



SUPER FAILURE

Deficit-cutting panel gives up

With the collapse of the deficit-cutting supercommittee, Congress' emergency backup budget-cutting plan now is supposed to take over — automatic, across-the-board spending reductions of roughly \$1 trillion from military as well as domestic government programs.

WHAT THE AUTOMATIC CUTS COULD MEAN FOR HOOSIERS:



STATE FUNDING

Education programs could be cut 19 percent. Transportation funding could be cut 14 percent.



FARM SUBSIDIES

Agriculture programs would be cut by \$15 billion with most of that coming from crop subsidies.



DEFENSE

Defense spending would absorb half of the automatic cuts. Some warn the defense cuts are too deep.

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Seeds of Hope operates out of the former Hope Chapel Presbyterian Church. (BY MICHAEL HEINZ/JOURNAL & COURIER)

MISSION CEASES OVERNIGHT SERVICES

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Facing costly renovations that would be required to meet fire codes in its building, the Seeds of Hope Community Ministries has halted overnight services for homeless people at its building in downtown Lafayette.

For more than two years, the group operated out of the former Hope Chapel Presbyterian Church, 505 S. Third St. The non-denominational ministry helps people who have been released from prison, tries to keep families together and assists people who are homeless and/or mentally ill.

"With a new fire code, we would have had to put in a sprinkler system," said Seeds of Hopes founder Cheryl Buckley, who operates the facility on "nickels and dimes."

Seeds of Hope was asked last winter to offer overnight stays when that service was halted at St. Thomas Aquinas Center in West Lafayette.

Peter Chapman, program coordinator for the ministry, said people requiring overnight stays are now being told to visit St. Thomas Aquinas, which has reinstated the assistance, Lafayette Urban Ministry or other agencies that provide those services.

"Seeds of Hope is alive and

well," Chapman said.

Ministers provide weekday and Sunday worship services, and a men's center also operates in the Seeds of Hope building.

"We also have expanded the church. We're doing Bible studies and a kids campaign we started in October with a trick-or-treat party," Buckley said. "Hopefully, we'll be opening a day care in December. We're working on having a wonderful day care for people in the community we serve."

In April, Buckley received the 48th annual Journal & Courier George Award. The award honors members of the community who make helping others their top priority.

WL grad lands Rhodes scholarship

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A West Lafayette native who is among the latest batch of Rhodes Scholars said Monday the news is still sinking in.

It was announced Sunday that Mohit Agrawal, a 2007 graduate of West Lafayette High School, is among 32 college students in the nation to be awarded the prestigious scholarship that comes with full financial backing for scholars to pursue degrees at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom.

Although Agrawal, a long-rising academic star, is no stranger to distinguished scholarships, he said the honor is one he's still trying to digest.

"It didn't start to sink in until just yesterday," Agrawal said Monday. "It's all a blur. It didn't make any sense at that point."

The 32 scholars were chosen from 830 applicants endorsed by 299 colleges and universities.

Less than one day removed from the Sunday announcement, Agrawal, 22, was back in Galway, Ireland, where he's spending a year at the National University of Ireland funded by the Mitchell Scholarship, which Agrawal won last year.

It's that same scholarship that forced him to decline a final interview for the Rhodes Scholarship in 2010. The interview times for both scholarships conflicted, and Agrawal decided to pursue the Mitchell instead. This year, when offered the chance to again compete for the Rhodes, he couldn't pass it up.

The 2011 Princeton graduate flew to Indianapolis for a reception

MOHIT AGRAWAL

- Currently working on master's degree in economic policy evaluation and planning, National University of Ireland Galway, 2012.

- Bachelor's in mathematics from Princeton University, 2011
- Study abroad work at National University of Singapore, 2010

- Coursework concurrent with high school at Purdue University, 2006 to 2007

- Honors diploma, West Lafayette High School, 2007

for the candidates that took place Friday. Interviews took place Saturday, followed by a second interview and then the big news.

"At 5:30 he called and said, 'Guess what? I won it,'" said Suresh Chand, Agrawal's father. "I said, 'What?'"

After that, it was home

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Mohit Agrawal

Scecina has memorable place in CC's football history

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Don't be a victim of holiday weight gain

Here are some tips on how to enjoy the holidays and stay healthy. **Health, D1**

Correction

In an A1 story Sunday, the dollar amount given to local private schools through the state's voucher program was incorrect. That amount is \$219,144.

Turkey giveaway

St. Ann soup kitchen serves families in need. **Local, B1**

COMING TOMORROW

A Skype Thanksgiving: For those with loved ones far away, Skype brings everyone together, via the Internet, for Thanksgiving and the holidays. See Page 1.

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