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Smiley is new visual arts director

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Arts Place needed a new visual arts director.

It turned to a familiar — smiling — face.

Allison Smiley, a former Arts Place intern, starts her role as the new visual arts director today.

“It’s a good thing her last name is Smiley, because she’s smiling all the time,” joked Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci.



Smiley

Smiley, who takes over the role after Kim Anderson left it to teach art at Jay County Junior-Senior High School, spent three summers as the organization’s Arts in the Parks intern.

“She is familiar with the teaching artists,” Carducci added. “She’s obviously worked very well with the staff.”

“It’s rare to find somebody with a bachelor of fine arts in a small community. Her qualifications are perfect.”

In addition to her time with Arts Place, those qualifications include working for the Ball State University School of Art and Disability Services departments and a Ceramics Guild member during her time at Ball State. She has also been a Conservation Tales illustrator.

Smiley is looking forward to getting to put those qualifications to work.

“I’m really excited for it,” said the 2018 Winchester High School graduate, noting that she heard the usual criticisms about lack of opportunity when she decided to pursue a fine arts degree. “There’s a lot of resources out there for artists. It’s nice to be able to do what I love and help others do what they love and be creative.”

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Photo provided

Damn Tall Buildings — Avery Ballotta, Max Capistran and Sasha DUBYK — will visit the Jay County Campus of Arts Place in Portland to perform at 7:30 p.m. Saturday. The band performs bluegrass music with a mix of blues, roots-rock and swing. Tickets are available at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland, by calling (260) 726-4809 or online at myartsplace.org.

Bluegrass buskers

By RAY COONEY
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Sunshine, flowers and dew, you don’t have to give any of them up. Music either.

That’s the spirit of Damn Tall Buildings.

The three-member band that started out busking in Boston will bring its bluegrass spirit to Portland this weekend as it performs at 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place.

Avery Ballotta, Sasha DUBYK and Max Capistran play around a single microphone and hope to make their concerts a personal experience.

“It’s very conversative,” said Ballotta. “We like to talk with folks whether we can see them through the lights or not. We definitely feel people’s energy ... It feels kind of like an intimate living room concert, but in any size venue.”

“It feels really nice to connect with our audience. I think that one big thing is, especially starting out, we were just trying to make it through and put on a good show and stuff. And nowadays we’re a little bit more

relaxed and just really love playing the songs that we play and do some fun covers and a lot of originals.”

Ballotta, who is from Bozeman, Montana, got started playing violin when he was 9.

His bandmates have similar stories.

Capistran, a New Hampshire native, wanted to be a drummer, but his parents turned down that request and got him a guitar.

DUBYK, who grew up in Philadelphia, was primarily a vocalist before picking up the bass after joining the band. (“And now she rips,” Ballotta said.)

They met when they were studying at Berklee College of Music, coming together to play on the streets of Boston.

“We really built our friendship

while busking,” said Ballotta, who now also does a lot of song writing and composing. (Capistran recently put out a solo album and DUBYK, who studied music therapy, runs a music school out of her Brooklyn home.) “We would get up and play tunes on the weekend. Or, like, if we had an off day from class and stuff like that, we would go just play a lot of blues and rock and roll and folk songs, and I’d bring in fiddle tunes.”

“It just kind of turned into this thing that we did regularly and had a really great time with and then it just started turning into like, ‘Let’s actually play some gigs,’ kind of all very organic. And then 10 years later, here we are.”

“Here” includes three

albums — their debut “Cure-All” in 2014, a self-titled album a year later and “Don’t Look Down” in 2019. They blend blues, roots-rock and swing along with bluegrass with original songs including “Angeline’s Blue Dream,” “Loving or Leaving” and “Green Grass and Wine.”

Their extensive list of tour dates includes a show in East Lansing, Michigan, tonight before their visit to Jay County — tickets are available at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland, by calling (260) 726-4809 or online at myartsplace.org — followed by a trip next weekend to the Folk Alliance International Conference next weekend.

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Wind leads to watch

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

High winds and blowing snow worsened road conditions Thursday afternoon.

But plows are back on the roads again this morning.

Jay County bumped to a travel watch at 3:17 p.m. Thursday, advising travel should be for work and emergencies only.

The county had been under a travel advisory — it means travel or activities may be restricted in areas — since 7:16 a.m. Wednesday.

Mercer County implemented a Level 1 snow emergency Thursday evening and lifted it this morning.

Jay School Corporation closed schools for the third day in a row, opting for remote learning. Fort Recovery Local Schools also closed.

County bumped up travel restriction as conditions worsened in rural areas

Officials on Thursday morning had expected to lift the advisory. But conditions changed.

Jay County Emergency Management Agency director Samantha Rhodehamel explained Thursday that windy conditions led to snow blowing over north-south roads, making them difficult to plow. Jay County Highway

Department workers stopped plowing after 3 p.m. Thursday. Highway superintendent Eric Butcher pointed out the open fields surrounding rural roads offer no wind break.

“All we’re doing is burning fuel,” he said Thursday.

But as of this morning, plows are making headway on rural roads again.

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Buck LeMaster plows the 9-4 Nutrition parking lot at 206 W. Main St., Portland, on Wednesday. Jay County shifted to a travel advisory at 3:17 p.m. Thursday, advising folks to travel for work and emergencies only.

In review

Tickets are on sale for Jay County Civic Theatre’s production of “The Laramie Project.” Performances are scheduled for Feb. 17, 18 and 19 at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place and Feb. 25 at Blackford County Arts Center. Tickets are available at Arts Place, by calling (260) 726-4809 and at myartsplace.org.

Weather

The high temperature Thursday in Jay County was 34 degrees. The low was 24.

Tonight’s forecast calls for a chance of rain and snow with a low of 27 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Skies will be cloudy Saturday with a high of 40.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Coverage of today’s Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday’s JCHS boys basketball game at Blackford.



Director ...

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Her new role focuses on Arts Place's ArtWorks classes and the summer Arts in the Parks program. It also involves exhibits, though Carducci said the hope through a restructuring process is to hire an additional staffer to handle that area.
Both Carducci and Smiley said they'd like to see the Arts Place programs expand. Carducci mentioned veterans, senior

citizens and those with disabilities. Smiley added that during her internship she heard requests for more opportunities for parents and their children to take classes together.
"We'd like to grow the visual arts program," said Carducci. "We really want to expand the target groups that we're serving."
Smiley has been interested in art since she was a child — "I've

always just kind of had a pencil in my hand, since I could hold onto one" — with a specific interest in drawing. Her work was also featured a couple of times in Arts Place's Regional Student Art Show.
She said she gravitates toward abstract art, including artists Jen Stark and Cy Twombly, and the various reactions it can draw from viewers.
"I just feel like you can see so

many different things in it," said Smiley, who also studied psychology at BSU. "I was really interested in seeing how the human mind works in relation to art. I just really like to be able to look at a painting or artwork and see something. And then I might go over to my friend and they would look at it and they might see something completely different. I like that it's up to interpretation."

Buskers ...

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(It is billed as the world's largest gathering of the folk music industry and community.)
"It's a funny thing," said Ballotta. "It's a whirlwind. ... You get the official showcase stuff during the day, and then the unofficial showcases go from like 8 p.m. to 3 in the morning in people's hotel rooms. ... It's like a really condensed musical festival vibe."
And what about that name?
Well, it comes from the bandmates' fandom of songwriter John Hartford, whose "In Tall Buildings" tells the story of a man who had to cut off his hair, get a suit and leave the sunshine, dew and flowers behind to instead work in tall buildings.
The song laments so much time spent in those buildings and away from the things he loved.
"It's kind of our play on that and kind of our response to that notion," Ballotta said. "We're bringing a little bit of a very sweet shock with the 'damn' part, reminding all of us, ourselves included, that we can really do what we love and find joy and pursue what we love and enjoy. And it's just as valuable if not more so than trying to hunker down and grind."

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Saturday 1/28	Sunday 1/29	Monday 1/30	Tuesday 1/31	Wednesday 2/1
40/33	38/22	27/11	21/8	24/9
There's a 60% chance of snow throughout the night. Otherwise, cloudy.	Snow or rain may continue into Sunday with a 30% chance of precipitation.	Cloudy skies are in the forecast for Monday with the low dipping to 11.	There's a slight chance of snow Tuesday. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Wednesday's forecast shows partly sunny skies with the low reaching 9 at night.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$572 million	40-46-48-50-53-61-64-65-69-70-71-72-73-75-79-80 Cash 5: 25-26-27-34-45 Estimated jackpot: \$490,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 1-6-1 Pick 4: 3-7-5-5 Pick 5: 6-3-0-1-8 Evening Pick 3: 3-3-1 Pick 4: 1-5-2-4 Pick 5: 9-7-3-8-1 Rolling Cash: 1-2-7-15-28 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
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Today in history

In 1756, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart was born Johannes Chrysostomus Wolfgangus Theophilus Mozart in Salzburg, Austria. He is known as one of the greatest composers in history for works including operas "The Magic Flute" and "The Marriage of Figaro."
In 1851, John James Audubon died at his home in New York City. The artist and naturalist is famous for his paintings and drawings of North American birds.
In 1880, Thomas Edison patented the incandescent lamp. He and English physicist Sir Joseph Wilson Swan developed light bulbs independently, with litigation leading to the formation of a joint company three years later.
In 1944, the army of the Soviet Union pushed German and Finnish forces out of Leningrad (now St. Petersburg). The victory ended an 872-day siege of the city.

In 1973, the Vietnam War came to an end as the Paris Accord was signed. It laid out details for exchanging prisoners and U.S. forces withdrawing from South Vietnam.
In 2009, Jay County Council approved the purchase of the former First National Bank building, 126 N. Meridian St., Portland, as the county's third annex building. Owned by MainSource Bank after a foreclosure, it was being sold for \$130,000.
In 2022, Jay County Chamber of Commerce announced finalists for the Jay County Community Awards, with John Coldren and Phil Frantz, Greg Franklin and Sandy Bulp nominated for the The Spirit of Vicki Lifetime Achievement Award. (Franklin was honored with the award posthumously during a ceremony in May following his death on March 22.)
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Citizen's calendar

Friday 8 a.m. — Portland Redevelopment 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.
Monday 6 p.m. — Jay Commissioners and Jay Council joint session, auditorium, Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	

Watch ...

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Butcher noted the wind direction is changing today, meaning that drifting will likely affect east-west roads as the day progresses.

About 3.5 inches of snow fell on Jay County throughout Wednesday, and another inch of snow accumulated Thursday. Winds whipped at 18 miles per hour with gusts reaching up to 29 miles per hour in the late morning and late afternoon.

Today's forecast shows a high of 25 with a 30% chance of more snow in the evening. Winds again will be between 15 and 20 miles per hour with gusts up to 35 mph. Rain is possible late with more blowing snow, leading into Saturday's forecast with a 60% chance of rain.

Rhodehamel and Butcher agreed to keep Jay County under a travel watch

Forecast shows chance of more precipitation

until around noon today before reassessing the roads and weather.

If temperatures increase enough today to help pack down the snow, Butcher added, it may help lessen road hazards. He noted road conditions varied across the county.

"It's kind of back like it was over Christmas, you've got spots of roads that are perfectly fine, but then you'll run over some problem areas that are having to get plowed two or three times just because of the unrelenting wind," he said.

Felony courts

Drug possession

Several people were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to dealing drugs.

Eric A. Shultz, 39, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 4 felony. He was sentenced to eight years in Indiana Department of Correction with four years suspended and given credit for time served. Shultz was placed on probation, fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying his sentence. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 5 felony for criminal confinement with bodily injury and a Class A misdemeanor for domestic battery were dismissed.

Taylor D. Mason, 28, 1803 S. Walnut St., Muncie, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 66 days suspended and given 66 days credit for time served. Mason 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, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 5 felony for possession of a narcotic drug, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Jason L. Melton, 44, 313 E. High St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 120 days credit for time served. Melton was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correc-

tion fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A infraction for driving with a suspended license was dismissed.

Justin M. Franklin, 37, 314 W. 10th St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given eight days credit for time served. Franklin 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, charges for unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony, and possession of paraphernalia, a Class C misdemeanor, were dismissed.

Matthew A. Cook, 30, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to two days in Jay County Jail and given two days credit for time served. Cook was fined \$25 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

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, placed on probation for one year and given credit for time served. Smith was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. Smith's charge was lessened from a Level 5 felony.

Jeremiah T. Hill, 35, 1745 Hale Ave., Fort Wayne, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. He was sentenced to five years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Hill was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

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Win on the Wabash offers scholarship

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The organization will award 22 seniors with \$500 scholarships, according to a press release. Two seniors from each of the following high schools will be selected: Fort Recovery, Jay County, Coldwater, St. Henry, Marion Local, Versailles, Fort Loramie, Parkway, New Bremen, Minster and New Knoxville.

To be eligible, applicants

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must be a United States citizen, enrolled at one of the above mentioned schools as a senior and active in the community.

Applications must be completed fully with a 300-word

maximum essay and letter of recommendation.

Applications are available online by visiting wowraffle.com/scholarships. The deadline to apply is March 31, with scholarship winners notified by April 30.

Statehouse page

Local students can spend a day again as an Indiana House of Representatives page during this year's legislative session.

Indiana students ages 13 to 18 have the opportunity to

assist lawmakers and staff with daily duties and tour the governor's office, Indiana Supreme Court and House and Indiana Senate chambers.

Page opportunities are available Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays through the end of April. Visit indianahousepublicans.com/pageprogram or call (800) 382-9841 to sign up.

Honors

The University of Saint Francis announced its academic honors for the fall semester.

Making the president's list with GPAs of 3.9 or higher were Paige Bihn of Fort Recovery and Kenna Kahlig of Portland.

Named to the dean's list — undergraduates must have GPAs of 3.5 to 3.89 and graduate students must have a 3.75 GPA or higher — were Ian Liette and Lindy Wood of Portland, Carrie Schmit and Allison Jobe of Pennville and Paige Fortkamp, Brenna Homan and Bailee Tebbe of Fort Recovery.

Mother's Facebook posts strike a nerve

DEAR ABBY: My daughter passed away nine years ago. She was almost 13. My mother never bothered to have a relationship with her when she was alive. But now, on every birthday and anniversary of her passing, Mom posts on Facebook how much she misses her and how "close" they were. Her friends all send messages of love addressed to Mom, with no mention of my husband and me. It hurts and upsets us, but I don't know how — or if — I should talk with her about it. — GRIEVING MOM IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR GRIEVING MOM: Please accept my

Dear Abby



from posting what she wants on her page, but you can spare yourself the upset you experience when you see it if you stay away from Facebook on these occasions.

DEAR ABBY: I am a closeted lesbian in my teens and scared about coming out. I recently moved to an area of the country that is full of racists, sexists and homophobes. Most of my friends are really religious. One of them has said bad things about gay people and what she would like to do to them. I'm scared to come out to them.

I have only come out to a

few people, but I know my family will accept me no matter what. I would really like to feel comfortable around my friends as my true self, but I'm not sure how I can do that. — YEARNING TO BE ME IN THE SOUTH

DEAR YEARNING: Because you are sure your parents will be supportive and accepting, come out to them. However, unless you consider coming out in your community to be SAFE, you shouldn't do it. You can find friends on the internet. Social media can provide friendships until you are old enough to

leave the area you now live in. This is what many young LGBTQ people do. You have a wonderful life ahead of you, and you should come out when you feel the time is right.

DEAR ABBY: How does one handle visiting a patient who is in the hospital for tests or a procedure when they have an attention-seeking person sitting with them the entire time? The patient is up for visitors and able to communicate, but this extra person — who is not who you have gone to see — monopolizes the entire visit. I offered to

give the person a break so I could actually visit the patient, but the hint was ignored. Any suggestions? — DREADING VISITATION IN OHIO

DEAR DREADING: Before you visit, call the patient and ask if a visit is welcome AND IF THERE IS A TIME WHEN YOU CAN BE ALONE. If the answer is no, wait until the patient is out of the hospital to visit. Between you and me, when someone is in the hospital, that person should rest rather than "entertain" anyone, with the exception of closest family members.

Ask yourself if you're ready to adopt

By DOUGLAS HANKS

Miami Herald
Tribune News Service

If you think your home is ready to adopt a dog, what's the next step?

Here are five questions to answer:

1. Have you tried fostering a dog or cat first? Municipal kennels usually are eager to have people take in cats and dogs even if it's not on a permanent basis. Serving as a foster home for a dog or cat can also be a good training run for adopting a pet full time.

2. Are you planning to move? Housing is the No. 1 reason owners surrendered their dogs, according to data collected between 2018 and 2020 by 24Petwatch, a microchip company. As the rental market tightened in 2021 and 2022, shelter managers reported tenants finding it harder to secure homes where the owner allowed pets. So even if your current living situation allows for a dog, consider whether you might be apartment hunting in

the future. And it wouldn't hurt to confirm a landlord's existing pet-friendly policy will continue. "It's not just: Are you going to move?" said Flora Beal, public affairs manager for Miami-Dade County's Animal Services Department. "It's also: Have you checked with your landlord first?"

3. Would an older dog be the best fit? Some rescue groups are dedicated solely to senior dogs, a label that the American Animal Hospital Association applies for dogs and cats that have passed through 75% of their expected lifespan. Advocates for older dogs point out they're likely to be fairly mellow and predictable in temperament, compared to younger ones. Especially if the other option is a dog closer to the puppy stage. Still, an older dog likely means a faster arrival of health issues that often come with advanced age.

4. Are you happy to add pet expenses to your budget? Owning a dog isn't cheap, but neither are

restaurants, vacations and many hobbies. So file pet ownership under life enrichment but with the responsibility that comes with caring for a new household member. A 2022 survey by Rover, which runs an online listing for dog walkers, found dog owners reported recurring canine expenses of \$40 to \$290 a month. The widest range within that budget: dog food, from \$18 monthly for kibble to nearly \$200 for refrigerated gourmet offerings. Note: The list of core dog expenses doesn't include boarding for trips away from home, which runs \$35 to \$60 a day for top Rover.com listings in the Miami area.

5. Have you spent some time at a shelter first? Most municipal shelters have active volunteer programs, where people are trained to help walk and socialize dogs living there. It can be a good way to get to know various dogs up for adoption, too, while helping brighten day-to-day conditions for animals even if one doesn't come home with you.

Community Calendar

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

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 — BRANNA'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

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call

Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

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.

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Thursday's Solution

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We should take a look at spending

By **LEO MORRIS**

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When the coal started running low at the mine my father worked in, he considered several options.

The one he decided on was to relocate from Kentucky to Fort Wayne, which had two major advantages. It was large enough to have plenty of employment opportunities not involving coal mines, and his sister and her husband already lived here and could help his family navigate the new environment.

Not once did he think about the comparative tax rates, the cost-of-living implications or the quality-of-life amenities advertised in Chamber of Commerce brochures.

Whether to relocate is a complicated decision, myriad factors coming into play that are different for each individual potential migrant. It is not the

Leo Morris



simple cause-and-effect choice sociologists seem to be fond of.

And here I am, my father's son, having lived in Fort Wayne off and on all these years, now happily retired and pursuing my goal to grow old disgracefully. It matters not one iota to me on a personal basis, therefore, that Republicans in the General Assembly might explore the possibility of eliminating the state income tax. As someone on a fixed income, it would however matter to me very much if they proposed an increase in one of the taxes affecting my cash flow, such as property, sales or excise taxes.

It turns out that being a "taxpayer friendly" state is complicated, too, involving much more than telling mostly conservative voters in a mostly conservative state that elimination of a specific tax is under consideration.

Unless, of course, you are delusional and think the state will simply do without the money now collected by the income tax. It brought in about \$8 billion last year, accounting for nearly 39 percent of the state's total revenue haul. However much of that amount the state decides to keep spending, it will have to get the money someplace else.

Will it raise property taxes after spending years bragging about how much it has cut them? Will it bump up sales taxes, already on the high end at 7 cents on the dollar, not to mention any local add-ons? Will it start charging fees for everything we now take for granted as free? Will it be satisfied with the \$1 billion a year it already collects in gam-

bling taxes or encourage us to make even more foolish bets?

Republicans are proposing a two-year, blue-ribbon panel to consider both eliminating the income tax and examining "the whole spectrum of taxation in the state of Indiana," according to the proposal's author, State Sen. Travis Holdman, R-Markle. We can only hope they will focus more on the latter than on the former.

If they concentrate on eliminating the income tax, they will find reasons to do it, confident it will be the magic missing piece in the "attracting jobs" puzzle they have been trying to assemble for so long. They will be blind to the negative possibilities of raising other fees and taxes, each of which has unintended consequences, opportunity costs and a tendency to inhibit the behavior of those taxed.

If they instead concentrate on "the whole spectrum," they could come up with an overall

tax structure that is fair, transparent and sufficient to the task of governing, as well as diverse enough to meet two criteria: 1) It won't overly burden one group of taxpayers and, 2) it will survive a downturn in one or more economic sectors.

I happen to think we have a pretty good mix of taxes right now, but I'm no expert so I won't argue too strongly with an economist who says otherwise. It is a matter worthy of healthy debate.

But I do know one thing as one of the citizens who help fund state government: Any "comprehensive look" at taxation that doesn't start with how much we spend and on what and for what reasons is a pointless exercise. Where the money goes is at least as important as where it comes from.

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Horrific crimes devalue all of us

The Fresno Bee
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A 16-year-old mother is shot dead on Monday and so is her 10-month-old baby. Execution-style, in the head. Authorities believe gang violence is to blame.

Before that, a woman is accused of killing her younger sister and her baby. Jealousy is the cause, police say.

Fathers, mothers, sisters, brothers, aunts and uncles are left gasping — and grasping.

The rest of us turn away. We may not be able to read the news. If we do, we can't understand the cruelty or the lack of concern for the sanctity of life.

Yet this is reality in the San Joaquin Valley.

It was Goshen in Tulare County. Before that, it was a September shooting in Fresno in which woman and her boyfriend are accused of shooting her 18-year-old sister and her 3-week-old baby. Over the years human horrors have also occurred from Bakersfield to Modesto. So many Valley places have their own unthinkable true crimes, their unending tears and uncontrolled sobbing.

This is where we live. Ours is a Valley scarred by gang violence. Domestic violence. Fueled by white-hot anger and often drugs. The results: Murders. Brokenness. Emptiness. Nothingness.

The victims and defendants may have different names, races and circumstances that set them apart from most of us in one sense or another. But they are human. As the poet wrote, no man is an island. We are all a part of the main.

Consider the Valley writ large: the divides between educated and uneducated; middle class and poverty; white, Black, Mexican, Hmong, Sikh, Indian, Indigenous, Asian; straight, gay, trans; documented, undocumented.

We all call this home. We all share this space. We all eat the abundant produce, see the winter-snow-capped mountains, feel the warm spring sun and bake in the summer heat.

With each life taken, our sense of community is devalued. We may look away because it is too painful, but we can't

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escape the reality that our collective lives have been diminished. Our light is dimmer.

"But what can I do?" one asks. The problems seem overwhelming. Let's face it: They are overwhelming.

Poverty. Drug abuse. Emotional abuse. Racial hatred. Unemployment. Too many feel the sensation of worthlessness and various forms of emotional, spiritual and communal isolation. Too many feel unloved, unnoticed and discarded.

Outrageous crimes call for swift justice. But the path one takes toward heinous acts begins much earlier in life.

So many in the Valley suffer from a loss of hope. But, thankfully, not everyone in this Valley has lost the ability to hope. If you are someone who cares, here is what you can do to make this Valley better:

Find just one person who needs encouragement, who needs a reason to keep going, do your best to lift up that person. Do whatever comes naturally and for as long as it takes. If you can do just one thing, that person can become the next one with hope and can pass it along to another hurting soul.

Fresno has more than 500,000 people. Clovis adds another 120,000. Are there 10,000 people in this place with hope for living, with caring, with dreams? If they invested themselves in broken family members, or friends, or colleagues, or even strangers, that would double to 20,000. And so on.

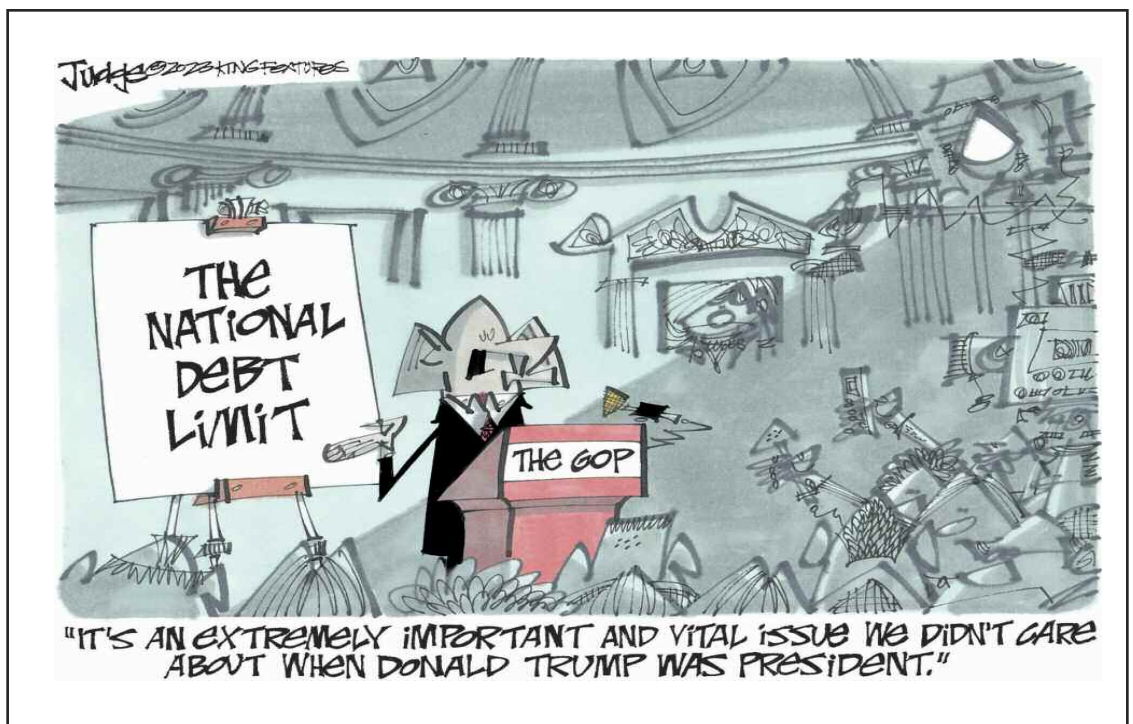
It can happen in English. In Spanish. Hmong, Punjabi, Armenian, Chinese and Russian.

Heartbreak happens person by person. Rebuilding is one at a time, too.

This is for sure: Hope needs to happen in every neighborhood. Every. Single. Neighborhood.

Can we do this? Can we actually care about each other?

We have to. We've already witnessed the alternative.



We need to have alternatives

By **HAIDER WARRAICH**

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Tribune News Service

Chronic pain affects 1 in 6 people in the United States and around the world, and is the most common cause of disability. Yet medicine's desperate attempts to treat chronic pain sparked the opioid epidemic. And while many promising non-opioid therapies exist, some of them newly developed, patients face innumerable barriers in accessing them.

To overcome the opioid epidemic, it is not enough to just reduce how many opioids physicians prescribe. We need to be able to offer patients evidence-based alternatives. Yet for that to happen, we must also better understand the fundamental nature of chronic pain, which is as much an emotion we feel in our minds as it is a physical sensation experienced by our body.

Acceptance and commitment therapy and exercise are both safer and more effective for chronic pain than opioids, which can actually increase how much those with chronic pain hurt.

"As a hospice nurse, I feel I have a pretty good understanding of pain management," said Jeanne Dietrich-Harrison, whose son died of an opioid overdose last year after he was prescribed the drugs for chronic pain that resulted from pancreatitis. "Even with dying patients we use a multidimensional approach, not just opioids."

Unfortunately, services such as physical and cognitive therapy were hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the closure of many pain rehabilitation facilities. And given that there are only 74 certified pain rehab centers in the entire United States, the need and demand far exceeds the supply of these potent remedies even in the best of times.

Advances that seek to defang the emotional and psychological aspects of pain offer a ray of hope for those who hurt endlessly. Online multidisciplinary programs have been shown to be effective for chronic pain. Other innovations include telemedicine for

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harm reduction services for patients who are prescribed opioids; expansion of online group therapy and pain education sessions; and greater flexibility in home delivery of prescriptions.

A new form of cognitive therapy called pain reprocessing therapy — which according to researchers teaches people that "the brain actively constructs primary chronic pain in the absence of tissue damage and that reappraising the causes and threat value of pain can reduce or eliminate it" — led to 52% of back pain patients being pain-free, compared with just 16% of those who received conventional care.

The search for alternative treatments for chronic pain has begun to push the very boundary of what constitutes treatment. In November 2021, the Food and Drug Administration approved the first virtual reality system shown in randomized clinical trials to help people with chronic lower back pain. The system incorporates techniques such as distraction, relaxation, behavior modification and increasing bodily awareness, in daily virtual reality sessions over an eight-week course.

As we face this mounting opioid crisis, it will be critical to not repeat prior mistakes. The major reason patients with chronic pain have suffered is because they have been treated by a system that prioritized fast prescriptions or profitable procedures, neither of which actually relieve chronic pain. The White House unveiled its National Drug Control Strategy last April, which while quite comprehensive, does little about ensuring patients with chronic pain receive broader access to interdisciplinary pain management.

Both the federal government and individual states should push public and private insurance programs to provide more ready access to interdisciplinary and alternative pain care, and should perhaps even consider mandating coverage for certain services.

At the same time, it is important to revisit practices that offer limited benefits. For example, according to physician Steven Atlas, spinal fusion surgeries have "become the poster child for expensive, risky, and unnecessary back surgery," and a Medicare advisory committee gave an extremely tepid assessment of the evidence in support of the procedures. Yet Medicare and other insurers continue to waste billions of dollars per year on them.

Many living with pain have found working from home a boon, and employers should continue such flexibility for disabled people and their caregivers.

Funding for research into innovative approaches for chronic pain needs to be increased, but at the same time, the FDA needs to maintain a high level of scrutiny to ensure only the safest and most effective therapies are promoted.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recently updated its guidelines for chronic pain. The agency removed certain restrictions on opioid prescriptions and recommend non-opioid therapies as front-line treatments for chronic pain, but the guidelines could have provided clinicians with more guidance about how best to incorporate these options in the care of patients with chronic pain.

People in chronic pain have to show great resilience. They need medical providers who can offer innovative, holistic approaches — beyond medications — that have been shown to deliver relief.

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Ties with Israel are cut

By **MARISSA NEWMAN**
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The Palestinian Authority said it's ending security ties with Israel after eight militants and one civilian were killed in a West Bank gunfight, in an escalation in violence that was later followed by a rocket attack from the Gaza Strip.

Mahmoud Abbas, president of the Palestinian government body, on Thursday announced three days of mourning following the clashes in the city of Jenin. Hamas, the Islamic movement that rules Gaza, warned Israel would "pay the price for the massacre."

The hostilities, which resulted in one of the highest daily death tolls in years, showed little sign of abating on Thursday night into Friday morning.

Palestinian militants fired rockets on southern Israel and the Israeli air force carried out reprisal airstrikes in the Gaza Strip. No injuries were reported on either side and no one claimed responsibility for the rocket fire.

Violence is escalating just days ahead of Secretary of State Antony Blinken's visit to the region next week. Abbas has previously threatened to end security cooperation and it was not immediately clear what immediate changes the latest statement would bring if any.

The uptick in the fighting came just a month after Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's coalition government was sworn in after pledging to implement policies such as loosening open-fire rules for some security forces.



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Hundreds of Hoosiers rallied for public health at the Indiana Statehouse on Jan. 26. Nationally, the average per capita state spending on public health is \$91 but Indiana spends just \$55 — putting it 45th in the nation for funding.

Hundreds rally for public health

By **WHITNEY DOWNARD**
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Health care workers from across the state gathered at the Statehouse Thursday to push the General Assembly on public health funding — an ask that has repeatedly given legislators pause.

The Governor's Public Health Commission, spurred by the role local public health departments played in the COVID-19 pandemic, sought to analyze the state's shortfall and find funding solutions. After receiving lawmaker pushback, they revised their initial ask down from nearly \$250 million to a phased-in approach granting \$125 million in the first year followed by the full amount in 2025.

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Gov. Eric Holcomb, who called for the commission, said the public health funding recommendation didn't even strive to be a leader and only asked to get Indiana to the "middle of the pack."

"We don't want to be a national laggard; we don't want to linger

for any more time," Holcomb said. "Very rarely do I shoot for the middle of the pack but we've got to start somewhere."

Mindy Waldron, the administrator of the Allen County Department of Health, said Indiana's low public health rankings were directly tied to its near-bottom state funding. Waldron, and hundreds of others, rallied Thursday to call for more state investment during Public Health Day.

Departments, like hers, rely heavily on local funding — half of which she said came from the county and the remainder came from various government grants and community foundations.

"Counties being very disparate around the state — relying on tax money that only funds a portion of their budget — you do the urgent things and you really don't get to the chronic, preventative things that could be a game changer," Waldron said.

Having a dedicated funding source from the state government would allow departments to go beyond their duties required by statute, which includes inspecting restaurants, permitting tattoo and body piercing shops or utilizing

contact tracing to fight local outbreaks of communicable diseases.

"You should be able to eat at a restaurant in one county and go to the adjacent county (with) the same type of restaurant and the rules should have been enforced," Waldron said. "Likewise, you should see some of these basic public health programs like maternal or child health at the local level. They don't because there (aren't) resources funding them."

The commission, of which Waldron was a member, found that public health spending varied widely from county to county — from \$83 per capita in Marion County to \$1.25 in Shelby County.

With more reliable funding, she said initiatives like decreasing lead poisoning could have continued steadily, rather than starting in the 70s and restarting again in the last five years. Instead, as attention left, so did the money that funded programs investigating and testing for lead.

"We need consistent funding to do consistent good," Waldron said. "We are so far below average at this point that it'll take us a while

to gain tread and start to make a difference in areas like maternal and child health."

Holcomb described the state's poor health as a workforce development issue, noting that a healthier workforce costs less than an unhealthy one on both a micro and macro level.

"When I'm sitting down, talking with folks who are interested in investing in the state of Indiana, counties are competing against each other. CEOs want to know who values the health of their workforces," Holcomb said. "If you don't have the human capital ... they'll look somewhere else."

State Health Commissioner Dr. Kris Box said part of the effort would be educating everyday Hoosiers about public health and its importance.

"It's not just masks and it's not just about one pandemic," Box said. "(It's) moving the needle on the percentage of people smoking, moving the needle on the overall infant mortality rate."

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Here's the concept:

For the next few weeks you vote for your favorites in a variety of categories: We tally the votes.

The winners will be listed in a special section to run next month. The top overall vote getter will be featured in the special section. Eligibility is limited to those in The Commercial Review's coverage area, which includes all of Jay County, the western portion of Mercer County (including Fort Recovery), the southern portion of Adams County (including Geneva); the northern portion of Randolph County (including Ridgeville); and the eastern edge of Blackford County.

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Felony court news

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Hill was recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court would consider modifying his sentence. As part of his plea agreement, a notice of intent to seek habitual offender status was withdrawn.

Jadeh C. Hildebrandt, 24, 8182 S. 600 West, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 180 days in Jay County Jail and given four days credit for time served. Hildebrandt was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Daniel P. Donnersbach, 63, 6693 S. U.S. 27, Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given six days credit for time served. Donnersbach 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, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Jason W. Hensley, 47, 114 W. McNeal St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 244 days credit for time served. Hensley 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 Class C misdemeanor for operating a vehicle while intoxicated was dismissed.

Kyler A. Lawrence, 27, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to dealing methamphetamine, a Level 3 felony. Lawrence was sentenced to 12 years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs. He was also recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court may consider modifying his sentence. Lawrence's charge was originally filed as a Level 2 felony.

Lendol E. Reed, 57, 618 S. Shipley St., Muncie, 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 82 days of his sentence suspended and given 82 days credit for time served. Reed was fined \$1, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was placed on probation for 283 days and ordered to submit to an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

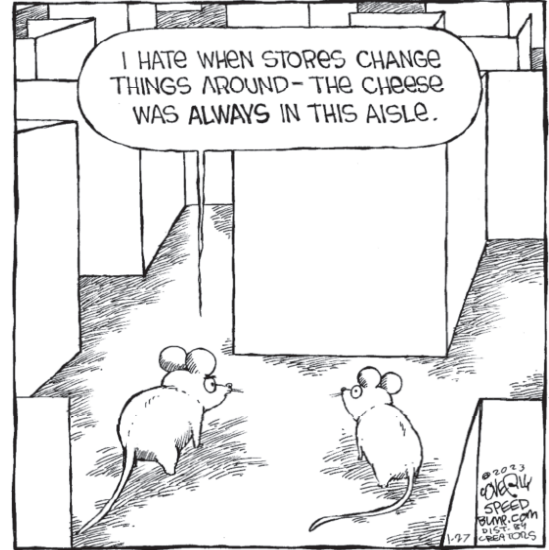
Unlawful possession
A Dunkirk man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty to unlawful possession of a syringe.
Jerry D. Davis, 40, 340 Mount Auburn, Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 730 days in Indiana Department of Correction with a sentence enhancement of an additional 730 days and given 84 days credit for time served. Davis was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: a Level 6 felony for possession of a narcotic drug, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana.

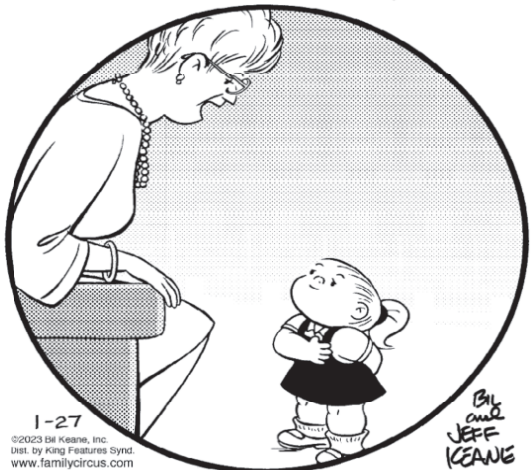
Nonsupport
Two Indiana residents were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay courts to nonsupport of a dependent child, a Level 6 felony.
Eric L. Phillips, 43, 943 W High St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court. He was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but 48 days suspended and given 48 days credit for time served. Phillips was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 682 days.
Jose C. Trevino Jr., 52, 1810 W. 53rd St., Anderson, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court. He was sentenced to 2.5 years in Jay County Jail with all but six months suspended and placed on probation for two years. Trevino was given credit for time served since Aug. 5 and assessed \$185 in court costs. He was ordered to pay \$23,772.32 in restitution.

Cases dismissed
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Indiana v. Bradley Nunn, Level 6 felony
Indiana v. Heather R. Morgan, Level 3 felony

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



Very good, Dolly, but that wasn't the Pledge of Allegiance. It was a McDonald's commercial.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are dealer and open One Heart. Partner responds One Spade. What would you bid now with each of the following five hands?

- 1. AK52 AKJ73 K6 82
2. Q3 AQ764 1083 KQ5
3. 84 KQ942 AJ KQ92
4. 962 AKJ983 K7 AJ
5. 107 AQJ53 AQJ AJ9

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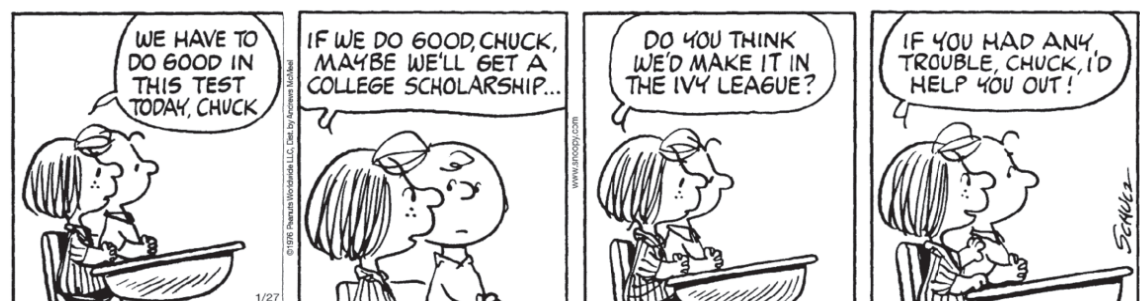
3. Two clubs. Hands with 5-4-2-2 distribution usually play better in a suit, so it is best to show your clubs at this point.

4. Three hearts. The jump to three hearts indicates 16 to 18 points and a strong six-card or longer heart suit.

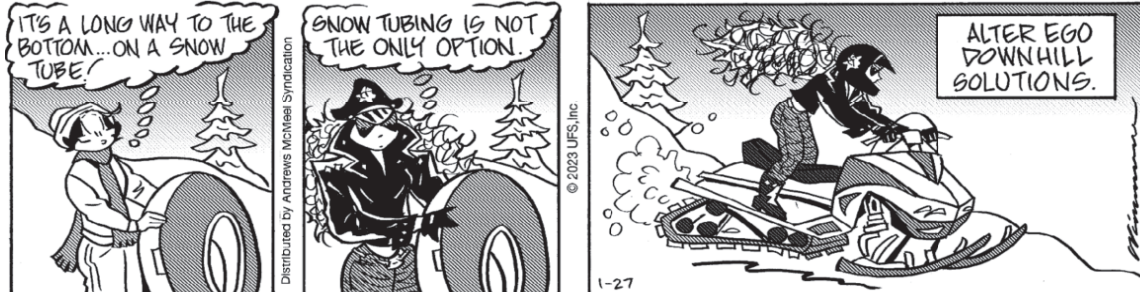
5. Three notrump. Once partner is credited with at least six points for his spade response, you really can't stop in less than game.

Three notrump fills the bill perfectly. It indicates about 19 or 20 points, balanced distribution and strength in the unbid suits.

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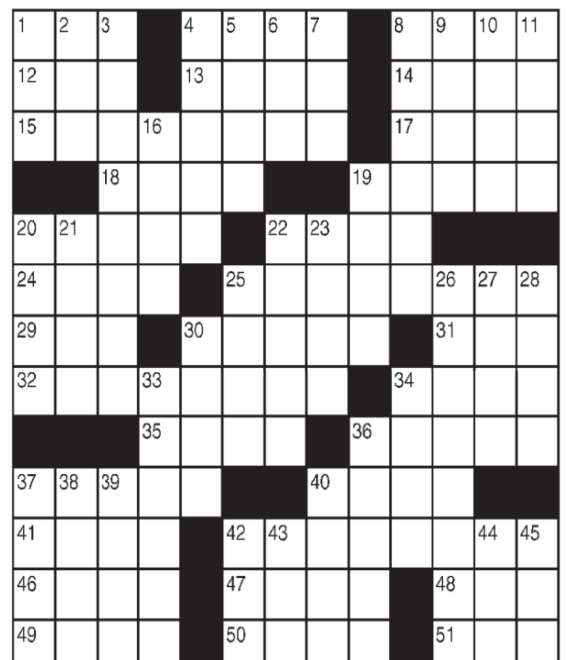
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Reich hired; Colts start 2nd round

Former Indianapolis coach will lead Carolina Panthers

By **GEORGE BREMER**

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — The first domino in the 2023 NFL head coaching cycle finally fell Thursday with the Carolina Panthers tabbing Frank Reich as the full-time replacement for Matt Rhule.

Despite having a different starting quarterback in each of his five seasons as the Indianapolis Colts' head coach, Reich put together a 40-33-1 overall record and made two playoff appearances — beating the Houston Texans in the wild-card round following the 2018 regular season.

Reich was fired in November following a 26-3 loss at the New England Patriots that dropped Indianapolis to 3-5-1 on the season. The Colts finished 4-12-1 and own the fourth overall pick in April's NFL Draft.

Reich's downfall in Indy began with the decision to trade for veteran quarterback Carson Wentz in 2021. The Athletic's Zak Keefer reported owner Jim Irsay preferred to find the quarterback of the future in that year's draft, but Reich successfully lobbied for the acquisition of his former protégé with the Philadelphia Eagles.

Wentz put up decent numbers during his lone season with the Colts, completing 62.4% of his passes for 3,563 yards with 27 touchdowns and

seven interceptions. But he was just 33-of-56 (58.9%) for 333 yards with two touchdowns and one interception in the final two games of the regular season — losses against the Las Vegas Raiders and Jacksonville Jaguars — that eliminated Indianapolis from play-off contention.

An irate Irsay demanded a change be made at quarterback after the season, leading Wentz to be dealt to the Washington Commanders and to the acquisition of veteran Matt Ryan from the Atlanta Falcons.

The belief was Ryan could stabilize the passing game and balance the offense beside All-Pro running back Jonathan Taylor. Instead, the Colts got off to another slow start with a 20-20 tie against the Houston Texans in Week 1 and a 24-0 loss at the Jaguars in Week 2.

Ryan was benched after a 19-10 loss at the Tennessee Titans on Oct. 23, and offensive coordinator Marcus Brady was fired following a 17-16 loss against the Commanders on Oct. 30.

Reich lost his job a week later after the loss in New England and was replaced by interim head coach Jeff Saturday, who interviewed a second time for the full-time job in Indianapolis on Wednesday despite going 1-7 over the season's final eight weeks.

According to multiple reports, Saturday remains a



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Indianapolis Colts head coach Frank Reich walks the field as the team warms up to face the Texans on Dec. 5, 2021, at NRG Stadium in Houston. Reich, who was fired by the Colts in November, was hired Thursday as the new head coach of the Carolina Panthers.

favorite of Irsay and a viable contender to become the team's full-time head coach.

The Colts also were scheduled for a second interview with Denver Broncos defensive coordinator Ejiro Evero on Thursday and have a second interview lined up with Los Angeles Rams defensive coordinator Raheem Morris on Friday.

Dallas Cowboys defensive coordinator Dan Quinn was expected to meet with Indianapolis for a second time Saturday but announced he will stay in his current role. Quinn

also interviewed with the Broncos and Arizona Cardinals.

Indianapolis reportedly remains interested in interviewing San Francisco 49ers defensive coordinator DeMeco Ryans, but that could prove to be difficult. He canceled a Saturday interview last week to focus on the divisional playoff game against the Cowboys and can't speak with the Colts until the Niners season has ended.

Ryans already interviewed with the Texans — who drafted him in the second round out of

Alabama in 2006 and where he spent six seasons as a line-backer — and is emerging as a top candidate for the Broncos' head coaching job.

Indianapolis conducted initial interviews with three coaches participating in Sunday's conference championship games — Kansas City Chiefs offensive coordinator Eric Bieniemy, Cincinnati Bengals offensive coordinator Brian Callahan and Eagles offensive coordinator Shane Steichen — though none had been confirmed for a second interview as of Thursday afternoon.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball vs. Heritage — 6 p.m.
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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.

Monday
Jay County — Freshman boys basketball vs. New Castle — 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Monroe Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
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)

Sunday
3 a.m. — Tennis: Australian Open — Men's final (ESPN)
6 a.m. — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — Rolex 24 at Daytona (USA)
Noon — Men's college basketball: Providence at Villanova (FS1); Saint Joseph's at George Mason (USA)
Noon — High school basketball: Bishop Gorman vs. San Ysidro (ESPN2)
Noon — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — Rolex 24 at Daytona (NBC)
12:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan State at Purdue (BTN)
1 p.m. — Women's college basket-

ball: South Carolina at Alabama (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Rutgers at Iowa (BTN); Georgetown at St. John's (FS1)
3 p.m. — NFL football: NFC Championship — San Francisco 49ers at Philadelphia Eagles (FOX)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Drake at Belmont (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Notre Dame at North Carolina State (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Memphis at Tulsa (ESPN2)
6 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Memphis Grizzlies (Bally Indiana)
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Michigan State at Illinois (BTN)
6:30 p.m. — NFL football: AFC Championship — Cincinnati Bengals at Kansas City Chiefs (CBS)
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Sophie Saxman of the Class 3A No. 2 Jay County High School girls basketball team drives past Madison Sonsini of Richmond during the Patriots' 65-35 victory Tuesday. After having its game postponed Thursday because of hazardous travel conditions, JCHS will close the regular season in the first half of a doubleheader at 6 p.m. tonight against Heritage. The Patriot boys will follow with a game against Bluffton.

Purdue holds off Michigan

Top-ranked Boilermakers run record to 20-1

By **ANDREW KAHN**

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Tribune News Service

ANN ARBOR — The Boilermakers played a second consecutive close game against a conference rival. The top-ranked team in the country came out on top again.

No. 1 Purdue fought off Michigan, 75-70, at Crisler Center late Thursday night.

The victory improved the Boilermakers, who were coming off of a three-point win Sunday over Maryland, to 20-1. Their only loss this season came by a 65-64 score to Rutgers on Jan. 2.

Purdue fell behind by as many as six early as the Wolverines (11-9, 5-4) started strong. Michigan got as close as three late, but a big first-half run by Purdue was the difference.

The Boilermakers scored 15 straight points for a 41-28 lead with three minutes left in the first half. Michigan had a scoring drought of more than five minutes, but fought to get within six at half.

Michigan started the second half with consec-

utive turnovers and fell behind 46-35. Bufkin was feeling it out of halftime; his 3 cut Michigan's deficit to six with 13:31 left. A minute later, Jace Howard's strong take from the 3-point line to the rim cut it to five. The Wolverines didn't get closer until there were just 14 seconds left.

In a battle of talented centers, Michigan's Hunter Dickinson tallied 21 points and seven rebounds to offset Zach Edey's 19 and nine for the Boilermakers. Kobe Bufkin added 16 points for Michigan, but Purdue displayed the depth that has led to the top ranking in the nation.

Edey and Dickinson established themselves early. Edey scored his team's first seven points, with two early post-ups on Dickinson and an improbable tip-in. Dickinson scored seven of Michigan's first 12, including a 3-pointer and three-point play, as Michigan grabbed a 13-7 lead.

Michigan was without its second leading scorer, Jett Howard, who sat with an ankle injury suffered in Sunday's win over Minnesota. Joey Baker started in his place, made three 3-pointers, and finished with 11 points over 29 minutes.

Purdue's bench outscored Michigan's 23-9. Freshman Fletcher Loye scored 17 for the visitors, who shot 54% from the field. Braden Smith also reached double figures for the Boilermakers with 10 points.

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