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Mural opportunity

Main Street, Arts Place, city working on project

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Elwood Haynes and the Portland Rockets may be getting some company in the near future.

Portland Main Street Connect is partnering with Arts Place and the city on an effort to bring a mural to the north side of Community Resource Center adjacent to Brick Alley.

The city will be applying for a \$10,000 Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) IN Indiana Public Art Activation Grant. It is part of an initiative to create public art throughout the state.

Arts Place executive director Carolyn Carducci had been looking at another IDDC grant opportunity for her organization when she learned about the possibility of funding for public art and brought the idea to the local Main Street group.

That led to discussion of the possibility of a mural on the north wall of Community Resource Center, which houses Jay County Development Corporation, Jay County Chamber of Commerce and Jay/Portland Building and Planning Department.

"It's an opportunity again try to continue to highlight the Brick Alley," said Reda Theur-



Photo provided

The north wall of Community Resource Center could become the latest canvas for a mural in downtown Portland. The city, Portland Main Street Connect and Arts Place are partnering on an effort to apply for a \$10,000 Indiana Destination Development Corporation (IDDC) IN Indiana Public Art Activation Grant for the project.

er-Miller of Portland Main Street Connect. "We thought it would also play well with the (historical cultural trail)," which is being developed.

It fits in with the Main

Street group's overall mission: "To give people a reason to want to be in the downtown," said Theurer-Miller, "to enjoy different aspects of the downtown."

With that in mind, the

organizations partnered on putting out a request for proposals to artists for a concept for a mural on the 112-foot by 13-foot wall. (The mural can be designed for all or part of the wall.)

The grant requires that the mural be representative of the community, be historically relevant and include IN Indiana branding. Beyond those requirements, the city, Portland

Main Street Connect and Arts Place left the opportunity for ideas wide open.

"We didn't want to limit artists on their design," said Carducci. See **Mural** page 2

Indiana Senate debates book ban bill

By CASEY SMITH

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What books should Hoosier kids be allowed to read in school? Who decides which texts are "inappropriate" for students? And what say should parents have about removing books from library shelves?

Those questions were at the heart of nearly two hours of debate in the Indiana Senate

Tuesday as lawmakers weighed a bill that seeks to ban materials deemed "harmful to minors" in school libraries.

Senate Bill 12 ultimately advanced 37-12 to the House.

Language in the proposal, authored by Sen. Jim Tomes, R-Wadesville, removes "educational purposes" as a reason that public schools and libraries could claim legal protection for sharing "harmful material"

with underage students. That includes books and other materials deemed to be obscene, pornographic or violent.

The bill also carves out a new process for parents to request the removal of books they believe are "inappropriate" from school libraries.

Tomes said his book is about "parents, their children, and books — really, really, really bad books." The senator said he

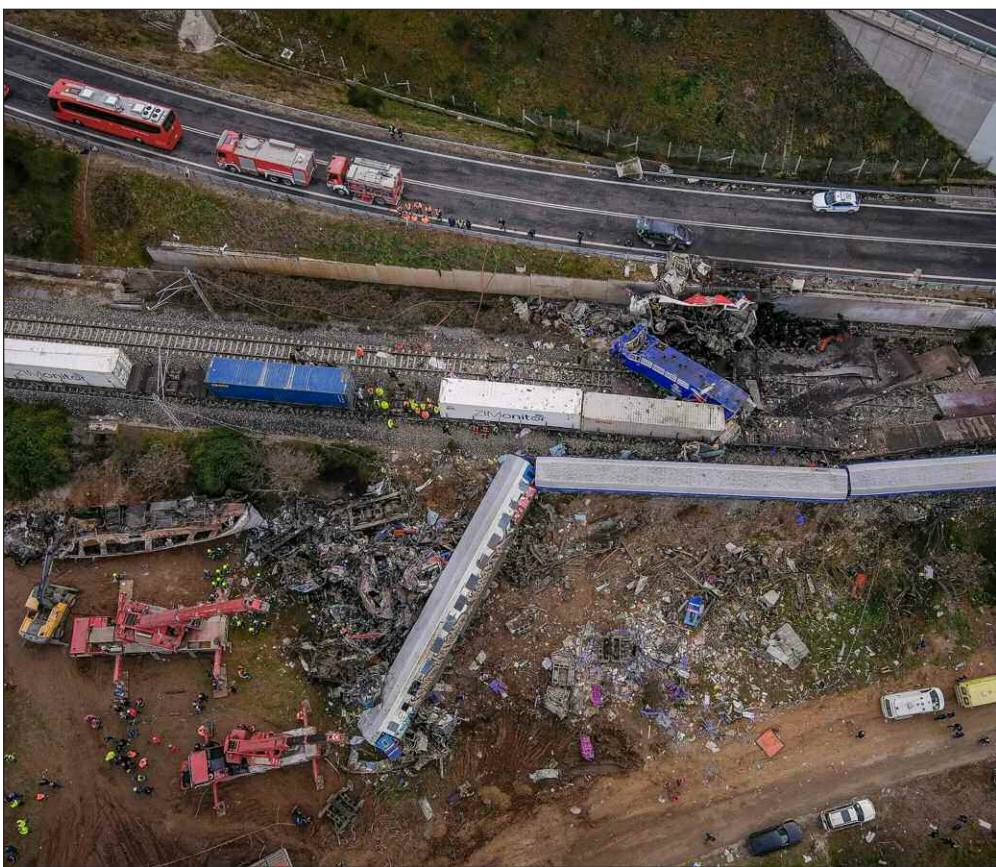
wants to eradicate "raw pornography" from school libraries.

Although he did not give specific examples of such works in front of the chamber, titles on the senator's desk included "This Book Is Gay," a book by Juno Dawson, and "Let's Talk About It: The Teen's Guide to Sex, Relationships, and Being a Human," a graphic novel by Erika Moen and Matthew Nolan.

Democrats and a handful of GOP lawmakers pushed back, arguing that the bill could lead to the removal of anything a parent deems to be unsuitable.

"What I'm concerned about is, will some people think that other things that would not be pornographic or obscene would be inappropriate?" said Republican Sen. Eric Bassler, of Washington.

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An aerial drone photograph taken today shows emergency crews searching wreckage after a train accident in the Tempi Valley near Larissa, Greece. At least 36 were killed and another 85 injured after a collision between two trains caused a derailment near the Greek city of Larissa late Tuesday, authorities said.

Collision kills 36

By TAKIS TSAFOS

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Tribune News Service

ATHENS, Greece — Hopes are fading in Greece that rescue workers will find survivors after a train collision killed dozens of people on Tuesday night.

Emergency services say at least 36 people were killed in the head-on crash between a freight train and a passenger train near the city of Larissa.

The death toll is likely to rise as more victims are identified. This could take time as DNA analysis will be required, given the level of destruction in the front carriages caused by the crash and a subsequent fire, state broadcaster ERT reported.

Seventy-two people were taken to hospital, some of them with serious injuries.

There were 342 passengers and 10 railroad employees on the passenger train from Athens to Thessaloniki plus two drivers on the freight train.

Greek Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis called

Passenger, freight trains were involved in crash near Larissa, Greece

the accident an "unspeakable tragedy" as he visited the scene at midday. Visibly moved, he promised that the cause of the accident would be fully investigated.

The main task is to treat the wounded and identify the bodies, he said, adding that everything possible would be done to ensure that nothing like this ever happens again.

Transport Minister Kostas Karamanlis promised that no findings would be kept secret.

The Greek government has ordered three days of national mourning for the victims.

Rescue workers were

using cranes and other heavy equipment to try and lift the derailed train cars to search for survivors, according to reporters at the crash site near Larissa. Images showed that the front two cars of each train had been destroyed and burnt out.

The passenger train collided head-on with a commercial train traveling on the same track. The passenger train, the Inter City 62, had departed from the Greek capital at 7:22 p.m. Tuesday.

Some 350 passengers were said to have been on board.

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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 49 degrees Tuesday. The low was 37.

Tonight's low will be 36. Thursday's forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a high of 49.

Rain is expected shortly after midnight Thursday and continuing through the day Friday with winds gusting to 40 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

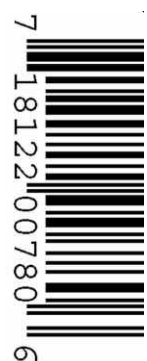
In review

We are seeking story ideas for our upcoming spring home improvement special section. Email us at news@thecr.com to make a suggestion.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from tonight's JCHS boys basketball sectional opener.

Friday — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.



Mural ...

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Artist proposals, which had to include a resume, biography, concept, size, budget and timeline, for the mural were due Tuesday. A committee made up of Portland Main Street Connect members Kayla Darby, Rusty Inman and Theurer-Miller, Arts Place visual arts director Allison Smiley, Rob Weaver of Jay County Historical Society and city clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips will review the concepts March 7 and select one to be part of the grant application.

Carducci will write the grant application, which is due March 17. She sees the project as an opportunity for Arts Place to reach beyond its Walnut Street home.

"Arts are more than just inside of our physical location," she said. "And so we want to be more visible in the community and form those collaborations and partnerships. ...

"We're looking for ways to be outside of our four walls."

State criteria for the grant indicates that projects will be selected based on quality of design, "with preference given to locations in high-view areas that create potential for photo opportunities. IDDC intends to include a diverse group of locations and projects, including urban, suburban and rural settings, large and small communities, and locations in different regions of the state."

If the city receives the grant,

the mural must be complete by October. It would join the Elwood Haynes mural on the north side of the Eagles Lodge and the Portland Rockets mural on the south side of The Ritz Theatre in Portland's downtown area. Portland Rotary Club also commissioned a mural featuring a crabapple tree and red-winged blackbird on the south side of

the J&P Plating building in 2021.

The IN Indiana Public Art Activation Grant follows a grant program last year that saw more than 40 murals and sculptures created around the state. It's part of an effort to "create IN Indiana artwork and signage in highly-visible locations throughout the state."

"Indiana is a diverse state

that's full of character, and we plan to showcase that through these works of art," Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch said in a press release announcing the grant in January. "Through the public artwork, we will have the opportunity to work together with our local communities to show in our state. From the smallest towns to the largest cities, there is something for everyone IN Indiana."



CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Thursday 3/2, Friday 3/3, Saturday 3/4, Sunday 3/5, Monday 3/6. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (49/35, 49/31, 44/29, 47/30, 54/37).

Book ...

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"I think that if you look, throughout the history of the world, there have been all sorts of gruesome things we've seen, whether it's pictures of victims of the Holocaust, or victims of slavery, or maybe the mistreatment of Japanese Americans during World War II," he continued. "I'm just concerned that a parent might think that a picture ... of African Americans hanging from a tree might not be appropriate."

What is "inappropriate?"

Current Indiana law already outlines criteria that has to be met for a book to be considered criminal.

Outlawed materials must, as a whole:

- describe or represent, in any form, nudity, sexual conduct, sexual excitement, or sado-masochistic abuse
•appeal to the prurient interest in sex of minors
•be patently offensive to prevailing standards in the adult community as a whole with respect to what is suitable matter for or performance before minors
•lack serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value for minors

Tomes held that his bill will not ban literary classics like "The Great Gatsby," "Catch 22," "The Grapes of Wrath," and "1984." It also doesn't apply to "children's books, or even adult books about cultures or other parts of the world," he said.

But Sen. Rodney Pol D-Chesterton, said Tomes' bill will empower parents who have "a political ax to grind." His fear is that conservative parents will swamp school boards with complaints about "progressive" books or works authored by "somebody that supports the opposing party" or a "cause that (they) don't believe in."

"Nobody in this chamber is probably going to agree as to the specific line for which inappropriate is," Pol said. "And if none of us can probably agree on that, then there's probably going to be a lot of consternation, disagreement throughout each community, through each school board, through each district throughout the entire state."

Lawmakers on both sides of the issue agreed they do not want to allow kids to access pornographic or "obscene" books. But even if those materials are removed from school libraries, Pol and others questioned what good the legislation would do to stop kids from accessing such content through other means, especially online.

A "chilling effect"

Under the proposal, a local prosecutor could decide to charge a K-12 school teacher, librarian or staff member for giving "harmful" material to minors, meaning the educator could not argue in court that the material has educational value.

They could still argue that the

material has literary, artistic, political or scientific value as a whole, however.

If charged, educators could face a Level 6 felony, which carries a maximum penalty of 2.5 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Colleges and public libraries could still use the defense against a charge of disseminating harmful material to minors, according to the bill.

"I hope it does have a chilling effect," Tomes said, referring to school libraries that carry the materials he's seeking to have removed. "I hope it's enough of a chilling effect that they will come to their senses, and have it upon themselves to see to it that for the kids entrusted in their custody, they will do their best to protect their innocence."

The measure would also require school libraries to publicly post lists of books in their collection and create a formal grievance process for parents to object to certain materials in circulation.

Tomes has filed similar bills in years past to take away schools' defense to the state's "harmful materials" law. A similar proposal failed in the 2022 session after K-12 librarians and educators argued they would be unfairly criminalized.

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Lotteries

Table listing lottery games: Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, Ohio, Quick Draw, Cash 5, and Rolling Cash with estimated jackpots.

Markets

Table listing market prices for Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, and The Andersons Richland Township for various crops like corn, beans, and wheat.

Today in history

In 1692, Sarah Good, Sarah Osborne and Tituba were interrogated in Salem, Massachusetts, to determine if they practiced witchcraft, launching the Salem Witch Trials. In 1810, Frédéric Chopin was born in Zelazowa Wola, Poland. The famous pianist wrote solos and concertos during the Romantic period. In 1904, Glenn Miller was born in Clarinda, Iowa. A leader in the big band era, some of his most famous hits include "In the Mood" and "Chattanooga Choo Choo." In 1932, Charles Lindbergh's son was kidnapped from his nursery at the mansion Hopewell, New Jersey. Although they paid the kidnapper a ransom to return their child, the Lindberghs found their son dead several days later near their home. In 2019, Fort Recovery High School girls basketball team defeated the Ridgemoor Golden Gophers, 58-24. Grace Thien led the Indians, scoring 19 points and extending her school record of 3-pointers made in a season to 76. — The CR

Citizen's calendar

Table listing events for Thursday, Monday, and Tuesday, including Board of Works, City Council, and various community meetings.

Firm is looking at \$1 billion investment

By HOWARD GRENINGER
The Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)
Tribune News Service

Terre Haute could be in contention for more than a \$1 billion investment from a company that produces new battery components.

The Vigo County Redevelopment Commission is seeking bids on 338.64 acres in the Vigo County Industrial Park.

The bids require an investment of greater than \$1 billion and creation of 640 permanent jobs, to be phased in by the end of 2025 through mid 2028.

The Redevelopment Commission lists the value of the property in the Vigo County Industrial Park II, from two independent real estate appraisals, at \$5,333,500.

"This is property on the

east end of the former Pfizer property. We have to advertise the fair market value and so for a project of this scope, the investment will be well over \$1 billion," said Steve Witt, president of the Terre Haute Economic Development Corp. "We have offered the property for \$1 an acre based on that sizable investment and job creation."

Witt said the Economic Development Corp. has worked on several large projects "this being one of them. We first started working with this company in early October but their search and due diligence started well before we were contacted by them. They have been looking for the right location for quite a while now," Witt said.

The "material science company" produces components for batteries for energy storage for vehicles, hand-held electronics, power tools and a number of other products, Witt said.

"It is the only company in the U.S. that manufactures their particular product, which is components inside a battery," Witt said. Witt declined to say more about the company's identity.

Bids are to be opened by the Vigo County Redevelopment Commission at 4 p.m. March 21.

Vigo County Commissioner Chris Switzer said the county has to start considering options to expand the industrial park "as we are starting to run out of property in the industrial park."

SERVICES

Table listing services for Thursday (Hunley, Beth: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home) and May 13 (Warrick, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting).

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Caring first graders

East Elementary School recently recognized students for caring with Character Counts awards. Pictured above, front row, are first graders Adalyn Overla, Zoey Joseph and Saki Hirae. In the back row are Timothy (Wyatt) Fennig, Tanner Loucks and Kylo Cooke.

Make boundaries with your ex clear

By JANN BLACKSTONE
Tribune News Service

Q. You're not going to believe this, but I came home yesterday and found my boyfriend's ex in my garage. She said she was looking for some tax information, but I was really ticked off that she was rummaging around in the boxes of my garage. She said she knew my boyfriend wouldn't return her calls and she needed the records to file her taxes. What's good ex-etiquette?

A. If you could see me right now, you would see me falling down laughing. I've had similar things happen to me, and I'm the one writing the column. My husband had a laissez-faire attitude about locking the front door. It was a small town; everyone knew everyone else and he just never saw the need to lock it. That meant his ex would come and go as she pleased — if the kids left their backpack, their good jeans, etc. — until I moved in and it all changed. There was a transition period, however, and I can remember running out to the store only to come home to find my husband's ex looking for stuff the kids left behind. I wasn't happy, and this is where we launch into the importance of B O U N D A R I E S.

Granted, she used to live in that house, and her explanation was that she felt it was the kids' home and it would be OK to retrieve the kids' stuff. Not so much, from my point of view, and we all sat down and came to an agreement as to what specifically was appropriate and what was not.

The key — no pun intended — was we should have had that conversation before I moved in. That's one of the reasons I stress having a plan for moving in and how you will conduct your life as a couple, one or both of which co-parents with another. If you don't have an agreement for what is acceptable, there will be no consistency, and it ensures everyone

Ex-Etiquette



will flounder. Better to have a plan in place, and if you must deviate or compromise, do that, rather than constantly have to negotiate a position because there are no boundaries.

For many, these stories are just too familiar, and they can't even fathom exes coming over or interacting so casually. I can tell you from experience, even though I was not expecting it, it happens, and that is why it is imperative that boundaries are clear. Be honest.

When establishing those boundaries, work together with the children's welfare at the forefront, and do not compromise because you feel pressured to conform. If you feel something is unacceptable, say so. (Good Ex-etiquette for Parents Rule No. 8, "Be honest and straightforward"). Offer solutions (Rule No. 2, "ask for help if you need it"), be respectful of each other's space (Rule No. 9, "Respect each other's turf") and set the example of cooperation for the children, (Rule No. 10, "Look for the compromise").

All the rules of good ex-etiquette have evolved from real-life experiences. (You'll find the 10 Rules of Good Ex-etiquette on the Bonus Families website.) That's good ex-etiquette.

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Wife hates man's outfits

DEAR ABBY: I am a man who has been wearing lingerie for the past few decades. I discovered my love of panties when I slipped into my first pair at 17. At 22, I discovered the fun and sexiness of bras and other lingerie, and I wear them under my men's clothing.

I have gone through periods of love and alternating shame for being an "underdresser." I have confided this to a few women in my life and received mixed responses. Some were appalled; others were OK with it. My wife is in the first category. I told her while we were dating and modeled some for her. She thought it was "weird."

I tried, for her sake, to repress

Dear Abby



my desire to wear lingerie, but it has returned recently. I have been buying panties, bras and other items and wear them only at work or when I'm alone. I have found some solace in finally opening up to the women at the lingerie stores that what I am buying is for me, and I delight in the fact that they are accepting and help me find

items I might like. How do I approach this subject with my wife again and ask if she's open to me wearing lingerie and more often? — LIVING IN LINGERIE

DEAR LIVING: You have already discussed this with your wife, and she has made her feelings known. Do not expect her to have become more understanding on the subject of "underdressing." You are not the only straight man who finds this practice to be pleasurable. Because this is something you really feel compelled to do, go online to research groups for cross-dressers in your area and join one.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRIGANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, March 3, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

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.

Sudoku

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Tuesday's Solution

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The fall of 1958 was truly perfect

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Feb. 29, 2012. Jack often talked about his memories of the 1958 Portland High School football team, and always with great reverence for his big brother.

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

It was a golden season. Maybe it's because I was 10. Maybe it's because I idolized my big brother. And maybe it's because of Dad and Frank.

Frank Kenyon was the first person my parents hired for The Graphic who had a family to support. That was back in 1949.

But when Frank died a couple of weeks back, what I thought of most wasn't the risk my parents took when

Back in the Saddle



they started The Graphic. It wasn't the years Frank and I had worked together, though those meant a tremendous amount.

It was that golden season, with Frank and Dad and young Frank and my big brother all coming together to make something special happen.

It was the fall of 1958. My brother Steve was on the football team.

He was co-captain. It was his

senior year. And he was a hero in my eyes.

I'm guessing that the season started with a home game.

Dad had a tendency to park over by the Friends Church on East Main Street. Then we'd amble down the alley, cross over Water Street, and make our way to the football field. Once there, we parted company.

Dad liked to stand as he watched the game. And he liked to move around, roaming a bit depending upon the action.

I was on my own. That meant linking up with other kids from Judge Haynes Elementary School who were at the game.

And one of those kids was young Frank, a classmate. Big Frank — "One Shot" to his

friends and the kidders at the American Legion Post — was taking pictures of the game.

The connection probably wasn't made at that first game of the season. After all, there were plenty of kids there.

But the Panthers won. And then they won again. And quickly a pattern developed.

No matter whether it was a home game or an away game, four people could be counted among the spectators: Dad, Big Frank, young Frank, and me.

And then something remarkable happened.

They kept winning. And winning.

(There's still plenty of dispute about a referee's call at Coldwater that gave the Panthers a fifth down at a crucial

moment, but the record book takes precedence.)

In the end, it was an undefeated season and the four of us had been there for — my memory insists — every game.

That includes a tough game against Mississinewa at Gas City where young Frank and I wandered over to the home side and I quickly found myself on the wrong end of a beating by a kid at least 3 years older.

And somehow, being there for each of those wins made the undefeated season even more important. Being there with young Frank, still a friend to this day, and Big Frank, whose loss is still being felt, made it a golden season.

It was a winner any way you look at it.

Court should err to openness

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)
HSPA Infonet

Indiana has rarely been a beacon for change when it comes to most issues of public policy. But the manner in which it gives public access to government proceedings is one area in which the state has been willing to lean toward openness.

The Indiana Open Door Law requires meetings of elected and appointed government boards to be open to the public and mandates that most final actions by those boards occur in an open meeting. The Access to Public Records Act guarantees that people can obtain or copy most government records.

The courts have been part of those transparency laws, with certain exceptions. Historically, cameras or other recording devices have either not been permitted in courtrooms, or their uses have been greatly restricted.

As has happened in many other states across the nation, those restrictions are beginning to be eased in Indiana. A number of pilot programs have allowed cameras in courtrooms in limited circumstances as judges and other legal experts assessed their impact.

Another major step in opening courts to cameras and audio recording devices will soon be taken. On May 1 2023, judges will be able to allow news media inside their courtrooms to record, photograph and broadcast proceedings that have not been ruled confidential.

The judicial system can be complex and confusing. Ensuring that all who find themselves involved in the system are treated fairly and their legal rights are protected requires strict adherence to prescribed processes. While most court proceedings are open to the public, a judge has always had the responsibility and power to control what is happening in a courtroom.

In the case of the new rules governing cameras in Indiana courtrooms, judges will retain that power and discretion. The freedom to grant broader access to recording of courtroom proceedings will rest with the presiding judge.

A judge has a lot to consider when making such a decision. Recording

Hoosier Editorial

The rights of those involved in court proceedings must never be taken lightly.

devices can serve a valuable purpose by giving people an opportunity to view or listen to a court proceeding that may be of compelling public interest. They provide greater transparency and accountability by court officials. But they can also have a negative effect. Participants in a hearing may conduct themselves differently than they would if a camera wasn't present. A victim, witness or others close to a sensitive case could be intimidated by the enhanced public exposure.

Judges have all these things — and more — to consider when deciding whether to allow recording devices of any kind in their courtrooms.

The rights of those involved in court proceedings must never be taken lightly. When decisions concerning broader access are carefully considered, they deserve respect.

Indiana has taken a step in the right direction by giving judges more freedom to open their courtrooms to news media recording devices. We hope they embrace the opportunity when they deem it appropriate. In close calls, we urge them to err on the side of openness. More transparency will lead to a better understanding of the judicial system.

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Lies don't deserve protection

By HARRY LITMAN
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Fox News responded to an incendiary court filing in Dominion Voting System's \$1.6 billion defamation suit last week by asserting that "the core of this case remains about freedom of the press and freedom of speech, which are fundamental rights afforded by the Constitution and protected by New York Times v. Sullivan."

Sullivan, the landmark press freedom ruling, is indeed central to this case. That's why Fox is facing a potentially disastrous jury trial and the possibility of a gargantuan liability verdict.

The latest filing by Dominion reveals dozens of damning private statements by Fox personalities and executives demonstrating that they knew Team Trump's claims of a rigged election were hogwash. Yet Fox continued to broadcast the lie that Trump had actually won the election.

Other news organizations have had a field day running deeply embarrassing internal emails, texts and deposition excerpts exposing Fox's blatantly two-faced behavior. Even as Fox's stars were broadcasting Trump's false allegations to their viewers, they were doubting and disparaging them in conversations with one another.

Dominion, the voting equipment manufacturer that found itself at the center of outlandish right-wing conspiracy theories about the election, filed a brief that is chock-full of nuggets for Fox's detractors. Tucker Carlson wrote to fellow Fox News host Laura Ingraham, for example, that Trump lawyer Sidney Powell was "lying." Ingraham responded by calling Powell a "complete nut."

My personal favorite: When a Fox reporter noted correctly on Twitter that there was no evidence of deleted or lost Trump votes, Carlson texted another host, Sean Hannity: "Please get her fired. Seriously....What the f--? ... It needs to stop immediately,

Harry Litman



like tonight. It's measurably hurting the company. The stock price is down."

The immediate reason for Carlson's panic, and the network's, was that the ultra-right outlet Newsmax was making modest inroads into Fox's misinformation-steeped viewers, many of whom were already upset that Fox led the networks in accurately calling the crucial state of Arizona for Biden on election night.

So Fox was careful in the aftermath of the election to toe the official Trump line that he had been cheated. In doing so, Fox executives and personalities weren't just pandering to viewers so as not to lose them to Newsmax and other competitors. They were also treating them with contempt, spoon-feeding them lies that they themselves were too sophisticated to believe.

The 1964 Supreme Court case that Fox invoked, New York Times v. Sullivan, protects publishers from liability for defamation unless they make false statements with "actual malice," meaning they either knew them to be false or showed reckless disregard as to their accuracy.

In the judgment of the court, allowing publishers to be punished for good-faith mistakes would cow the press into staying its hand to avoid liability. And that would mean the public would not learn truths that can only be uncovered by a vigorously free and fearless press.

Sullivan, in other words, provides an extra measure of protection even for inaccurate reporting to protect the press's freedom to hold the government and others to account,

which is what the First Amendment values.

But mistakes are one thing; knowingly telling lies is another. What Fox's pious proclamation of press freedom misses is that lies of the sort the network appears to have told its viewers don't enjoy or deserve constitutional protection. The values enshrined in Sullivan are not what shields Fox but rather what puts it in jeopardy.

The case against Fox is in fact unusually strong. Defamation suits often concern the work of careless or sensationalist reporters slipping past fact-checking safeguards. Dominion's allegations, by contrast, threaten to lay bare a deliberate corporate decision to ignore the truth and publish lies.

Fox maintains that the incendiary quotes in Dominion's brief are cherry-picked to paint a misleading portrait. Maybe so. If motions for summary judgment fail, as they almost certainly will, and the parties don't settle, that's what a trial, scheduled for April, is likely to sort out.

Fox has to regard that prospect with terror; but it may have no other viable option than to defend itself against what could be one of the highest-stakes defamation trials in U.S. history.

In another piece of bad legal news for Fox, defamation is considered statement by statement. That means that even isolated statements that were known to be false could subject the company to liability.

Since Sullivan, very few American media companies have been found liable for defamation. More frequently, such cases are dismissed before they even delve into the facts. That's because of the very high burden to show that a defendant knew its reporting was false.

Unfortunately for Fox, however, Dominion appears to have compelling evidence that the network knowingly lied to its audience, sacrificing integrity for ratings and putting profits above truth.

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Kremlin focused on war priorities

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Tribune News Service

MOSCOW — The Kremlin says achieving Russia's war aims in Ukraine has priority over any possible peace negotiations.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said on Tuesday that so far there had been no signals from Kyiv that the Ukrainians were willing to talk. "In this case, achieving our goals is the most important thing, that is our absolute priority," he said.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has rejected negotiations with Russian President Vladimir Putin by decree and reiterated this several times.

He has put forward his own plan, which stipulates that Russia should completely withdraw its troops from Ukraine as a basic pre-condition for the start of peace talks. Russia, which launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine just over a year ago, has rejected this as absurd.

The Kremlin spokesman said that before any negotiations Ukraine would have to recognize that the four regions of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhya and Kherson are now also enshrined in the constitution as parts of Russia. "These are very important realities," Peskov said, even though Russia does not yet have complete control over these regions, which

were annexed in violation of international law.

In eastern Ukraine, Ukrainian troops have been trying for months to repel the advancing Russians near the strategically important town of Bakhmut in a battle that has resulted in heavy losses.

The situation there is becoming increasingly difficult, Zelenskyy and Deputy Defense Minister Hanna Malyar said on Tuesday night. Before the war began, more than 70,000 people lived in Bakhmut, today only a few thousand are left, they said.

Meanwhile, Putin has suspended the last major nuclear disarmament treaty with the United States after he signed a

new law halting Russian involvement in the New START treaty, the Kremlin announced in Moscow on Tuesday.

The president announced the step in his address to the nation on February 21. He stressed in his speech that this was not an exit from the agreement. However, he had previously repeatedly warned that an end to the agreement, which expires in 2026, could lead to a new nuclear arms race. For the time being, Russia wants to continue to adhere to the agreed upper limits for nuclear weapons.

The fighting around the Ukrainian nuclear power plant in Zaporizhzhya has again alarmed the International

Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA). Around 20 detonations were apparently heard in the vicinity of the plant on Monday, IAEA chief Rafael Grossi said on Tuesday, referring to the U.N. agency's experts stationed at the power plant. He said there had been an increasing security presence at the site in the recent past.

"This is a concerning trend that shows the urgency and importance of establishing a nuclear safety and security protection zone at the Zaporizhzhya Nuclear Power Plant," Grossi said. He stressed that he would continue his diplomatic efforts to ensure that such a zone was established as soon as possible.

Su is tapped to lead Labor

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden said Tuesday that he would nominate Julie Su, the deputy secretary of labor and the preferred choice of the Congressional Black Caucus, to become secretary of the Department of Labor.

Su would replace Marty Walsh, who is leaving in March to become executive director of the National Hockey League Players' Association.

"Julie is a tested and experienced leader, who will continue to build a stronger, more resilient, and more inclusive economy that provides Americans a fair return for their work and an equal chance to get ahead," Biden said in a statement. "Over several decades, Julie has led the largest state labor department in the nation, cracked down on wage theft, fought to protect trafficked workers, increased the minimum wage, created good-paying, high-quality jobs, and established and enforced workplace safety standards."

If confirmed by the Senate, Su would take over the department amid a very strong market but with economic forces suggesting that it could weaken. The Federal Reserve has been steadily raising interest rates since early 2022 as it seeks to slow the rate of inflation. Those rate hikes have thus far had little effect on employment, but many economists expect that to change.

She is likely to face questioning about the department's environment, social and governance rule that allows managers of pension funds to consider ESG factors in investment decisions. Congressional Republicans have criticized the rule, and the House is scheduled to vote Tuesday on a measure that would disapprove the rule.

Vermont independent Sen. Bernie Sanders, who chairs the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, praised the choice. "I look forward to working with her to protect workers' rights and build the trade union movement in this country," he said in a statement.

Walsh also praised Su in his departure note to the Labor Department staff in mid-February.

"Julie is an incredible leader and has been central to our success as a team and as a Department. With the kind of leadership and talent assembled across the Department, I am confident there will be continuity and the work will be sustained," he said.

Su became deputy secretary of labor in July 2021 after being confirmed on a party-line, 50-47 vote in the Senate.

Her work in government began as California labor commissioner in 2011. She previously spent 17 years as a civil rights attorney representing workers who the White House said are often invisible, including Thai garment workers trafficked to the United States.



Tribune News Service/Los Angeles Times/Brian van der Brug

Snow strands

Carved wooden bears are covered in snow as residents in the resort area in the San Bernardino Mountains dig out from successive storms Tuesday in Big Bear City, California. Stranded residents of Lake Arrowhead and surrounding communities in the San Bernardino Mountains that were inundated with snow this weekend were hoping on Tuesday that authorities could clear blocked roads and escort residents up and down the mountains before another storm was set to strike late in the day.

Collision ...

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"I thought I was going to die," one passenger told Kathimerini daily newspaper. He said he had been sitting in one of the rear carriages.

He had sought shelter on the ground, he said. People were screaming and crying. Other passengers reported that they had been able to break the windows and escape in the dark from the half-turned over carriage.

"There was chaos and incredible noise," a survivor told state broadcaster ERT.

In Larissa, many people came to give blood following an appeal by the Greek Red Cross and hospitals in the area.

Some 200 passengers who were not injured or suffered only slight injuries were taken by bus from the scene of the accident to Thessaloniki, 150 kilometers away.

In Thessaloniki, the authorities set up telephone hotlines, as relatives waited fearfully for news.

Many of the passengers were reportedly students who were heading to the University of Thessaloniki after a longer holiday weekend.

The cause of the accident was unclear, although initial speculation points to human error.

According to media reports, the electronic guidance system on the track was not working. There had been problems with it for some time, leaving staff to decide on some stretches which track the trains should go on.

The crash occurred on a line connecting Athens with Thessaloniki that was modernized over the past years.

The railway official responsible for the line was arrested following the crash, ERT reported.

Despite the modernization, which included new tunnels and bridges as well as two tracks along the 500-kilometer route, there were still significant problems with the electric coordination of traffic control, according to the Greek train drivers' union.

"We travel from one part of the line to the next by radio, just like in the old days. The station managers give us the green light," the union's president Kostas Genidounias explained on state radio.

Felony arrests

Drug possession

Four Indiana residents were arrested Tuesday for drug possession.

Elizabeth M. Ball, 32, 572 E. 450 South, Portland, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, along with two Class A misdemeanors for possession of paraphernalia and theft. She's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Daniel J. Price, 38, 503 Pierce St., Ridgeville, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was released on a \$4,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Benedicto Velazquez-Villalpando, 39, 3305 Reed St., Fort Wayne, was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug, along with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Gabriel Sanchez-Hernandez, 29, 3718 Smith St., Fort Wayne, was preliminarily charged with two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and possession of cocaine or a narcotic drug. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

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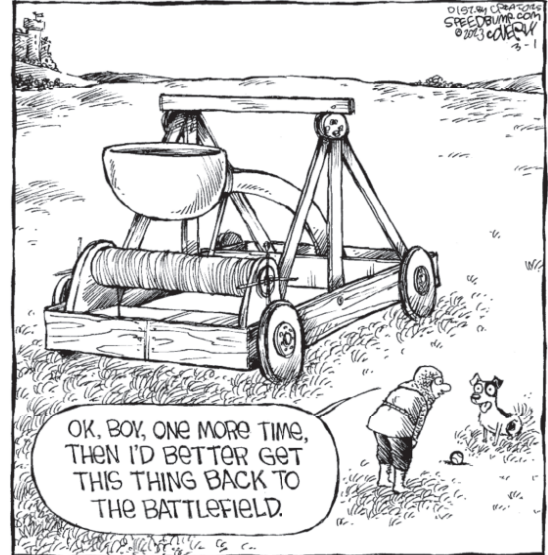
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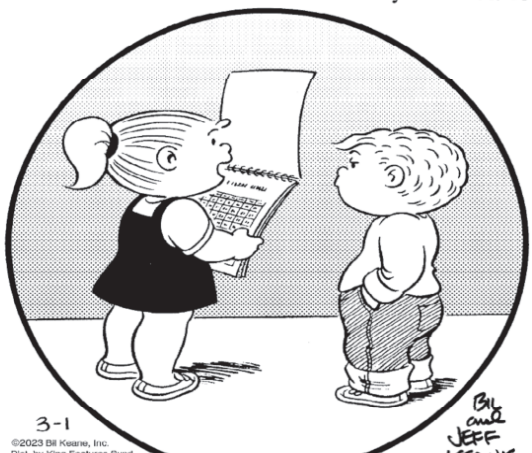
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

A common-sense solution

South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ A 9 4 3
♥ 10 8 5
♦ 5 4 2
♣ J 10 5

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8 2
♥ 7 3 2
♦ K
♣ 6 4 3

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

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

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ Pass 1♠ Pass
3♣ Pass 3♦ Pass
5♦

Opening lead — queen of spades.
It is certainly not necessary to memorize tables of probabilities to be a good cardplayer. In many deals, the right play can be determined by applying a common-sense approach.
In today's deal, declarer chose a line of play that ran counter to probabilities and common sense, and so cost himself a game. He won the spade lead in dummy, played a trump and lost the queen

to the king. West returned a spade, ruffed by South, but since he had no further entries to dummy for another trump lead, he had to lose two more trump tricks to East's A-10 and go down one.

Declarer would have made the contract had he played the nine of trump instead of the queen at trick two, in which case he would have lost only two trump tricks.

In determining whether the nine or the queen is the better play, the correct approach is to ignore all trump divisions where it makes no difference whether the queen or nine is played. For example, if West has the A-K-10, declarer's play does not matter, since he must fail whatever he does.

Similarly, if the trumps are divided 2-2, South's play is also immaterial. He loses only two trump tricks, whatever he does. A 4-0 trump division is also irrelevant because declarer cannot prevail.

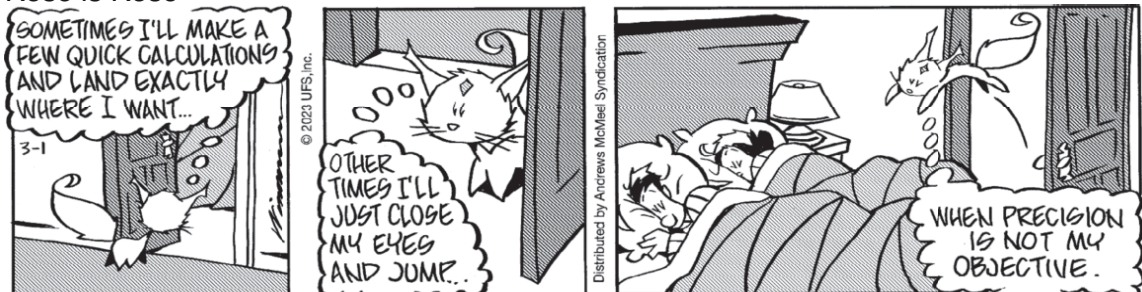
In the final analysis, after East produces the eight on the first diamond lead, the only case that matters is a 3-1 division with West holding the singleton ace, king or ten. Because it is twice as likely that West will have the singleton ace or king rather than the singleton ten, the correct play is the nine.

Tomorrow: That number 13 again.
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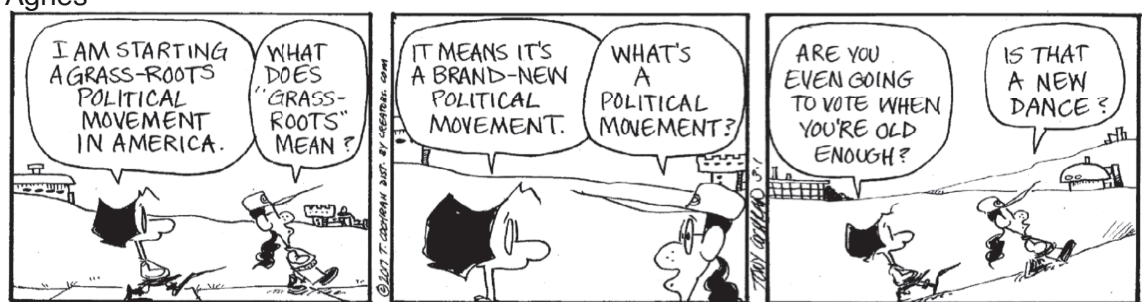
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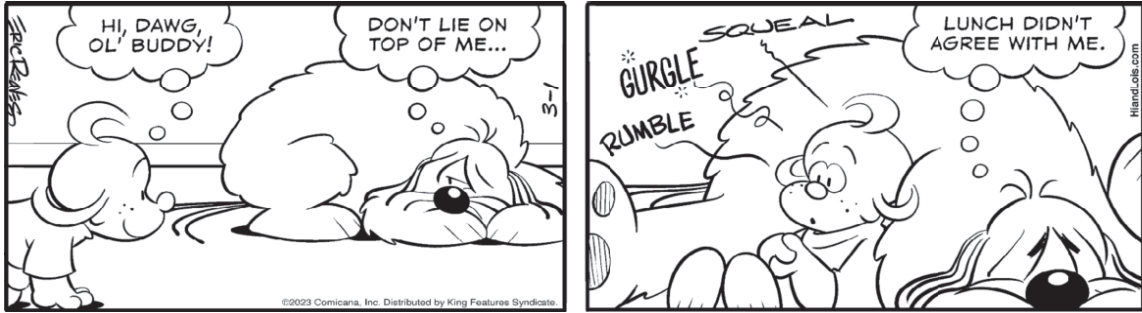
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Hi and Lois



Between Friends



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



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R T I F L A K H T R "UTAR-UQPRI."

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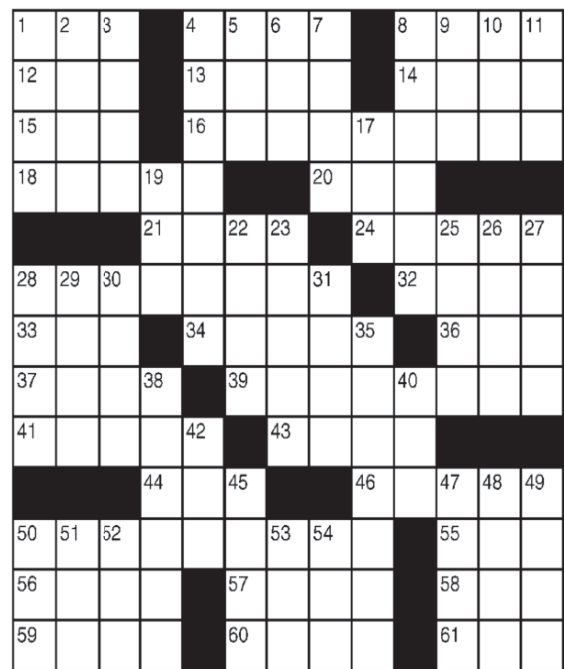
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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| 1 Gallery | 4 Sidewalk | 8 Rescue | 12 Neckline shape | 13 Oodles | 14 "Let's go!" | 15 Chef Garten | 16 Olympic races | 18 Vegas area | 20 "Ain't — Sweet" |
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Sports



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Marion Local's Tate Hess makes contact with Cale Rammel of Fort Recovery on the potential game-winning shot during Tuesday's Division IV district semifinal game at Wapakoneta. Rammel's shot was missed and no foul was called on the play as the top-seeded and seventh-ranked Flyers held off FRHS 35-34.

No call for FR

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

WAPAKONETA, Ohio — The fans clad in purple and white chanted “Danny P, Danny P” after Daniel Patch scored a quick five points to open the second half.

They erupted when Cale Rammel's 3-pointer gave their team its first lead of the second half with 3:50 to play.

They roared again when Rammel hit a pair of free throws for a two-point advantage in the final minute.

In the end, though, those cheers turned to screams of frustration — from both the fans and coach Bob Leverette — when their Indians didn't get a call in the final moments.

There was contact but no call on Rammel's potential game-winning shot Tuesday as Fort Recovery High School fell just short of upsetting the top-seeded and seventh-ranked Marion Local Flyers in the Division IV boys basketball district semifinal at Wapakoneta.

“Tough way to end,” said Leverette, a first-year coach whose team was playing in a district tournament for the first time since 2018. “Very tough way to end.”

The Indians (15-10) were in the lead or tied for more than three minutes — they spread the floor and held the ball for much of that time — before Marion Local's Jady Mescher hit a 3-pointer from the right corner with 32 seconds left for a 35-34 advantage. They looked for a shot but were unable to find anything before Leverette took a timeout with 7.3 seconds left to set up a play for Rammel, who led all scorers with 19 points.

Rex Leverette, the coach's son, inbounded from underneath the basket to Rammel, who was immediately double teamed. He spun toward the middle and put up a shot over Tate Hess of Marion Local (21-4). Hess made contact with Rammel's right forearm when the ball was still in his hand, but there was no foul call and the shot missed its mark.

“We just wanted to either have

Indians come up just short against the No. 7 Flyers in district semifinal

the lead at the end or have a shot to win it at the end,” said Bob Leverette. “And we had a shot to win it at the end. Maybe he got fouled, maybe he didn't. I kind of think he did. But, you know what, if we make some free throws earlier, it doesn't come down to that shot.”

FRHS finished 4-of-8 from the line, with three of the misses coming in the final two minutes.

A foul by Rex Leverette on the rebound after Rammel's potential game-winner preserved one second on the clock, but Hess was able to throw a deep inbound pass to Mescher to end the game.

“You have to survive a game like this if you want to get on an extended tournament run,” said Marion Local coach Kurt Goette-moeller, whose team advances to Friday's district final to play No. 4 seed St. Henry (14-12). “We're gonna be playing a great St. Henry team that has really improved, so we're going to have our hands full Friday. ... This Wapak district is tough because it's league teams, and you know each other so well.”

St. Henry knocked off second-seeded New Bremen 58-45 in Tuesday's first semifinal. Friday's winner — the Flyers won the regular-season game 68-52 over St. Henry — will advance to the regional tournament at Bowling Green State University.

Fort Recovery never trailed in the first quarter Wednesday and

had an 14-8 lead after a Rammel 3-pointer from the right wing early in the second. But it scored only two points over the final six-plus minutes of the half to fall behind 22-16.

Patch's pull-up jumper and 3-pointer, followed by a Rammel free throw, pulled the Indians even early in the third quarter. But Marion Local pushed back to a four-point lead at the end of the period.

Fort Recovery then held the Flyers scoreless for the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter, taking a 31-30 lead on a Rammel 3-pointer with 3:50 to play. After a miss by Marion Local's Austin Niekamp, the Indians spread the floor in an effort to burn the clock. Rex Leverette split free throws to make it 32-30, Hess tied it up on a driving layup and Rammel hit a couple of foul shots before the Mescher triple that set up the final sequence.

“Great effort by our guys,” said Bob Leverette, whose team lost 48-32 to Midwest Athletic Conference champion Marion Local on Jan. 20. “We told them coming in that it was going to take a great effort.”

“Had a good game plan. Kind of worked on it for the last month or so, hoping that we would get here to see Marion. I thought we executed it great.”

“I'm just super proud of our effort. To be in the game like we were, it was awesome. We executed everything we wanted to do besides the very end.”

Offensively, that game plan involved using the 6-foot, 7-inch Patch — he hit a pair and followed Rammel with eight points — to pull Marion Local's big men away from the basket. Defensively, they employed a 1-2-2 zone to try to keep the ball out of the middle. And generally, they wanted to limit possessions.

Niekamp was the only Flyer to reach double figures as he finished with 11 points, including three second-quarter 3-pointers. Mescher added nine points and Hess scored six.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys basketball sectional opener vs. Frankton at New Castle — 6 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Junior high swimming at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Track at Marion

Hoosier State Relays qualifier — 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
1:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball spring training — Washington Nationals at New York Yankees (ESPN)
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Everton at Arsenal (USA)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Xavier at Providence (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball:

Auburn at Alabama (ESPN2); Maryland at Ohio State (BTN)

7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Philadelphia Flyers (TNT)

8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Georgetown at Creighton (FS1)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Texas at TCU (ESPN2); Penn State at Northwestern (BTN)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: New Orleans Pelicans at Portland Trail Blazers (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Carolina

Hurricanes at Vegas Golden Knights (TNT)

Thursday

12:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball spring training: Philadelphia Phillies at Boston Red Sox (ESPN)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wichita State at Houston (ESPN2); Michigan at Illinois (ESPN); Rutgers at Minnesota (FS1)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)

8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at San Antonio Spurs (Bally Indiana)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona State at UCLA (ESPN); Purdue at Wisconsin (FS1); Memphis at SMU (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona at USC (ESPN); California at Oregon (FS1)

Friday

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Dayton at Saint Louis (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Boston Celtics (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series — Victoria's Voice Foundation 200 (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)

11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: New Mexico at Colorado State (FS1)

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