



Hamilton County Reporter

To tax, or not to tax??

That is the question

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Jeff Zeckel feels like someone stuck between a rock and a hard place. He's a small businessman in Noblesville. He also is a member of the Noblesville Common Council trying to understand and trying to deal with House Bill 1001 which, on a 63-33 vote, has passed the Indiana House and a separate bill has passed the State Senate.

The action taken by the House and the Senate could reduce a tax on Indiana small business owners.



Zeckel

"When I first learned about this," Zeckel said, "as a small business owner I thought 'great, I'm getting a gift from the state.' But, then as a Councilman here in Noblesville I started to see how much money will be lost as we try to govern the city."

"The way I see it, we go back to the old saying, 'if it isn't broke, don't try and fix it.'"

"Unless the state gives us a plan to replace the business tax monies, financially it will be tough to run the city."

"I'm pro business and I believe trying to attract new business to the state is good," another Noblesville Councilman, Greg O'Connor, told The Reporter.

"But, the flip side of this is replacing the lost tax revenues. We still have to maintain good parks and streets and roads, and things like that."

The bill allows local government to decide whether or not to do away with the business tax.

"It's like the state is trying to pass the buck," O'Connor said. "The state will need to find a way to raise monies through another tax. That could mean local property taxes will increase."

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns appear to agree with what O'Connor is saying. Matt Greller, the CEO of that group, in a Thursday news conference, announced that his group has formed a 'Replace, Don't Erase' coalition among city officials, school officials, police and fire, and mayors.



O'Connor

In a statement to The Reporter, published in its Saturday edition, Kathy Kreag Richardson, District 29 Republican from Noblesville, wrote, When businesses are looking to locate in Indiana, one of the first questions asked is 'do you have a personal property tax?.' Especially in the Midwest the trend has been a movement away from this tax. Illinois and Ohio have exempted the tax; Michigan is phasing it out and Kentucky has a lower rate.

"I certainly understand the concerns of the communities like Noblesville, especially if exempting the tax is a mandate from the State, as is the case with Senate Bill 1. Our take on tax reform in HB 1001 is to give local governments the option of whether or not reducing the tax is the counties best interest to attract employers. This would

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Press conference changes to...

Personnel matter for coach

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

Dave McCollough, the all-time leader in basketball coaching victories at Noblesville High School, did not coach the Millers in their two games this weekend with Brownsburg and Muncie Central.

In a press release earlier today, Noblesville Schools Public Relations Director Sharon Trisler wrote, "Noblesville High School has investigated the report. This is a personnel matter and no further

information will be released by the athletic department, the high school or Noblesville Schools."

This statement was made after a The Reporter asked if McCollough has been suspended from coaching



McCollough

and or teaching and if so, how long?

The Reporter first learned of an incident with the coach and a player when an email was received from Noblesville Schools late Friday afternoon, announcing a planned press conference at 10 o'clock on Saturday morning.

That press conference was cancelled at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday.

An email from the school received by The Reporter early Saturday afternoon stated, "Noblesville High School head

basketball coach David McCollough had planned to meet with the media during a news conference on Saturday morning. However, he was ill and unable to make the news conference and the conference was canceled."

McCollough, again in the email from Noblesville Schools, then made a statement to the media.

"An incident occurred at basketball practice earlier this week in which, out of frustration during a drill, I threw a basketball and the ball hit a player. My

actions were unacceptable, and I greatly regret that I allowed this to happen. I am sorry and publicly apologize to my players, families and fans. This is not the behavior that I want to model for my players, and it will not happen again."

There has been no announcement by Noblesville Schools concerning when McCollough will return to coaching the Millers.

Langley named to IBJ's "Forty under 40"

The City of Noblesville is pleased to announce that Planning Director Christy Langley has been selected as one of the Indianapolis Business Journal's



Langley

(IBJ) "Forty Under 40". This award is presented to individuals who have achieved success in his or her chosen field before the age of 40. Honorees must also exhibit the qualities of leadership and initiative.

Langley served as the city's Assistant Economic Development Director for five years prior to being appointed Planning Director by Mayor John Ditslear in April 2012. She earned a bachelor's

degree in Urban Regional Planning from Ball State University and a Master of Public Affairs from Indiana University. In addition, she successfully completed her certification by the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) in November 2011.

Since taking over as the city's Planning Director, Langley has initiated many new programs for the department such as the digitalization of the department's re-

cords and processes as well as leading a year-long effort to update the city's Comprehensive Master Plan (Comp Plan). The Comp Plan update project involved numerous consultation meetings with community stakeholders; multiple public meetings and surveys; and substantial inter-departmental effort and research. The Comp Plan was approved by Common Council this week and will now serve as a guide for

Noblesville's future development, redevelopment, and community building projects.

"We in the city are very proud of Christy's selection as one of IBJ's Forty Under 40. She is a remarkable person who has accomplished much and I am pleased to see this recognition of her hard work and vision," said Mayor Ditslear.



Photo provided

Another county contestant...

Fishers' Kristi O'Brien to appear on Big Break Florida

Fishers resident and professional golfer Kristi O'Brien will have the opportunity to fulfil her dream of playing on the LPGA Tour when she competes on Golf Channel's popular *Big Break Florida* reality competition series, beginning Monday, Feb. 24 at 9 p.m. ET.

O'Brien, 23, saw her life change forever when she was involved in a severe car accident in 2009. Miraculously, she walked away from the accident, and saw it as a sign that her golf clubs in the trunk also were unscratched. Given a second chance in life, golf helped O'Brien recover from the emotional and physical injuries. She went on to become the 2011 Indiana Player of the Year and turned professional upon college graduation. She is competing on the Symetra and Cactus Tours in 2014.

The series features an all-female cast hoping to take the next step in their professional golf careers by competing for more than \$175,000 in cash and prizes – the largest collection of prizes in series history. The winner of *Big Break Florida* will receive more than \$100,000 in cash and prizes, including an exemption to the 2014 Manulife Financial LPGA Classic (June 5-8, 2014) and exempt status on the 2015 Symetra Tour with all entry fees waived.

O'Brien will be the third Hamilton County-based woman to appear on one of The Big Break shows. Noblesville's Ashley Prange was the winner of The Big Break V: Hawaii, and went on to have a successful career on the LPGA's Futures Tour. Ashley's sister Amber Prange competed on The Big Break X: Michigan, finishing third.

No peeking!
The crossword and Sudoku puzzles appear on Page 11.

SUDOKU SOLUTION

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Photo by Brian Reddick/RDK PhotoGraphic

Hamilton Heights crowned Ali Heffelmire its Winter Homecoming queen and Andre Porter the king during its boys basketball game with Tipton on Friday. Of course, Porter would go on to be the king of the 285-pound weight class during Saturday’s Heights wrestling sectional. Read more about that on Page 3.

Special girls sectional edition to be emailed Monday

The Reporter, which normally publishes on Sundays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and Sundays, this Monday, Feb. 3. will publish in its email edition an ad-free special edition concerning Sunday's IHSAA girls basketball tourney draw.

The sectional will include draw information on all sectionals which include Hamlton County's nine girls basketball teams.

Also, sectional draw information will be published in Tuesday's print edition.

TAX

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only be for new investments on non-utility products.”

(All of Rep. Richardson comments can be found in The Reporter’s Saturday email edition.)

The author of the House Bill is Rep. Eric Turner, a Republican from Cicero.

“This is a jobs bill,” Turner said. “This is a bill that would create economic growth in our state. It will lower the corporate income tax rate from 6.5 percent to 4.9 percent and eliminate the personal property tax for businesses that own less than \$25,000 in business equipment and office supplies”

House Speaker Brian Bosma, R-Indianapolis, said the House has already done “a great deal of analysis” on methods to replace lost revenue.

“If they choose to exercise this local option, we already have replacement income vehicles that would more than replace the anticipated impacts of this,” Bosma said. “This is just an additional tool for local units of government. It’s one that I think is badly need, and I don’t think it is going to harm them.”

The questions becomes, who will decide whether or not Hamilton County favors the bill? It may not be Zeckle and O’Connor or the Noblesville Common Council; nor any of the city councils and town boards in the county; nor any of the mayors, and not even the County Commissioners or County Council.

Voting will be done, as The Reporter understands it, by COIT (County Option Income Tax), a group consisting of all the government and school units in Hamilton County. Each has a proportion vote, based on population.

This vote collectively is the final decision and binding to all the various units. The City of Camel, for example, couldn’t elect to go it alone.

Reporter columnist Fred Swift, a long-time follower of Hamilton County government, wrote on this subject nearly a month ago, pointing to the plan backed by Gov. Mike Pence, who has said he wants to phase out the tax in a way that doesn’t unduly harm local governments.

In researching for his column, Swift asked the Hamilton County Auditor’s office to project losses of tax dollars if the business personal property tax is eliminated.

Here are some units included in that projection:

Town of Arcadia,	\$7,900.
Town of Atlanta,	\$1,726.
City of Carmel,	\$2,640,402.
Town of Cicero,	\$18,192.
Town of Fishers,	\$1,228,026.
Carmel Clay Schools,	\$3,398,286.
Hamilton Heights Schools,	\$270,187.
Hamilton Southeastern Schools,	\$2,766,377.
Noblesville Schools,	\$1,668,552.
Marion Adams Schools,	\$127,316.
Westfield Washington Schools,	\$1,697,951.
Hamilton County Government,	\$2,675,759.



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5 straight titles for the Millers...



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ABOVE: The Noblesville wrestling team celebrates another championship at the Hamilton Heights sectional on Saturday. This is the fifth trophy in a row for the Millers.
BELOW: Tom Knotts has coached Noblesville during its streak of five consecutive sectional championships.

Tommy’s matmen do it again

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

It’s getting to be a habit for Coach Tom Knotts and his Noblesville Millers ... winning the Hamilton Heights Wrestling Sectional.

Actually, you might say, more than a habit. Saturday in the Husky Dome the Millers won their fifth straight sectional championship.

Noblesville pounded the other 10 opponents, scoring 232.5 points and qualifying 10 matmen for next Saturday’s Pendleton Heights Regional. Noblesville crowned five champions and had two runners-up and three third place finishers. The top four in each weight class move on to the regional.

Anderson finished second, a distance margin from the Millers, scoring 163.5 points.

Locally, Hamilton Heights placed fourth, just 1.5 points behind third place Pendleton Heights and only 8.5 points behind Anderson. Guerin Catholic was 9th with 51.50 points.

Heights will send eight wrestlers to the regional, one champion, three runners-up and four fourth place finishers. Guerin Catholic qualified three with one second and two fourths.

But, it was Noblesville which stole the show, a Noblesville team Knotts said might be the youngest of the five sectional title winners.

“I thought we would win the sectional, but, yes, this is a young team,” Knotts said. “The (Pendleton Heights) Regional is tough, but I think we’ve got a shot at sending some of our kids to the state.”

Certainly in that group are the five Millers who won Saturday, senior Vance Ellis at 120 pounds, senior Nikio Barrantes at 126, junior Stephen Kitko at 138, junior Derek Noon at 152, and senior Ben Elliott at 182.

Ellis is 21-1 on the season; Barrantes 21-4, Kitko 10-2, Noon 32-4 and Elliott 28-5.

Barrantes is a three-time sectional winner. Kitko missed considerable time this season with a broken leg.

Noblesville’s two runners-up were freshman David Kitko (14-6) at 132 and senior Jacob Wormuth (24-11) at 160.

Also qualifying for the regional were third place finishers freshman Mateo Barrantes (24-12) at 106 pounds, sophomore Bryston Sprecher (21-15) at 113, and senior Mitch Mackesey (29-6) at 170 pounds.

The highlight of the meet for Hamilton Heights came in the last match of the day



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Get ready for Saturday’s New Castle Regional by reading Noblesville’s, Heights’ and Guerin’s match-by-match sectional action in the print/email edition of Tuesday’s Reporter



Reporter photo by Richie Hall

The Carmel wrestling team won its first Zionsville sectional championship in five years Saturday. The Greyhounds had three individual winners and qualified 11 wrestlers for next week's North Montgomery regional.

‘Hounds end 5-year sectional drought

By **RICHIE HALL**
Reporter Sports Editor

It's been a long time since Carmel last won a wrestling sectional.

Okay, maybe five years isn't that long. But it felt like it for a program that had consistently won trophies over the years. The Greyhounds got themselves back in the winner's circle Saturday by capturing the Zionsville sectional.

Carmel scored 200.5 points in its victory. The 'Hounds trailed Westfield after the championship bracket matches had finished, but surged ahead during the wrestle-backs, then kept the momentum going throughout the finals.

Also important is that Carmel qualified 11 wrestlers for next Saturday's North Montgomery regional. The top four finishers in each weight class move on to that round.

Carmel had three champions, all seniors. Karl Wilhelm won at 106 pounds, Eli Carlson got the 160-pound blue ribbon and Ben Kregge sailed through the 170-pound bracket. Sophomore Sam Hipple was the runner-up at 195 pounds.

"The part that we're really excited about is for this class of seniors - Wilhelm at 106, (Nick) Patterson at '32, Carlson, Kregge, (John) Theriot and (Keion) Garcia. We have six seniors in the line-up that we could talk about in the practice room, and we say it to them: Years after they're gone, the imprint they left on the wrestling program at Carmel will be around."

Five Greyhounds placed third, which helped them gain extra team points. The list included juniors Andrew Hayes (113) and Morgan Pruitt (120), sophomore Nick Fox at 145, and seniors John Theriot (170) and Keion Garcia (220). Senior Nick Patterson (132) and sophomore Jack Johnson (182) finished fourth.

The Shamrocks finished third to the host Eagles. Zionsville passed Westfield with three stunning wins at the end of the meet, sweeping the 195-, 220- and 285-pound championships. That gave the Eagles 172 points to the Shamrocks' 169.5.

But it still was a good meet for Westfield, which qualified eight for regionals. The Shamrocks had two champions in the remarkable Eldred brothers. Sophomore Evan was the 132-pound champion, with senior Dillon winning at 138 pounds.

Westfield had four more wrestlers reach the finals. Freshman Reid Hutson reached the 106-pound championship match, as did seniors AJ Belden (126), Jeffrey Helm (145) and Michael Steele (152). Sophomore Zachary Steele (120) and junior Daryn Milton (220) finished fourth.

Hamilton Southeastern, the four-time defending champion, placed a respectable fourth and advanced seven wrestlers to regionals. The Royals won three individual blue ribbons, all coming right in a row.

Junior Austin Holmes started by winning an exciting 113-pound championship

match in overtime. Senior Edrece Stansberry was the winner at 120 pounds, and junior Jack Chastain then took care of the 126-pound bracket.

"I was really excited the way Jack Chastain, Austin Holmes and Edrece Stansberry wrestled," said HSE coach Kyle Poyer. "Those guys certainly did a great job today and positioned themselves well to go through the tournament."

Two more HSE seniors reached the final: Georges Brantley at 220 pounds and Chet Maxey at 285 pounds. Sophomore Jimmy Wallace (138) and senior Jeff Dixon (195) placed fourth.

Fishers finished in sixth place and qualified six for regionals. Two Tiger seniors reached the finals: Lance Syverson at 132 and Josh Sutcliffe at 160. Senior Josh Lile (145) and junior Steven Chakiry (285) placed third, while senior Kweisi Mak-Dawson (138) and junior Mason Gaines (152) finished fourth.

Sheridan's best finishes were sixth-place efforts by senior Matt Delph (145) and junior Austin Hoover (170).

Team scores: Carmel 200.5, Zionsville 172, Westfield 169.5, Hamilton Southeastern 157.5, Lebanon 145.5, Fishers 105, Clinton Central 68, Western Boone 64, Frankfort 43, Sheridan 11, Clinton Prairie 0.

CARMEL RESULTS
106 pounds, Karl Wilhelm: received bye, def. Bullock (Fr) by pin 1:08, def. Mennen (CC) by pin 3:19, def. Hutson (W) 5-2, finished 1st.
113 pounds, Andrew Hayes: received bye, def. Wright (F) 13-5, lost to Holmes (HSE) 8-4, def. Arndt (W) by tech fall 17-2, def. Wilson (Z) 8-0, finished 3rd.
120 pounds, Morgan Pruitt: received bye, def. Witmer (F) by pin 1:31, lost to Stansberry (HSE) 5-2, def. Parsley (WB) by pin 2-:3, def. Steele (W) 5-1, finished 3rd.
126 pounds, Jerrod Smith: received bye, lost to Collins (Fr) 6-4 OT, def. Tunstall (F) by pin 1:52, lost to Archibald (CC) by pin 4:10, def. Easter (Z) by pin 0:23, finished 5th.
132 pound, Nick Patterson: received bye, def. Jones (L) 13-5, lost to Syverson (F) 5-2, def. Weber (HSE) 7-5, lost to Kern (Z) 8-5, finished 4th.
138 pounds, Emerson Knoebel: received bye, lost to Mak-Dawson (F) 3-2, def. Daugherty (WB) by pin 0:20, lost to Wallace (HSE) 2-1, def. Kern (Z) 5-0, finished 5th.
145 pounds, Nick Fox: received bye, def. Delph (S) 10-3, lost to Helm (W) 3-0, def. Irick (HSE) 3-1, lost to Lile (F) 9-2, finished 3rd.
152 pounds, Eli Carlson: received bye, def. Barnett (CP) by pin 0:55, def. Gregg (HSE) by pin 3:09, def. Steele (W) 3-2, finished 1st.
160 pounds, Ben Kregge: received bye, def. Jessop (HSE) 10-2, def. Ragains (F) 11-3, def. Sutcliffe (F) by tech fall 16-0, finished 1st.
170 pounds, John Theriot: received bye, def. Mak-Dawson (F) by tech fall 19-3, lost to McCloskey (WB) 7-3, def. Hoover (S) by pin 3:20, def. Williamson (Z) 3-2, finished 3rd.
182 pounds, Jack Johnson: received bye, def. Fuller (Z) 5-4, lost to Miller (CC) by pin 2:26, def. Schaeffer (W) by pin 3:16, lost to Steffy (L) 8-4, finished 4th.
195 pounds, Sam Hipple: received bye, def. Martinez (Fr) by pin 0:59, def. Petty (CC) 5-1, lost to Aven (Z) 11-5, finished 2nd.
220 pounds, Keion Garcia: received bye, lost to Milton (W) 4-3 2OT, def. Carillo (Fr) 4-3, def. Smith (L) 6-1, def. Milton (W) by pin 4:05, finished 3rd.

285 pounds, Simon Pachcairz: lost to Dollens (W) 3-1, did not place.

WESTFIELD RESULTS
106 pounds, Reid Hutson: received bye, def. Bowling (L) 8-3, def. Ellis (Z) 6-2, lost to Wilhelm (C) 5-2, finished 2nd.
113 pounds, Hunter Arndt: received bye, lost to Wilson (Z) 4-2, def. Freestone (CP) by tech fall 17-0, lost to Hayes (C) by tech fall 17-2, def. Wright (F) 19-7, finished 5th.
120 pounds, Zachary Steele: received bye, def. Owens (CP) by pin 0:54, lost to Mantel (Z) 4-3, def. Talbott (L) 6-4, lost to Pruitt (C) 5-1, finished 4th.
126 pounds, AJ Belden: received bye, def. Easter (Z) by pin 3:27, def. Archibald (CC) by pin 2:16, lost to Chastain (HSE) 7-5, finished 2nd.
132 pounds, Evan Eldred: received bye, def. Weber (HSE) 12-4, def. Kern (Z) 1-0, def. Syverson (F) 5-2, finished 1st.
138 pounds, Dillon Eldred: received bye, def. Daugherty (WB) by pin 0:45, def. Mak-Dawson (F) by pin 1:30, def. Smith (L) 3-0, finished 1st.
145 pounds, Jeffrey Helm: received bye, def. Imboden (WB) by tech fall 18-1, def. Fox (C) 3-0, lost to VanCamp (L) by pin 1:20, finished 2nd.
152 pounds, Michael Steele: received bye, def. Banks (Z) by pin 1:21, def. Stambaugh (L) 4-2, lost to Carlson (C) 3-2, finished 2nd.
160 pounds, Daniel Kanraith: def. Eldridge (L) 10-0, lost to Haverson (Z) 11-3, def. Moore (CP) by pin 2:55, lost to Ragains (Fr) 5-4, lost to Haverson (Z) 9-8, finished 6th.
170 pounds, Hunter Jakostiz: lost to Williamson (Z) 1-0, did not place.
182 pounds, Nick Schaeffer: def. Stevens (F) by pin 4:22, lost to Morales (WB) by pin 3:24, def. Byrd (CP) by tech fall 15-0, lost to Johnson (C) by pin 3:16, lost to Fuller (Z) by pin 1:56, finished 6th.
195 pounds, Austin Mazura: received forfeit (S), lost to Petty (CC) by pin 1:21, def. Martinez (Fr) by pin 0:55, lost to Hart (L) by pin, 3:52, lost to Petty (CC) by pin 1:42, finished 6th.
220 pounds, Daryn Milton: received bye, def. Garcia (C) 4-3 2OT, lost to Warner (Z) 3-2, def. Chang (F) 9-4, lost to Garcia (C) by pin 4:05, finished 4th.
285 pounds, Austin Dollens: def. Pachcairz (C) 3-1, def. Ruiz (Fr) 2-0, lost to Hobick (Z) by pin 0:48, lost to Chakiry (F) by pin 2:06, lost to Ruiz (Fr) by pin 1:59, finished 6th.

SOUTHEASTERN RESULTS
106 pounds, Kyle Johnson: received bye, lost to Mennen (CC) by pin 2:52, def. Bullock (Fr) by pin 4:55, lost to Ellis (Z) by pin 3:44, def. Mennen (CC) 10-8, finished 5th.
113 pounds, Austin Holmes: received bye, def. Parsley (WB) by tech fall 22-7, def. Hayes (C) 13-5, def. Bocock (L) 5-3 OT, finished 1st.
120 pounds, Edrece Stansberry: received bye, def. Talbott (L) 9-4, def. Pruitt (C) 5-2, def. Mantel (Z) 3-2, finished 1st.
126 pounds, Jack Chastain: received bye, def. Tunstall (F) by pin 0:15, def. Collins (Fr) by pin 3:34, def. Belden (W) 7-5, finished 1st.
132 pounds, Sam Weber: received forfeit (S), lost to Eldred (W) 12-4, def. Wallsmith (CP) by pin 1:28, lost to Patterson (C) 7-5, def. Davis (Fr) 6-4, finished 5th.
138 pounds, Jimmy Wallace: received forfeit (CP), def. Lucas (CC) 9-3, lost to Smith (L) 7-0, def. Knoebel (C) 2-1, def. Mak-Dawson (F) 7-4, finished 3rd.
145 pounds, Spencer Irick: received bye, lost to Lile (F) 15-5, def. Alexander (Fr) by pin 3:48, lost to Fox (C) 3-1, def. Delph (S) 5-0, finished 5th.
152 pounds, Corbin Gregg: received bye, def. Ragains (Fr) 14-2, lost to Carlson (C) by pin 3:09, lost to Gaines (F) 5-2, def. Ragains (Fr) by pin 5:27, finished 5th.
160 pounds, Alec Jessop: def. Morris (CC) 15-4, lost to Kregge (C) 10-2, lost to Pedigo (WB) 3-2, did not place.
170 pounds, Jared Batt: lost to Hoover (S) 4-3, did not place.

182 pounds, Dakota Burge: def. Cruz (Fr) by pin 2:44, lost to Miller (CC) 9-4, lost to Fuller (Z) 6-2, did not place.

195 pounds, Jeff Dixon: received bye, lost to Hart (L) 4-3, def. Baker (F) by pin 1:44, def. Petty (CC) 12-7, def. Hart (L) by pin 1:28, finished 3rd.

220 pounds, Georges Brantley: received bye, def. Chang (F) 8-6 OT, def. Smith (L) 3-2, lost to Warner (Z) 5-4 2OT, finished 2nd.

285 pounds, Chet Maxey: received bye, def. Chakiry (F) 5-4 OT, def. Bauer (L) 4-3, lost to Hobick (Z) by pin 5:09, finished 2nd.

FISHERS RESULTS

106 pounds, Ethan Anderson: received forfeit (CP), lost to Ellis (Z) by pin 1:16, lost to Bowling (L) by pin 0:48, did not place.

113 pounds, Caleb Wright: received forfeit (S), lost to Hayes (C) 13-5, def. Parsley (WB) 4-2, lost to Wilson (Z) 3-1 OT, lost to Arndt (W) 19-7, finished 6th.

120 pounds, John Witmer: received forfeit (Fr), lost to Talbott (L) by pin 2:16, did not place.

126 pounds, Jaren Tunstall: received forfeit (CP), lost to Chastain (HSE) by pin 0:15, lost to Smith (C) by pin 1:52, did not place.

132 pounds, Lance Syverson: received bye, def. Davis (Fr) by pin 1:27, def. Patterson (C) 5-2, lost to Eldred (W) 5-4, finished 2nd.

138 pounds, Kweisi Mak-Dawson: received bye, def. Knoebel (C) 3-2, lost to Eldred (W) by pin 1:30, def. Kern (Z) 5-2, lost to Wallace (HSE) 7-4, finished 4th.

145 pounds, Jordan Lile: received bye, def. Irick (HSE) 15-5, lost to VanCamp (L) 1-0, def. Delph (S) by pin 2:18, def. Fox (C) 9-2, finished 3rd.

152 pounds, Mason Gaines: received forfeit (S), lost to Stambaugh (L) 8-4, def. Banks (Z) by pin 3:45, def. Gregg (HSE) 5-2, lost to Stambaugh (L) by pin 2:05, finished 4th.

160 pounds, Josh Sutcliffe: received forfeit (S), def. Moore (CP) by pin 0:57, def. Haverson (Z) 8-3, lost to Kregge (C) by tech fall 15-0, finished 2nd.

170 pounds, Freedom Mak-Dawson: received bye, lost to Theriot (C) by tech fall 19-3, def. Pillion (Fr) by pin 3:17, lost to Williamson (Z) by pin 4:02, def. Hoover (S) 7-6, finished 5th.

182 pounds, Dan Stevens: lost to Schaeffer (W) by pin 4:23, did not place.

195 pounds, Anthony Baker: received forfeit (WB), lost to Aven (Z) by pin 1:44, lost to Dixon (HSE) by pin 1:44, did not place.

220 pounds, Charley Chang: received forfeit (CC), lost to Brantley (HSE) 8-6 OT, def. Eidson (S) by pin 4:31, lost to Milton (W) 9-4, def. Smith (L) 10-4, finished 5th.

285 pounds, Steven Chakiry: received bye, lost to Maxey, 5-4 OT def. Powers (S) by pin 1:22, def. Dollens (W) by pin 2:06, lost to Bauer (L) 3-1 OT, finished 3rd.

SHERIDAN RESULTS

106 pounds, forfeited.
113 pounds, forfeited.
120 pounds, forfeited.
126 pounds, forfeited.
132 pounds, forfeited.
138 pounds, forfeited.
145 pounds, Matt Delph: def. Hovde (CP) by pin 2:15, lost to Fox (C) 10-3, def. Imboden (WB) 12-4, lost to Lile (F) by pin 2:18, lost to Irick (HSE) 5-0, finished 6th.
152 pounds, forfeited.
160 pounds, forfeited.
170 pounds, Austin Hoover: def. Batt (HSE) 4-3, lost to Scott (CC) by pin 2:57, def. Boller (CP) by pin 4:35, lost to Theriot (C) by pin 3:20, lost to Mak-Dawson 7-6, finished 6th.
182 pounds, Mike Edwards: lost to Byrd (CP) by pin 0:14, did not place.
195 pounds, forfeited.
220 pounds, Jacob Eidson: received forfeit (WB), lost to Smith (L) by tech fall 18-2, lost to Chang (F) by pin 4:21, did not place.
285 pounds, David Powers: received forfeit (CC), lost to Bauer (L) by pin 0:37, lost to Chakiry (F) by pin 1:22, did not place.

MATMEN

when Andre Porter won the championship in the 285 pound division. The senior will carry an impressive 31-1 record to Pendleton Heights.

Heights will send three runners-up to the regional. They are senior Sam Staebler (22-13) at 138 pounds, junior Isaac Ray (16-16) at 145 and senior Cole Leininger (30-6) at 220.

Four Huskies who placed fourth also will make the trip to New Castle. They are freshman Chris Loy (20-14) at 106, freshman Clayton Cowan (15-16) at 126, junior Micah Ream (14-17) at 160, and freshman Zach Stevens (11-16) at 182.

Guerin's top finisher of the day was sophomore Dawson McMahon, runner-up at 126 pounds. He has a 22-12 record.

Two other Golden Eagles, each finishing fourth, also qualified. They are sophomore Nick Smith (19-13) at 113 pounds and sophomore Sam Vondersaar (23-15) at 195.

Hamilton Heights wrestling sectional



Photos by Brian Reddick/RDK PhotoGraphic

ABOVE: Hamilton Heights' Andre Porter breezed through the 285-pound bracket Saturday at the Huskies' wrestling sectional. Porter is now 31-1 for the season.
BELOW: Noblesville's Niko Barrantes and Guerin Catholic's Dawson McMahon wrestle for the 126-pound championship. Barrantes won the match.



Millers spank Bearcats by 24

By DON JELLISON
Reporter Editor

There weren’t enough students in the Noblesville student section at The Mill on Saturday evening to conduct the fame “wave” you’ll see at a lot of sporting events. So, acting coach Rich Conley demonstrated his own “wave,” sending in wave after wave of Millers in a 69-45 pounding of visiting Muncie Central.

Conley gave considerable time to lots of different players. Thirteen got into the game. Eleven put points on the board. Six different Millers hit 3-pointers, as the host folks stuck in 10-of-14 shots from long range.

“Wave after wave,” smiled the Noblesville coach in a coaches office minus lots of smiles during this weekend. “When you play that many people you have fresh legs to play defense,” Conley said. “We’ve been playing some pretty good defense.”

Okay, coach, that worked tonight against a not-very-good Muncie team which was playing without its very talented 6-8 center (out with an injury). It’s February. Is that type of attack going to work against the big boys come post-season, the folks like Carmel and Hamilton Southeastern?

“To win the sectional you have to win three games in four days,” Conley answered. “Having 12 guys to run in and out of games should help.”

This contest on this night was a huge game for Noblesville, considering all things. The battle wasn’t nearly as close as even the final 24-point margin might suggest. The Millers doubled the score on the Bearcats (54-27) on a three-point play by Justin Pegues with 7:28 left in the fourth quarter. On a 3-point shot by Jake Mills, Noblesville took its biggest lead at 63-33 with 4:40 left in the game.

Noblesville which once led by 11 points in the first half but then took only a 22-17 margin to halftime, exploded for 47 points in the second half. Forty-seven points in a half from a Noblesville team which came into the game averaging a couple of notches under that figure –in a game.

“Defense can make you better on offense,” Conley said.

With all those players running in and out, two Millers still finished in double figures. Center Jack Trittipo went 5-for-5 from the field and 5-of-5 at the line to lead all Noblesville players with 15 points. Guard Sean Wilson was 4-of-6 from 3-point range and ended the night with 14 points.

“Jack (Trittipo) at 6-8 is so strong and skilled,” Conley said. “When Wilson gets hot, he’s one of our best shooters.”

Conley stopped short of labeling the second half Noblesville’s best offensive two quarters of the season.



Photo by Kent Graham/Correspondent

Noblesville’s Jake Mills, shown here during the Millers’ Friday game with Brownsburg, had two 3-pointers in Noblesville’s win over Muncie Central Saturday at The Mill.

Noblesville 69, Muncie Central 45				
Noblesville	FG	FT	TP	PF
John Kiser	3-5	0-0	7	1
Justin Pegues	3-4	2-4	8	1
Jack Trittipo	5-5	5-5	15	1
Jake Mills	3-5	0-0	8	2
Austin Ginther	1-2	0-0	2	0
Sean Wilson	5-10	0-0	14	1
Joey Herron	1-1	0-0	3	1
Joey Brewer	1-1	0-0	3	1
Josh Gentry	1-1	0-0	2	1
Jordan Saal	0-0	0-0	0	0
Zach Parker	1-1	0-0	3	1
Max Meehan	2-2	0-0	4	3
Max Flinchum	0-1	0-0	0	0
Totals	26-38	7-9	69	13

Score by Quarters:

Noblesville	14	8	27	20	–69
Muncie	6	11	10	18	–45

Noblesville 3-Pointers (10-14): Kiser 1-2, Mills 2-2, Wilson 4-6, Herron 1-1, Brewer 1-1, Parker 1-1, Flinchum 0-1.

Noblesville Rebounds (15): Kiser 5, Pegues 3, Trittipo 3, Mills 1, Herron 2 Brewer 1.

Noblesville Turnovers: 8.

Junior Varsity

Noblesville 45, Muncie Central 41

Noblesville: Grant Neterer 3, Max Flinchum 7, Brady Resch 2, McGwire Plumer 0, Asmundur Magnusson 12, Tristan Popa 3, Christian Johnsln 4, Luka Davanovic 1, Brandon Barthel 8, Patrick Horton 5.

CORRECTION



Hunter Crist was mis-identified in this picture that ran in Saturday’s edition of The Reporter.

LN’s big 3rd quarter stops Tigers

Fishers lost to Lawrence North 75-50 Saturday in a game at the Wildkats' gym.	Andre Small	0-0	0-0	0	2
The Tigers led 32-29 at halftime, but were overwhelmed by a 27-9 third-quarter run by LN. With the loss, Fishers is now 5-9 for the season.	Devin Chaudion	3-9	0-0	6	2
Kortland Townsend made three 3-pointers on his way to 16 points, followed Cam Wolter with 13 and Lance Dollison with 10. Keegan Kollmeyer handed out four assists.	Lance Dollison	4-8	0-0	10	3
Fishers travels to McCutcheon Friday for a Hoosier Crossroads Conference game, then hosts Anderson next Saturday.	Cam Wolter	3-6	7-10	13	2
	Josh Lloyd	0-0	1-4	1	3
	Zach Eaton	0-1	0-0	0	0
	Keegan Kollmeyer	1-3	0-0	2	0
	Luke Wehner	1-2	0-0	2	0
	Totals	16-37	13-22	50	14
	Score by Quarters				
	Fishers	19	13	9	9 - 50
	Lawrence North	15	14	27	19 - 75
	Fishers 3-point shooting (5-15)	Townsend 3-5,			
	Dollison 2-3, Chaudion 0-3, Kollmeyer 0-2,				
	Wehner 0-1, Eaton 0-1.				
	Fishers rebounds (18) Townsend 4, Dollison 4,				
	Wolter 4, Chaudion 2, Lloyd 1, Eaton 1,				
	Kollmeyer 1, Wehner 1.				
	Fishers turnovers: 11.				

Lawrence North 75, Fishers 50				
Fishers	FG	FT	TP	PF
Kortland Townsend	4-8	5-8	16	2

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Royals stun No. 1 Tech

Hamilton Southeastern delivered a stunner to the boys basketball world on Saturday, defeating Arsenal Tech 77-71 at the Titans' gym.

It's not an earth-shattering upset, as the Royals are Class 4A's No. 3 team. But Tech is No. 1, and held a 17-1 record coming into the game. Southeastern, after it's win, is now 14-2.

It was a back and forth game. The Titans led 15-10 after one quarter, with the Royals jumping ahead 28-26 at halftime. Tech made a third-quarter run, but Southeastern took control in the fourth, scoring 33 points.

Eric Davidson led HSE with 20 points, with Tyler Jenkins adding 15, Chris Ford 12 and Zach Gunn 10. The

Royals were also solid from the free-throw line, making 24 of 29 attempts. Davidson hit three 3-pointers, with Brendan Burns making two and also grabbing eight rebounds. Gunn made two blocked shots.

Southeastern travels to Lawrence Central on Tuesday.

Hamilton Southeastern 77, Arsenal Tech 71				
Southeastern	FG	FT	TP	PF
Mason Hankins	0-1	0-0	0	0
Max Hankins	0-0	0-0	0	0
Tyler Jenkins	3-9	8-8	15	1
Brendan Burns	3-6	0-0	8	4
Chris Ford	3-4	5-6	12	2

Eric Davidson	4-11	9-10	20	0
Grant Leach	1-4	1-2	4	1
Jack Kramer	1-1	0-0	2	1
Zach Gunn	5-11	1-3	10	4
Tyler Janney	0-4	0-0	0	3
Tyler Scholl	3-3	0-0	6	2
Herman Guillory	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	23-54	24-29	77	18
Score by Quarters				
Southeastern	10	18	16	33 - 77
Tech	15	11	22	23 - 71
Southeastern 3-point shooting (9-23) Davidson 3-6, Burns 2-3, Jenkins 1-5, Gunn 1-4, Leach 1-3, Ford 1-1, Janney 0-1.				
Southeastern rebounds (32) Burns 8, Gunn 7, Ford 4, Mason Hankins 3, Leach 3, Jenkins 2, Davidson 2, Kramer 1, Janney 1, Scholl 1.				
Southeastern turnovers: 14.				

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Short-handed ‘Hawks fall to Northwestern

A depleted Sheridan team fell to Northwestern 81-42 Saturday at Hobbs Hall.

The Blackhawks were missing Cort Christy and Jake Chesney due to injuries. Sheridan trailed 44-24 at halftime.

Brock Kitchel scored 17 points, while Chris Roberts pulled down nine rebounds. Sheridan is now 3-11 and travels to Clinton Prairie Friday for a Hoosier Heartland Conference game.

Northwestern 81, Sheridan 42

Sheridan	FG	FT	TP	PF
Nate Pflugh	2-5	2-2	6	4

Chris Roberts	1-4	6-7	8	4
Micheal Burnell	2-4	0-0	4	4
Brock Kitchel	4-5	8-9	17	3
Taylor Ly	1-1	1-2	3	0
Elliot Barker	0-2	2-4	2	5
Michael Boyer	0-1	2-3	2	3
Totals	10-22	21-27	42	23
Score by Quarters				
Northwestern	24	20	24	13 - 81
Sheridan	15	9	9	9 - 42
Sheridan 3-point shooting (1-3) Kitchel 1-2, Roberts 0-1.				
Sheridan rebounds (20) Roberts 9, Kitchel 4, Pflugh 3, Barker 2, Burnell 1, Boyer 1.				
Sheridan turnovers: 26.				

Forkin’s 27 help...

‘Blazers cruise past APA

University's boys basketball team beat Anderson Prep 76-47 in a Saturday road game.

The Trailblazers never trailed. Anthony Murdock scored six of the first 10 points and Tyler Diehl had seven in the first quarter. Sam Forkin had the hot hand in the second, netting 13 points.

Forkin led with 27 points, with Diehl scoring 19. Senior Jake Nerney had his first career three pointer in the fourth quarter.

University is 9-7 and hosts Indianapolis Washington next Friday.

University 76, Anderson Prep 47

University	FG	FT	TP
Anthony Murdoch	3	0-0	6
Mikhail Liston	3	2-2	8
Robbie Johnson	3	0-1	6
Anthony Maranto	0	0-0	0
Tyler Diehl	6	5-5	19
Sam Forkin	11	0-0	27
Jazen Cosby	2	3-3	7
Jake Nerney	1	0-2	3
Kevin Kaspar	0	0-2	0
Jacob Daniels	0	0-0	0
Zach Duncan	0	0-0	0
Connor Holly	0	0-0	0
Totals	29	10-15	76
Three pointers: Forkin 5, Diehl 2, Nerney 1.			

Shamrocks fall to Tigers

Westfield fell on the road to Lebanon 60-44.

Kyle Nicole led the Rocks with 10 points and Matt Kinney added 8 points. Westfield will be back on the road Tuesday night at New Castle.

Lebanon 60, Westfield 44

Westfield	FG	FT	TP
Jonah Welch	2	1-2	5
Kyle Nicole	3	1-2	10
Connor Osswald	2	0-0	4

Spencer Tebbe	2	0-0	5	
Ian kristensen	0	0-0	0	
Ryan Pepiot	2	0-0	5	
Cam Shaw	1	0-0	2	
Nick Ferrer	1	0-0	3	
Matt Kinney	3	2-2	8	
Sawyer Olsen	1	0-0	2	
Totals	17	4-6	44	
Score by Quarters				
Westfield	8	7	11	18 - 44
Lebanon	20	14	9	17 - 60
Westfield 3-pointers: Nicole 3, Tebbe 1, Pepiot 1, Ferrer 1.				

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Girls basketball

Huskies roar past Peru, still 2nd in MIC

Seven-point deficit at halftime? No problem for the Lady Huskies. Hamilton Heights used a 35-point third quarter to run past Peru Saturday in a Mid-Indiana Conference game. The Huskies are second in the MIC at 4-1, and 6-10 overall. Heights trailed 33-26 at halftime before taking control of the game. Haley Cook played phenomenal, scoring a unique double-double of 34 points and 14 steals. She also had seven rebounds and five assists. Caitlyn Hays blasted five 3-pointers for 15 points, while Kiley Walters added 10, also handing out five assists and getting four steals. The Huskies travel to Maconaquah Monday to continue MIC play.

Hamilton Heights 86, Peru 61	Taylor Boyd	6-10	2-5	14	0
Heights	Totals	34-65	10-19	85	4
Haley Cook	Score by Quarters				
Caitlyn Hays	Heights	9	17	35	25 - 86
Kiley Walters	Peru	15	18	15	13 - 61
Claire Schildmeier	Heights 3-point shooting (7-18)				Hays 5-12, Cook 2-6.
Brianna Henson	Heights rebounds (15)				Cook 7, Griffey 4, Hays 1, Walters 1, Henson 1, Boyd 1.
Ashton Runner	Heights turnovers: 17.				
Amy Griffey					
Mickey Stupp					

Golden Eagles win 3rd straight

Guerin Catholic won its third game in a row on Saturday, beating Marshall 50-38 on the road. The Golden Eagles outscored Marshall 20-10 in the fourth quarter to get the victory. Carly Osinski had 16 points, with Kristy Thiem pulling down eight rebounds. Thiem had five steals, with Osinski having four assists and four steals. Guerin (12-9) wraps up its regular season next Saturday by hosting Richmond.

Guerin Catholic 50, Marshall 38	Kate Fox	4-7	0-0	8	2
Guerin	Totals	17-41	15-23	50	7
Carly Osinski	Score by Quarters				
Sarah Yount	Guerin	14	12	4	20 - 50
Kristy Thiem	Marshall	13	9	6	10 - 38
Julie Nelson	Guerin Catholic 3-point shooting (1-9)				Yount 1-6, Osinski 0-1, Thiem 0-1, Schneider 0-1.
Abigail Wampler	Guerin Catholic rebounds (27)				Thiem 8, Wampler 4, Schneider 4, Nelson 2, Osinski 2, Yount 1, Augustinovicz 1, Fox 1, team 4.
Annemarie Augustinovicz	Guerin Catholic turnovers: 16.				
Kristen Schneider					

Hot start gets Tigers another HCC win

Fishers got off to a fast start, and that carried it to a 58-45 Hoosier Crossroads Conference win over Brownsburg on Saturday. The Tigers led 22-12 after one quarter and 32-21 at halftime. Kara Gerka had a huge game, scoring 18 points, grabbing six rebounds and blocking an incredible six shots. Adrianna Murphy scored 13 points and handed out seven assists, while Brooke Sugg also scored 13 and made four steals. Fishers is tied for second with Westfield at 7-2 in the HCC and is now 15-4 overall. The Tigers host Lawrence Central on Tuesday.

Fishers 58, Brownsburg 45	Adrianna Murphy	5-8	2-2	13	3
Fishers	Hannah Kroehler	0-0	0-0	0	0
Brooklyn Banks	Blake Inglis	2-5	2-2	6	0
Natalie Brooks	Totals	23-49	8-10	58	10
Alex Hochstedler	Score by Quarters				
Brooke Sugg	Brownsburg	12	9	16	8 - 45
Kara Gerka	Fishers	22	10	15	11 - 58
	Fishers 3-point shooting (4-10)				Sugg 3-6, Murphy 1-2, Hochstedler 0-1, Gerka 0-1.
	Fishers rebounds (23)				Gerka 6, Inglis 5, Hochstedler 3, Sugg 3, Murphy 3, Banks 1, Brooks 1, Kroehler 1.
	Fishers turnovers: 11.				

Shamrocks take care of McCutcheon

Westfield finished Hoosier Crossroads Conference play on a high note Saturday, beating McCutcheon 45-33 at The Rock. The Shamrocks are 7-2 in the league, tied with Fishers for second place. Westfield is 14-3 overall. The 'Rocks led 25-21 at halftime and pulled ahead even more with a 16-point third quarter. Haleigh Reinoehl scored 16 points, with Kayla Brown adding 15 and dishing out eight assists. Maddy Grennes pulled down eight rebounds. Westfield travels to Pendleton Heights on Tuesday.

Westfield 45, McCutcheon 33	CC Cotter	0-1	0-0	0	2
Westfield	Natalie Slagle	0-0	0-0	0	2
Kayla Brown	Totals	18-46	7-8	45	10
Allison VanDyke	Score by Quarters				
Maddy Grennes	McCutcheon	10	11	10	2 - 33
Abby Reeder	Westfield	14	11	16	4 - 45
Haleigh Reinoehl	Westfield 3-point shooting (2-19)				Foland 1-3, VanDyke 1-2, Grennes 0-5, Davis 0-3, Reeder 0-3, Brown 0-2, Cotter 0-1.
Taylor Davis	Westfield rebounds (24)				Grennes 8, VanDyke 4, Reinohel 3, Brown 2, Davis 2, Reeder 2, Cotter 1, team 2.
Jalyn Foland	Westfield turnovers: 7.				



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Tiger swimmers beat Castle, Fordham sets dive record

The Fishers boys swim team beat Castle 98-87 in a Saturday dual meet.

Stirling Fordham set a new 11-dive record for the Tigers while winning that event. Other first-place finishers were Brad Jacobs in the 200 and 500 freestyles, Joe Moser in the butterfly and Luke Ingram in the breaststroke. Fishers also won the medley and 400 free relays.

200 medley relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Brad Jacobs, Luke Ingram, Joe Moser, Shinya Wai) 1:45.99.

200 freestyle: 1. Jacobs 1:52.03, 3. Reece Cristat 2:04.65.

200 individual medley: 2. Ingram 2:00.40, 3. Kyle Feuerstine 2:14.92, 4. Wai 2:16.54.

50 freestyle: 2. Moser 24.34, 4. Alex Aldarondo 25.71.

Diving: 1. Stirling Fordham 522.85, 2. Austin Smith 505.15, 3. Blake Childress 488.45

100 butterfly: 1. Moser 58.91, 2. Feuerstine 1:01.09, 5. Arturo Tovar 1:12.74.

100 freestyle: 3. Aldarondo 56.39, 5. Antonio Baltzerll 1:02.40.

500 freestyle: 1. Jacobs 4:53.17, 2. Cristat 5:26.18.

200 free relay: 3. Fishers "A" (Feuerstine, Alex Willis, Baltzell, Aldarondo) 1:47.29.

100 backstroke: 2. Tyler Richmond 1:05.28, 3. Gavin Rue 1:07.93, 5. Chris Sherman 1:16.94.

100 breaststroke: 1. Ingram 1:02.46, 3. Wai 1:07.91, 5. Khonor Sheets 1:22.69.

400 free relay: 1. Fishers "A" (Wai, Ingram, Jacobs Moser) 3:25.98.

Answering Nature’s Call

By AIMEE GEBHART

As an adult, there are certain aspects of childhood that you expect to leave far behind, like early bedtimes, G-rated movies, and wetting your pants. Although I do relish the fact that I’m old enough to stay up as late as I want watching any movie I choose, I am still struggling to avoid that whole “wetting my pants” thing. I’ve been fortunate so far, but I’m afraid it’s just a matter of time before my luck runs out.

You see, I am plagued with what my father has always referred to as a “thimble bladder”. Give me a sip of water and within 20 minutes I’m scrambling for the nearest bathroom. This was particularly frustrating for my family when I was a child and we would try to take road trips. Needless to say, my parents, my brother, and I are the

foremost experts on all rest stops up and down the east coast. If you need to know about facilities – I’m your girl.

Unfortunately, this little problem has not improved with age. The only bright side is that I am better at finding strategies to deal with it; namely, cutting out all liquids. Before any event that might have limited potty access, I reduce my liquid intake drastically. Airplane flights? Two sips of a drink a few hours before, max. Seriously, I refuse to get out of my seat during any flight (that’s a whole *other* story), so I know that I will just have to be dehydrated until I arrive at my destination and am within feet of a bathroom. When the flight attendants come around with that little drink cart, they always look at me like I’m crazy when I decline a beverage. What they don’t know is that one can of ginger ale would send my bladder into geyser mode and we would all be screwed.

Even the best laid plans and strategies don’t always work, though. Case in point, two weeks ago I had to have a lengthy dental procedure with a new dentist. I prepared

myself by not drinking before my visit, and I even made sure to use their facilities before they took me back for my work. Wouldn’t you know? Only half way through my procedure I started to feel that familiar urge. I convinced myself that it was mind over matter. I could power through it - I had to. They were elbow deep in my mouth which was propped open with huge dental block and draped with some kind of rubbery, blue sheeting that was stretched across my face. I looked like a space alien and felt like one too, thanks to the laughing gas. But there it was – that need to pee that just wouldn’t go away. It got worse with every passing moment until I realized the terrible truth - I was going to wet my pants if I didn’t get to a toilet.

Since I couldn’t talk, I tried desperately to catch the assistant’s eye. After all, she was a girl; surely she would be able to read my mind, right? Nope. She was oblivious to my crazy eyes. So I did what I didn’t want to do – I started waving my hand. Of course they stopped immediately because they thought I was in pain and distress from

the dental work. I couldn’t talk to tell them otherwise, so it was a fun little game of charades and 20 questions while they tried to figure out what was wrong. Finally, I gave up and just pointed to my crotch. That sent the message loud and clear. Humiliating, but effective. If I thought that was bad, my walk of shame to the bathroom with my mouth propped open with all of that head gear was even worse. By the time I finished and made my way back to the chair, I looked like a rabid dog foaming at the mouth.

Although the dentist and his assistant were very nice and understanding, I’m certain that they must have marked on my file that I was a “pee problem”. I know this because I had to go back there for a quick, follow up visit today, and as soon as I arrived, the receptionist asked me if I wanted to use the bathroom first. Even though I knew I’d only be there for about 5 minutes, I accepted her offer. If my near accident taught me anything, it’s that when nature calls, there’s no putting her on hold – you answer that nag right away.

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Combining country, bluegrass and punk...

Devil Makes Three are wild traditionalists

Santa Cruz's The Devil Makes Three infuse their country-bluegrass swing with a raucous punk spirit. A popular group on the festival circuit, the trio by Text-Enhance"spins its odes to Tennessee whiskey and brawling with acoustic guitar, banjo, and stand-up bass — an economical set-up that makes for some surprisingly danceable music. Lead singer Pete Bernhard's voice is a little rough around the edges, but the group's harmonies go down smooth. Too restless to play the typical bluegrass venues and too musically sophisticated for your average bar band, Devil Makes Three are a rare breed: wild traditionalists.

The Devil Makes Three have been playing together for over a decade now, first breaking onto the scene with the 2002 release of their debut self-titled album. Three albums into the band's career, there's yet to be a studio effort that captures the verve of its live shows. Maybe that's why two of the group's five long players have been live albums, the former humorously titled "A Little Bit Faster and a Little Bit Worse." This music is fun, and it's clear the band gets a charge from the interaction with a crowd. The Devil Makes Three feeds off the audience's energy, which feels genuine.

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ACROSS

1. Burp

6. Flapper's feathers

9. Struggle for air

13. Wombs

14. *Degree common to many Presidents

15. *Presidential Medal of _____

16. Show of contempt

17. On vacation

18. Beat the Joneses

19. *The first whom women could vote for

21. Perfect world

23. Bit of binary code

24. Bohemian, e.g.

25. Part of T.G.I.F.

28. One from the Magi

30. Feel bitter about

35. Exercise group, pl.

37. Kicker's field _____

39. Return the debt

40. Hurry up!

41. Dark organic soil substance

43. Seed cover

44. Cover

46. Agitate

47. Encore!

48. *Peanut farmer

50. Partner of "void"

52. To blemish

53. Dwarf buffalo

55. Bygone bird

57. *First Medicare cardholder

60. *Old Hickory

64. Jelly fruit

65. Rocks in drink

67. Thin mountain ridge

68. "A Doll's House" playwright

69. Military ____

70. One of several species of lemurs

71. California valley

72. Bolt's companion

73. *Presidents call on Congress to do this

DOWN

1. *41st or 43rd president

2. Europe's highest volcano

3. Lecherous look

4. Belief

5. "Now _____" sign in window

6. Cyberspace soliloquy

7. Stumblebum

8. More than bad

9. Climb the stairs

10. Against or opposed to

11. Fountain liquid

12. A Super Bowl participant, e.g.

15. *He never promised "a chicken in every pot"

20. Secretariat's sound

22. Feather glue

24. Enduring strength

25. Biblical patriarch

26. Famous physicist Nikola

27. Part of stairs

29. *Number of Presidents named John

31. Clothes line

32. Erasable programmable read only memory

33. Nigerian money

34. *a.k.a. "His Accidency"

36. Falling-out

38. Comic strip Moppet

42. 1965 march site

45. Sinbad, e.g.

49. Genetic info carrier

51. Scene of event or action

54. "The _____," "America's Finest News Source"

56. Ohio rubber hub

57. Marching band member

58. Coarse file

59. Eye part

60. Court fool's joke

61. Plural for "serum"

62. Auditory

63. Hitler's Eagle's _____

64. Bathtub liquor

66. PC brain

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