Let nature do its thing," he told me. "After while, you'd never know they were there."

Like they say about old soldiers — they could slowly fade away.

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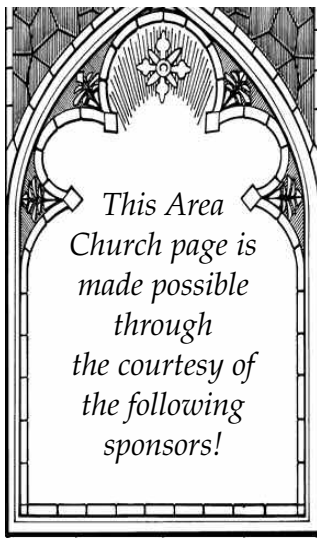
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Scott McClain
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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nanybell@yahoo.com

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190 W. Main St., Pennville
Gary Newton
(765) 669-1070
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thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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churchofthemoshtolytrinity.com

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Rev. Darrell Borders
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nbholiness.com

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Chuck Myers
(260) 251-0063
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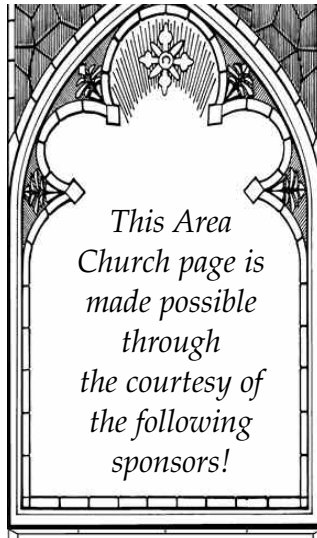
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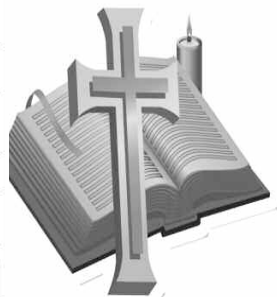
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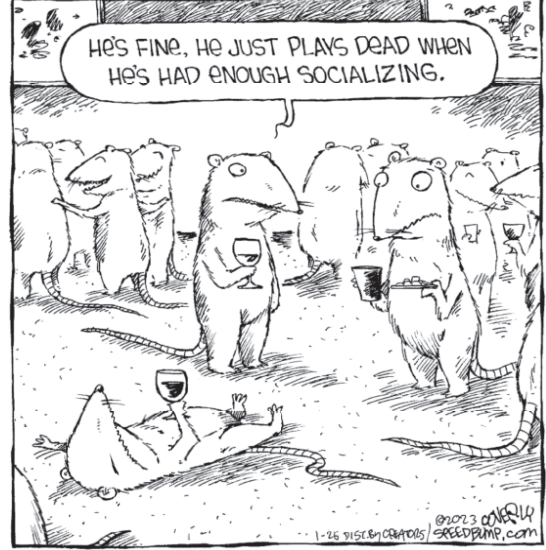
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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 ♠ A K Q 6
 ♥ A Q 5
 ♦ J 10 8 2
 ♣ Q 8

EAST
 ♠ J 9 5 2
 ♥ K 9 8 4
 ♦ —
 ♣ A K J 10 3

SOUTH
 ♠ 10 3
 ♥ J 7 6
 ♦ A K Q 9 5
 ♣ 9 7 2

The bidding:
 East 1♣ South 1♦ West Pass North 2♣
 Pass 2♦ Pass 5♦

Opening lead — four of clubs.

One of the more interesting types of squeeze plays is the one known as the Vienna coup, so named because it supposedly was first executed in Vienna.

The principal feature that distinguishes this squeeze from others is that declarer at one point in the play deliberately establishes a high card for one of the defenders. The purpose of this maneuver is to prevent the dummy or his own hand from becoming squeezed instead of one of the defenders.

Take this case where East won the first two club tricks against five diamonds and continued with another club, ruffed in dummy. South now had to score the rest of the tricks to make the contract.

Relying on a heart finesse appeared futile since East almost certainly had the heart king for his opening bid. The only hope, therefore, was to play for a squeeze. For the squeeze to succeed, declarer had to hope that East would have to guard spades as well as the king of hearts.

The first move was to cash the ace of hearts. This play — the establishment of East's king as the high heart — was a necessary preliminary to the eventual squeeze.

The rest of the play followed standard lines. South simply cashed all of his trumps, discarding the Q-5 of hearts from dummy.

At this point, declarer's hand consisted of the 10-3 of spades and J-7 of hearts, while dummy's last four cards were the A-K-Q-6 of spades.

But on the last trump lead, East, holding the J-9-5-2 of spades and king of hearts, also had to come down to four cards. No matter what he discarded, South was bound to score the last four tricks.

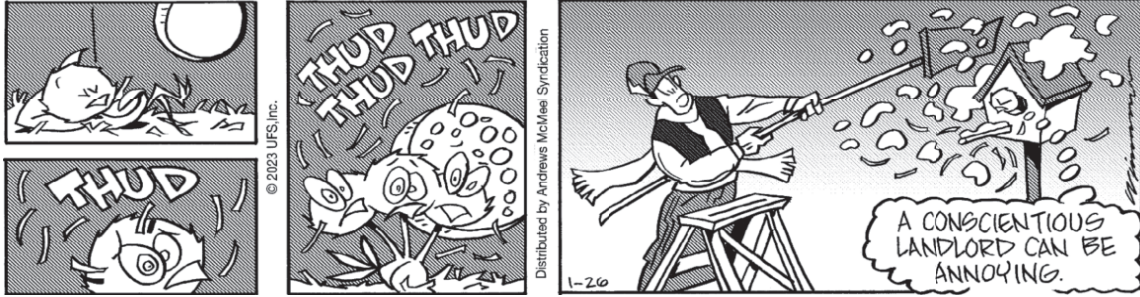
Observe that the squeeze would have failed if the ace of hearts had not been cashed earlier. Dummy would have been squeezed instead, and declarer would have gone down.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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Peanuts



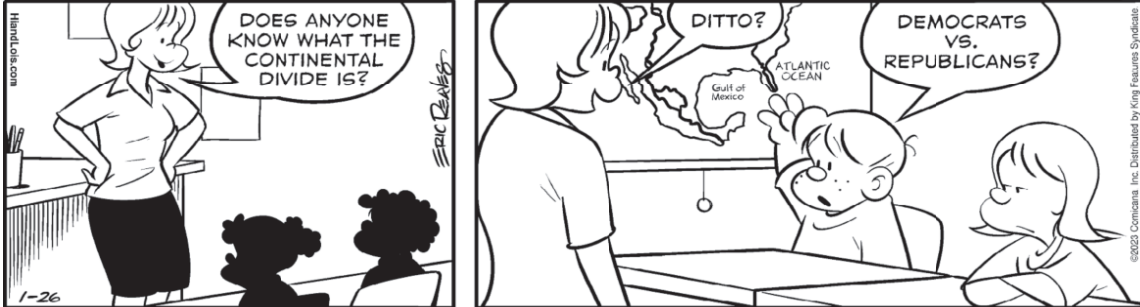
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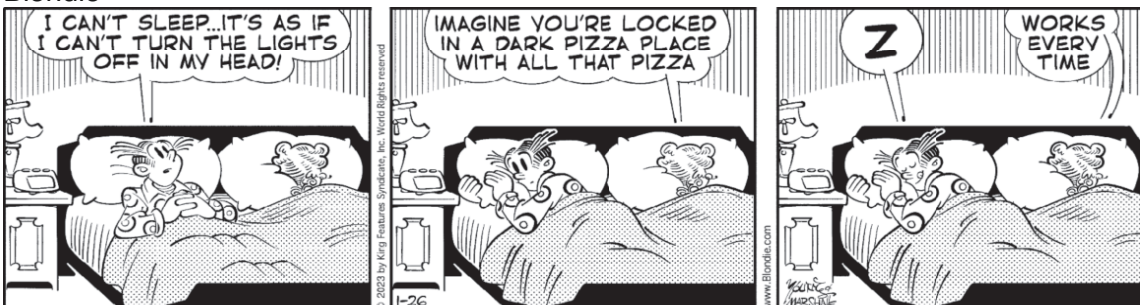
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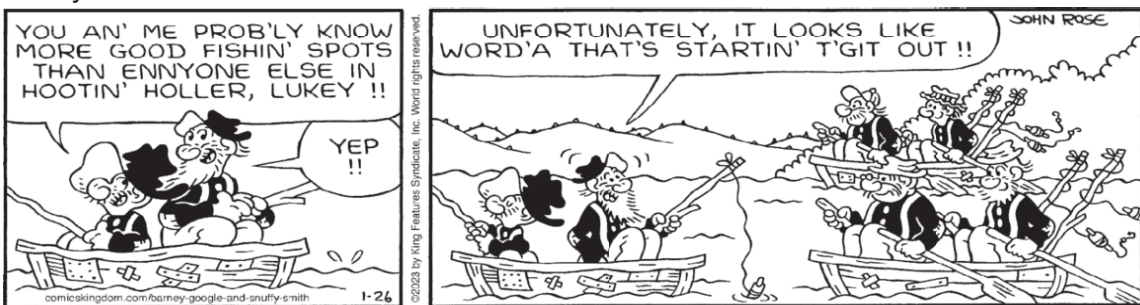
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Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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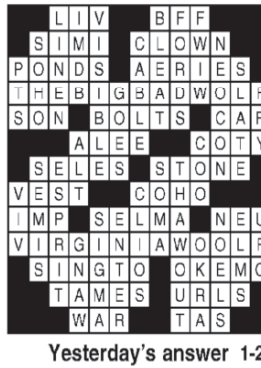
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals Y

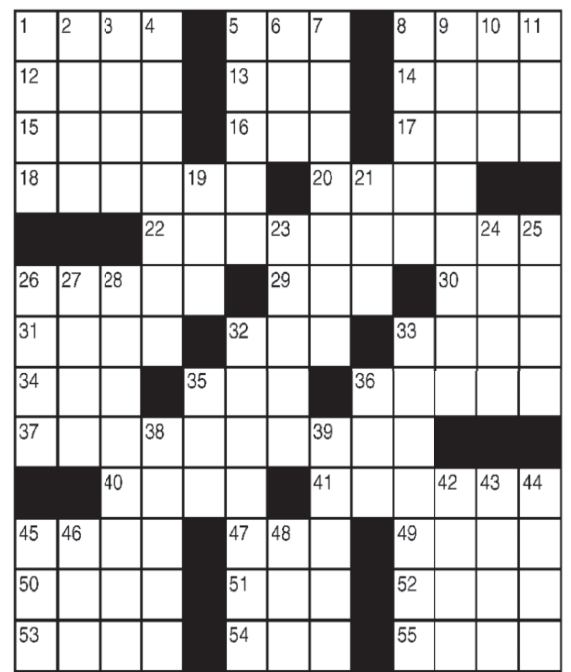
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS	35 Goal	DOWN	11 "Xanadu" band
1 Long tale	36 Autumn	1 Boot camp	19 Roman 401
5 Use a straw	37 Chauffeur	2 Mr. Guinness	21 Italian "three"
8 Teen's woe	40 "Zounds!"	3 Pop singer	23 Heat setting
12 Smooth-talking collection	41 Macaroni shapes	4 Refrain (from)	24 Grand tale
13 Literary collection	45 See to	5 Malia's sister	25 Decays
14 Postal delivery	47 Squeeze (out)	6 — jiffy	26 Genesis brother
15 Saw-bucks	49 Israel's Abba	7 Ginger ale	27 Arias for one
16 Erie Canal mule	51 Wardrobe malfunction	8 Expensive violin	28 Blog remarks
17 Florence's river	52 Comedian	9 Travel groups	32 Followers of jays and swifts
18 Rob Roy spirit	53 Org.	10 French diarist	33 Iced desserts
20 Jazzy James	54 Rds.	10 French Anais	35 Nabokov novel
22 "House of Gucci" actor	55 Dance move		36 — canto
26 PC character set			38 Poet Nash
29 Anger			39 #2 execs
30 Mil. address			42 Life story?
31 Benefit			43 Ebb
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Midwest Dems form Heartland Caucus

By JUSTIN PAPP
CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Debbie Dingell's quest for a leadership position within the House Democratic Caucus came with a map.

The image, shared by Dingell in November as she was vying for the coveted vice chair position, is of the United States, with stars denoting the districts represented by Democratic House and committee leaders.

The map shows clusters in California, the Northeast and mid-Atlantic regions; a smattering of stars in the Southeast and Pacific Northwest; and a total void in the middle of the country.

It's evidence to Dingell, who lost her vice chair bid to Ted Lieu, a Californian, of a coastal bias within the party that she hopes to correct with the creation of the Heartland Caucus, one of the 118th Congress' newest member groups.

Dingell announced plans for the group in December and officially launched the caucus at a news conference Wednesday. It's composed largely of members from the Great Lakes region seeking to remind their party leaders that they are "not



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Allison Shelley

U.S. House Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Michigan) speaks during a press conference after a House Democratic Caucus meeting at the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. Dingell helped create the Heartland Caucus, one of the 118th Congress' newest member groups.

fly-over country," as Minnesota Rep. Ilhan Omar, and several of her colleagues, put it.

"Part of our challenge is, we have no one from the leadership in any position. ... So this is one of the realities that we face over and over and again," Rep. Marcy Kaptur of Ohio said, gathered around a

lectern in the Longworth basement with roughly a dozen of her Heartland colleagues.

Kaptur, who has been in the chamber since 1983 and is the longest-serving woman in congressional history, has been a member long enough to remember when the Midwest held serious sway in the House.

Missouri Rep. Dick Gephardt was majority leader from 1989 to 1995, then minority leader from 1995 to 2003. And David Bonior of Michigan was Democratic whip from 1991 to 2002. But in recent years, power has concentrated on the coasts.

The top Democratic leaders in the 118th Con-

gress come from New York, Massachusetts, California and South Carolina.

Heartland Caucus members present were from Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota and Ohio, though the group's boundaries are not yet firmly established. Rep. Brian Higgins, who represents Buffalo, New York, has expressed interest in joining, though he was not present at the news conference.

Leaders said they anticipate about 40 members to join and listed manufacturing, labor, rural health care, infrastructure and the environment among the group's top issues.

"We must ensure that as we're creating policy in Washington, we are prioritizing the views, the values and issues of these communities at home that are too often overlooked — not integrated into policy consideration and core congressional action," Dingell said.

The group coalesced in the wake of the November midterms around a shared feeling that the region is being ignored, despite its significant contributions.

Dingell noted that the Great Lakes provide more than 20% of the world's freshwater supply. Michigan Rep. Rashida Tlaib

said 25% of the country's trade moves through her state on its way to Canada. And Rep. Mike Quigley, who represents parts of Chicago's North Side, touted the hot dogs, the Chicago-style pizza and the Italian beef consumed throughout the country.

Several members also noted the region's importance in presidential politics, a hot topic as President Joe Biden and the Democratic National Committee have suggested making Michigan an early primary state.

"All roads to majorities, to the White House, go through the heartland of America," Dingell said.

Despite the group's grievances, in typical Midwestern fashion, its members struck a cordial tone.

Dingell said Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries of New York, Minority Whip Katherine Clark of Massachusetts and Democratic Caucus Chair Pete Aguilar of California have all been receptive to the Heartland Caucus' concerns. And Rep. Joyce Beatty of Ohio repeated multiple times that the goal of the group was not to start internecine conflict.

"This is about unity and not about (division). It's about recognition," Beatty said.

Felony court news

Drunk driving

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to drunk driving.

Chad D. Carpenter, 43, 129 W. 300 North, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 450 days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for time served. Carpenter was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee.

The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for one year retroactive to Feb. 23. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more was dismissed.

Dealing drugs

Two Jay County residents were sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony.

Ariel L. Gallo, 30, 628 E. Main St., Portland, was sentenced to 11 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Gallo was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Gallo was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon

completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying her sentence. As part of her plea agreement, her charge was lessened from a Level 2 felony, and the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 4 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a notice of intent to seek habitual offender status.

Phaedra A. Brotherton, 50, 410 E. Max Drive, Pennville, was sentenced to 12 years in Indiana Department of Correction with five years suspended and given credit for time served. Brotherton 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 would consider modifying her sentence.

Battery

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony.

Ali Carreno, 2367 W. Indiana 26, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two

days credit for time served. Carreno was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence victim assistance fee.

Common nuisance

A Dunkirk man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Evan V. Lowe, 20, 322 Arlington Ave., Dunkirk, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all of his sentence suspended and given two days credit for time served. Lowe was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 361 days.

He was ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for dealing marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Forgery

A Portland woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty to forgery.

Paige N. Curtis, 24, 509 East Arch St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given 328 days credit for time served. Curtis was fined \$1

and assessed \$185 in court costs. She was ordered to pay \$1,489 in restitution to the benefit of Gary Stolz. As part of her plea agreement, three counts of forgery, all Level 6 felonies, were dismissed.

In a separate case, she pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all of her sentence suspended and placed on probation for one year. She was fined \$1 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

Her charge was lessened from a Level 6 felony for escape, a charge given for running away from lawful detention.

Burglary

A Redkey man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to burglary.

Donald D. Kimble, 25, 9852 W. 500 South, Redkey, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to four years in Indiana Department of Correction and assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for theft was dismissed. (His burglary charge was lessened from a Level 4 felony.)

Theft

Two Indiana residents were sentenced to jail after pleading

guilty in Jay Superior Court to theft, a Level 6 felony.

Jason L. Newman Jr., 47, 2305 Gilford Drive, Fort Wayne, was sentenced to 910 days in Jay County Jail with a sentence enhancement of 2,190 days. Newman was given credit for 322 days served, fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay restitution to the following: \$5,856.95 to Walmart, \$677.99 to Nathan and Lindsey Holmes and \$80 to James Hurst. As part of his plea agreement, two Level 6 felony charges for theft were dismissed.

Carol D. Vanalst, 120 N. Commerce St., Portland, also pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to resisting law enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. She was sentenced to 743 days in Jay County Jail and given 743 days credit for time served.

Privacy invasion

A Portland man was sentenced to serve time in jail after he pleaded guilty to invasion of privacy, a Level 6 felony.

Daryl L. Cooper, 73, 2981 U.S. 27, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 546 days in Jay County Jail and given 336 days credit for time served. Cooper was assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for intimidation was dismissed.

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Third in 200

Sophia Hoevel of Jay County High School swims the 200-yard freestyle Tuesday during the Patriots' double win over the Burris Owls and Blackford Bruins. Izzy Regnault of Burris won the event, JCHS freshmen took the next two spots with Lauren Fisher second and Hoevel third.

Kunkler leads breaststroke sweep

The Pilots are undefeated in 2023.

A former Patriot has been a big contributor to that success. Vivienne Kunkler, Jay County High School class of 2019, won one individual event and contributed to a first-place relay as the Bethel College women's swim team defeated Olivet 179-75 and Manchester 202-50 on Saturday.

After going 3-6 in dual meets during the 2022 portion of their schedule, the Pilots are 3-0 in the new year.

Kunkler's victory came in the 100-yard breaststroke, which she won in 1 minute, 8.16 seconds. She led a top-three sweep of the event for

Collegiate Check-up

Bethel, winning by more than three seconds over teammate Emma McClelland with Murphy Crawford placing third.

Her relay victory came by more than eight seconds as she joined Kayla Logeais, Jaylyn Harrison and Paula Ronda Bou for a time of 1:53.92 in the 200 medley.

Kunkler was also the runner-up in the 200 breaststroke and teamed with Emma McNama-

ra, Lara Galy and Crawford for third in the 400 freestyle relay.

Alli Vaughn Fort Recovery - 2021

Led the Huntington University women's basketball team in scoring and rebounding Wednesday in a 75-60 loss to NAIA Division II No. 7 Indiana Wesleyan.

Vaughn hit three 3-pointers and made all of her four free-throw attempts for the Foresters (8-14) as she finished with 15 points. She also matched teammate Emily Seboe with six rebounds while adding two steals and two assists.

The sophomore had a team-high six boards, four points, one

steal and one assist Saturday in a 76-61 loss to Grace.

Eliza Bader Jay County - 2021

Competed for the Ball State University women's swim team in Saturday's 167-132 loss to Miami.

Bader, Apsara Sakbun, Lilia Newkirk and Jenn Gillen teamed to place fourth in the 200-yard medley relay in 1:49.03. She was also eighth in the 50 freestyle with a time of 25.12.

Val Muhlenkamp Fort Recovery - 2020

Was one of four University of Findlay women's basketball players to score in double fig-

ures Saturday in a 76-68 loss to Malone.

Muhlenkamp scored 12 points for the Oilers (4-15) while also sharing the team high of four rebounds. She added two assists and one steal.

The junior also had two points, two rebounds and a steal Jan. 19 in UF's 84-42 loss to top-ranked Ashland.

Lindy Wood Jay County - 2022

Ran Saturday for the University of St. Francis women's track team in the Mastodon Invite hosted by Purdue Fort Wayne.

Wood finished 27th in the mile run, posting a time of 6 minutes, 20.09 seconds.

IU holds off Gophers

By ANDY GREDER

Pioneer Press Tribune News Service

The short-handed Golden Gophers put up a serious fight, but they couldn't hold off the Hoosier momentum.

Indiana University's men's basketball team fought off Minnesota, which was short two more players because of injuries, to pick up its fourth straight win, 61-57.

Minnesota was down to seven scholarship players after Gophers' leading scorer Dawson Garcia and top freshman Pharrel Payne were ruled out Wednesday afternoon.

As if what plagued Minnesota could spread, Hoosiers head coach Mike Woodson was out with COVID-19, and associate head coach Yasir Rosemond took over.

Indiana star forward

Trayce Jackson-Davis did play Wednesday, and the reigning Big Ten Player of the Week inflicted pain on the Gophers. His put-back layup on Race Thompson's missed free throw with 43 seconds left gave Indiana a 59-57 lead. Jackson-Davis finished with 25 points and 20 rebounds.

IU has won four in a row, with victories over No. 18 Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan State and Minnesota.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.; Swimming at Marion — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. St. Henry — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. St. Henry — 5 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Seventh grade girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Versailles — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball (including freshmen) at St. Henry — 5 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling hosts sectional — 8:30 a.m.; Gymnastics at Western — noon; Boys basketball at Blackford — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball in Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament at Southern Wells — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming in Coldwater Invitational at Jay County — noon; Girls basketball vs. Troy Christian — 12:45 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at New Knoxville — 9 a.m.; Seventh grade girls basketball Midwest Athletic Conference Tournament at Versailles — 10 a.m.

TV sports
Today
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: SMU at Memphis (ESPN2); Iowa at Michigan State (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics (TNT)
9 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Arizona Coyotes (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Phoenix Suns (TNT)
10:30 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open semifinals (ESPN)

Friday
3:30 a.m. — Tennis: Australian Open semifinals (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Farmers Insurance Open (CBS)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Louis at Davidson (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Detroit Red Wings at New York Islanders (ESPN)

10:05 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX — Pumas UNAM vs. Tijuana (FS1)

Saturday

3 a.m. — Tennis: Australian Open — Women's final (ESPN)

Noon — Men's college basketball: Auburn at West Virginia (ESPN); Minnesota at Northwestern (BTN); Louisville at Notre Dame (ESPN2)

12:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Xavier at Creighton (CBS)

1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Nebraska at Iowa (FOX)

1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — Rolex 24 at Dayton (NBC)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Alabama at Oklahoma (ESPN); Iowa State at Missouri (ESPN2); Marquette at DePaul (FS1)

2:30 p.m. — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — Rolex 24 at Daytona (USA)

3 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Philadelphia 76ers (ABC)

3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Wisconsin (FOX)

4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: TCU at Mississippi State (ESPN2); Arkansas at Baylor (ESPN); Seton Hall at Butler (FS1)

4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at Maryland (BTN)

4:30 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Farmers Insurance Open (CBS)

5:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: New York Knicks at Brooklyn Nets (ABC)

5:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona at Washington (FOX)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Texas at Tennessee (ESPN); Florida at Kansas State (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Penn State at Michigan (BTN)

8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas at Kentucky (ESPN); Ohio State at Indiana (FOX); Mississippi at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)

8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics (ABC)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: San Jose State at San Diego State (FS1)

10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Saint Mary's at BYU (ESPN2)

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