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Piglet and Pennywise

Dressed as a piglet, 11-month-old Oaklee Hamilton (above) of Bluffton rides in a stroller while attending Saturday night's Truck or Treat at Dunkirk City Park. Charlie Brotherton (at right), 3, claps for another competitor before she took first place in the movie-themed/famous character category in the Fort Recovery Halloween costume contest in Hein Amphitheater at Van Trees Park.

Two are vying to replace Boggs

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland will have a new mayor in January.

A former mayor and a Portland police dispatcher are hoping to take over that role.

The race for mayor of Portland highlights the city's ballot as Democrat Randy Geesaman wants to reclaim the role while Jeff Westlake is seeking success in his first run for office.

They are vying to replace incumbent Republican John Boggs, who Westlake defeated in a four-way primary in May.

Westlake has worked as a Portland Police Department Dispatcher for 17 years, first as a reserve before stepping into a full-time role. He attended Jay County High School and earned his general education diploma (GED) in 1994. He is making his first run for office.

Former mayor, police dispatcher square off in Portland mayoral race

Geesaman served two terms as mayor of Portland from 2012 through 2019, losing to Boggs in his bid for a third term. He had also served as the city's clerk-treasurer following a 33-year career in sales. The graduate of Pennville High School and Indiana University is now a teacher at Jay County Christian Academy.

In talking about the issue he feels is most important for the city, Westlake addressed issues of indecision that seem to stop

things from happening. He pointed to the Bailey Building, which is now scheduled for demolition as something that has been a problem for years and has taken too long to come to a resolution.

He emphasized the need for decisiveness and making things happen.

"I want to try to go ahead and solidify answers where they have no answers that are solidified," Westlake said. "I think there's a lot of laws in town

that have been built over the years and because the laws have been built, that's why we do not continue on with decisions that need to be made."

Geesaman said the city's financial situation is the key issue moving forward. He noted that recent projects, including street paving, sidewalks and the nearly complete Meridian Street storm sewer project, have all had cost overruns.

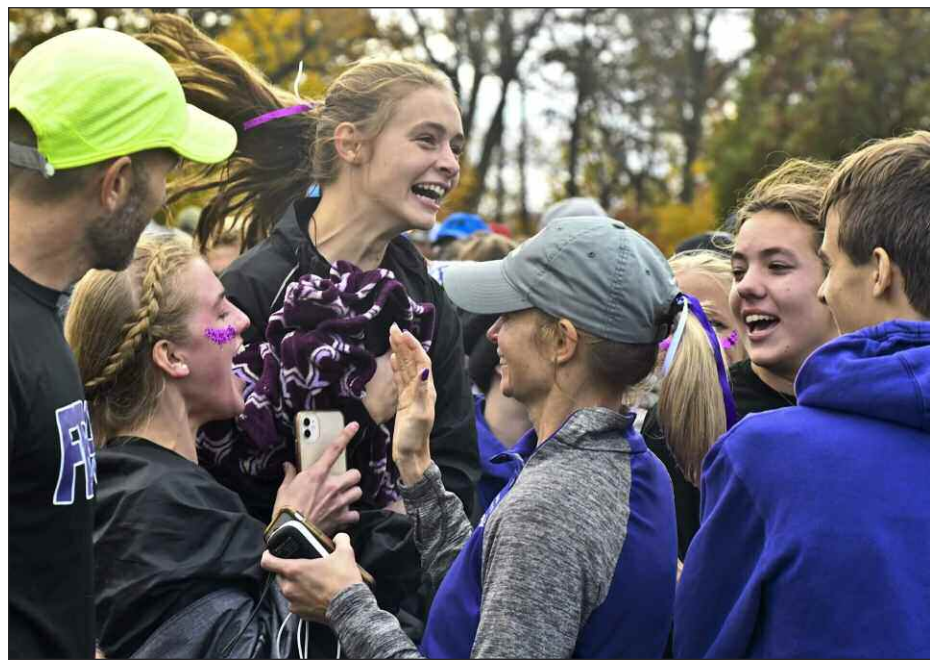
He added that the city will need to be prepared for any

potential tax changes, such as eliminating the income tax, that may be made at the state level.

"Our cash reserves, over the next couple three years, are going to dramatically go down," said Geesaman. "These latest projects that we've done, look at the cost overruns we've had on each of those projects. It's ate up our cash reserves. So we probably will have to pull in the reins ... and be more selective on projects we are doing until we build upon those reserves ..."

Addressing downtown revitalization, Geesaman said the key is for all stakeholders to come together behind a plan such as the economic development plan currently being put together by Portland Redevelopment Commission.

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On to state

Members of the Fort Recovery High School girls cross country team celebrate as Natalie Brunswick (left) delivers the news that it officially finished sixth at the regional meet held at Hedges-Boyer Park to punch its ticket to state. The Indians had to wait 75 minutes after their race to learn they earned a state berth. For more on the meet, see page 10.

Pence drops out of GOP race

By ROBIN OPSAHL
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Former Vice President Mike Pence dropped out of the 2024 presidential race Saturday.

"It's become clear to me, this is not my time," Pence said at the Republican Jewish Coalition Conference in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Pence launched his presidential bid in June at an Iowa event where he was criticizing his former running mate former President Donald Trump for his attempts to overturn election results following his loss to President Joe Biden in the 2020 election. Trump,

the frontrunner in the race for the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, "demanded I choose between him and the Constitution" during the Jan. 6, 2021, Capitol insurrection, Pence told Iowans.

In suspending his campaign, Pence said Saturday that his team knew it would be an "uphill battle" to win the Republican presidential candidacy.

"But I have no regrets," Pence said. "The only thing that would have been harder than coming up short would have been if we'd never tried it all."

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Weather

The temperature in Jay County hovered between 45 and 50 degrees Sunday.

Tonight's forecast calls for snow showers with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a low in the lower 20s. Expect mostly sunny skies Wednesday with a high in the lower 40s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will host a free food tailgate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Income verification is not required.

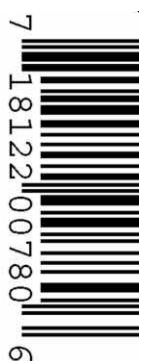
Correction

The day for Halloween trick-or-treat was incorrect in Saturday's newspaper. The following trick-or-treating is tonight: Jay County Chamber of Commerce - 5 to 7 p.m.; Bryant - 5 to 7 p.m.; Portland - 5:30 to 8 p.m.; Salamonia - 6 to 7 p.m.; Redkey - 6 to 8 p.m.; Pennville - 6 to 8 p.m.

Coming up

Wednesday — A look at the race for mayor of Dunkirk in the municipal election.

Thursday — Preview of the FRHS cross country runners at the state finals.



Vying ...

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He noted that during his previous terms, he felt addressing flooding issues needed to be the priority before property owners would be willing to invest in downtown structures. He said more still needs to be done in that area and that he'd like to revisit expanding an existing detention pond or adding another north of the city.
For downtown revitalization, Westlake said it's key to get building owners involved. Rather than the city taking buildings down, he suggested imposing fines, when allowed by law, on those who are not taking care of their buildings and using incentives like facade programs to help with improvements.

The candidates offered similar approaches to handling the trash and golf cart ordinances that have come up frequently in front of Portland City Council over the last couple of years.
Both said they would like to bring back city-wide clean-up days twice a year, eliminate permit fees for large items and pick up any trash that is brought to the curb. Westlake discussed the possibility of making dumpsters available at city parks on a rotating basis while Geesaman said he would like to bring back previous initiatives such as working with service groups to help clean up properties and utilizing Jay County Jail inmates to help with large-item pick-up.
"If I walk away and there's

extra trash there, I'm kind of guilty of making your property look just as bad," said Westlake. "We can't get down on property owners if we're not taking away the extra trash ourselves."
On golf carts, both said they would ask council to eliminate the \$10 registration fee. (Geesaman said he's not opposed to keeping the registration process while Westlake said he would get rid of it altogether as drivers are already required to follow the rules of the road like everyone else.)
Addressing other issues, Geesaman pointed to housing, blight elimination, his hands-on approach and having an open-door policy. He said he'd like to resume blight elimination to tear down dilapidated homes

and work toward housing projects.
Westlake noted his desire to be in constant communication with the residents of Portland following the election to continue to talk with them about their concerns for the city.
"If you can listen to one person a day or a few people a day I think it's going to be important," he said. "It's going to make them feel like they've been heard. And they might be able to start trusting the city government again."
"I think I'm gonna give them a real answer. I think that I'm willing to sit down and listen, probably better than the last few mayors have. I'm not going to try to pull the wool over their eyes. My hope is to, if they ask me any

certain question, maybe we can find the solutions together. And that's what I want to try to do."
Geesaman emphasized his two previous terms when asking for residents of Portland to vote for him.
"Experience counts," he said, adding that he feels lucky to have had three years as clerk-treasurer before he stepped into the role of mayor in 2012. "Leadership and management counts. It's just not a job for anybody to take on."
"Somebody walking in that has zero experience, it's going to be overwhelming. You've got to multi-task. You've got all kinds of responsibilities."
"From day one, I can just take the reins over and run. There is no learning curve."

CR almanac

Wednesday 11/1	Thursday 11/2	Friday 11/3	Saturday 11/4	Sunday 11/5
42/26	47/33	55/40	59/44	58/42
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday, when the high will be in the 40s.	Mostly sunny on Thursday, when the low will be near freezing at night.	Another day of mostly sunny skies is in the forecast for Friday. Temperatures may be in the mid 50s.	Mostly cloudy skies expected on Saturday. There's a slight chance of rain late.	More rain is possible Sunday, when the high won't surpass 60 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$137 million	53-58-60-72-77-80 Cash 5: 4-33-39-40-41 Estimated jackpot: \$753,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$159 million	Ohio Sunday Midday Pick 3: 3-4-9 Pick 4: 0-4-8-1 Pick 5: 4-6-5-5-6 Evening Pick 3: 7-8-1 Pick 4: 4-7-0-4 Pick 5: 6-6-8-2-7 Rolling Cash 5: 1-18-24-28-31 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Sunday Midday Daily Three: 9-1-0 Daily Four: 2-1-0-4 Evening Daily Three: 2-9-9 Daily Four: 6-7-3-7 Quick Draw: 1-4-5-6-8-9-10-16-17-27-31-35-42-52-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.83 Nov. corn4.73 Wheat5.54	Dec. beans12.83 Wheat 5.27
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Today in history

In 1517, Martin Luther posted his "Ninety-five Theses," a manifesto that prompted the Protestant Reformation.
In 1918, the Spanish Flu killed 21,000 United States residents in one week.
In 1922, Benito Mussolini took over as prime minister of Italy, becoming the first fascist dictator in Europe of his time. (Four years later on the same day, 15-year-old Ante Zamboni made an assassination attempt on Mussolini. Zamboni was lynched for the act.)
In 1926, Harry Houdini died from peritonitis. The renowned magician and escape artist had suffered a stomach injury. — The CR

In 1941, Mount Rushmore National Memorial was completed in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The project sculpting presidents' heads into the mountain took nearly 15 years.
In 1984, the first female prime minister of India, Indira Gandhi, was assassinated by her bodyguards. Riots broke out in India and New Delhi in response to her murder, resulting in several thousand Sikh deaths.
In 2011, the world's population surpassed 7 billion. As of figures from 2021, the population has soared to more than 7.888 billion people.

Citizen's calendar

Tuesday 2:30 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland	Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.

Pence ...

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Pence was one of multiple GOP presidential candidates to announce ending their campaigns in recent days. Conservative radio host Larry Elder and Michigan businessman Perry Johnson both endorsed Trump as they suspended their campaigns this week, while former U.S. Rep. Will Hurd announced his endorsement of former U.N. Ambassador Nikki Haley as he exited the race earlier in October.
While the former vice president did not make an endorsement Saturday, he called for Republicans to nominate a "Republican standard-bearer" who can win the 2024 general election, and who can lead America "with civility."
"The debate over America's future role in the world is not confined to differences between the two parties," Pence said. "I believe as we prepare to choose a standard-bearer for our party, the question will not merely be who, but what Republicans will offer America in 2024. Will Republicans continue to be the party of the traditional conservatives that has defined our movement over the past 40 years? Or will our party follow the siren song of populism, unmoored to conservative principles?"
Pence did not mention Trump by

name in his speech, but said he was proud to serve in the most "pro-Israel administration in American history."
He reflected on "how times have changed" since Biden took office. The former vice president, one of many presidential candidates addressing the crowd at the event, said that "America stands with Israel" in the conflict against Hamas in Gaza.
Israel has "no choice but to crush Hamas," Pence said, in the conflict that began with the militant group in control of the Gaza strip in early October.
He denounced Biden for "pressuring, even threatening Israel to stay her hand" in the conflict. Israel launched a new ground campaign in Gaza Saturday, according to the AP, rejecting calls for a ceasefire. The United Nations passed a resolution Friday calling for a truce and to provide humanitarian aid to Palestinian civilians in Gaza after Israel cut off supplies of food, water, electricity and fuel into Gaza in the conflict.
As of Saturday, 7,700 Palestinians have been killed in the conflict, according to the Palestinian health agency in Gaza. More than 1,400 Israelis have been killed since Oct. 7 — a majority in the initial attack by Hamas.

"We should stand strong with Israel — no daylight between Israel's position and ours," Pence said. "And America should make it clear that there will be no aid delivered to Gaza until all hostages are free."
Hamas leaders have said they will release all hostages if Israel frees all Palestinian prisoners. According to Reuters, a spokesman for the military wing of Hamas said Saturday that Israel has "stalled" negotiations on the potential trade.
Pence said some Republicans are saying America must choose between supporting its international allies and solving domestic problems, but that the U.S. must continue to hold its role as "leader of the free world."
"So I urge you: embrace a generation of leaders who will continue America's commitment to leadership at home and abroad," Pence said. "It's never been more important. And I promise you, wherever the Lord leads in the days ahead, I will do my part to ensure that now and always America stands with Israel."
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Biden signs order

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Tribune News Service
President Joe Biden is directing the U.S. government to take a sweeping approach to artificial intelligence regulation, his most significant action yet to rein in an emerging technology that has sparked both concern and acclaim.
The lengthy executive order, released on Monday, sets new standards on security and privacy protections for AI, with far-reaching impacts on companies. Developers such as Microsoft Corp., Amazon.com Inc and Alphabet Inc.'s Google will be directed to put powerful AI models through safety tests and submit results to the government before their public release.
The rule, which leverages the U.S. government's position as a top customer for big tech companies, is designed to vet technology with potential national or economic security risks, along with health and safety. It will likely only apply to future systems, not those already on the market, a senior administration official said.
The initiative also creates infrastructure for watermarking standards for AI-generated content, such as audio or images, often referred to as "deep-fakes." The Commerce Department is being asked to help with the development of measures to counter public confusion about authentic content. Bloomberg Government earlier reported on a draft of the order.
The administration's action builds on voluntary commitments to securely deploy AI adopted by more than a dozen companies over the summer at the White House's request.

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Locals fighting back against Musk

By **JIM HIGHTOWER**
OtherWords

There is nothing quite as pitiful as whiny billionaires. And the whiniest of all is the richest — Elon Musk. This self-entitled bully runs over anyone in his way, then whines when they protest.

Elon's latest high-pitched screech was prompted by public demands that his profiteering schemes obey clean-water and safety regulations. He owns a corporation named (believe it or not) the Boring Company. It's an underground tunneling venture

Jim Hightower



based in Bastrop, Texas, digging out tons of soil, chemicals, and contaminated groundwater.

But where to put all the waste? I'll just dump the stuff in the nearby Colorado River, said Lord Musk. Lots of stuff

— 140,000 gallons of wastewater per day!

But that river is our main water source, said the locals — you'll need to comply with water treatment and disposal rules. Outrageous, whined Elon, maniacally squealing that "Construction is becoming practically illegal" in America. So he proceeded to dump his waste without a permit.

Then he encountered Chap Ambrose, a Boring neighbor and former Musk admirer.

Chap began asking questions and getting nothing but eva-

sions, lies, and disrespect. Musk was messing with Texas, so Ambrose rallied local opposition through a website he named "Keep Bastrop Boring," promoting it on a local billboard.

With a drone, he recorded Musk's expanding industrial mess, broadcasting the videos throughout the area. He filed actions with county, state, and national regulatory authorities, and got his state senator to hold a hearing, attended by hundreds of residents in this rural county. Musk can bamboozle power-

ful officials, but not feisty people like Chap, who recently ridiculed the pouty billionaire. "I'm sorry, neighbor," Ambrose told him, "development remains legal in Bastrop, but what is illegal is polluting Texas water... You're making this way harder than it has to be."

The fight goes on — and I'm betting on Chap.

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States have good case in suing Meta

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Thirty-three state attorneys general left, right and center have filed suit in California federal court against internet giant Meta, and another nine are suing the company in their respective states. The central claim — that the company has built Instagram and Facebook features "to entice, engage, and ultimately ensnare youth and teens ... and has repeatedly misled the public about the substantial dangers of its social media platforms" — must be taken seriously.

Endless, and endlessly circular, is the debate about whether social media is bad for teenagers, and if so, how bad. There's no question that for many kids, platforms from Instagram to TikTok to X (formerly Twitter) to YouTube and beyond provide real value, exposing them to new ideas, facilitating healthy social connections and encouraging creativity.

However, there's simultaneously little doubt that America's young people are in the throes of a mental health crisis. According to the Centers for Disease Control, feelings of persistent sadness and hopelessness, and suicidal thoughts and behaviors, rose sharply among young people — and that was before COVID's disruptions kicked in. Research is growing that there's something psychologically unhealthy in one's formative years to be endlessly glued to a barrage of nastiness and unhealthy comparisons.

A May 2023 advisory by U.S. Surgeon General Vivek Murthy asserted that "95% of youth ages 13-17 report using a social media platform, with more than a third saying they use social media 'almost constantly'" — and while 13 is the generally the minimum legal age for using social media, "nearly 40% of children ages 8-12 use social media."

And while acknowledging that "More research is needed to fully understand the impact of social media," the surgeon general says that although it may have benefits for some younger youngsters, "there are ample indicators that social media can also have a profound risk of harm to the mental health and well-being of children and adolescents." Those risks include exposure to deeply disturbing con-

Guest Editorial

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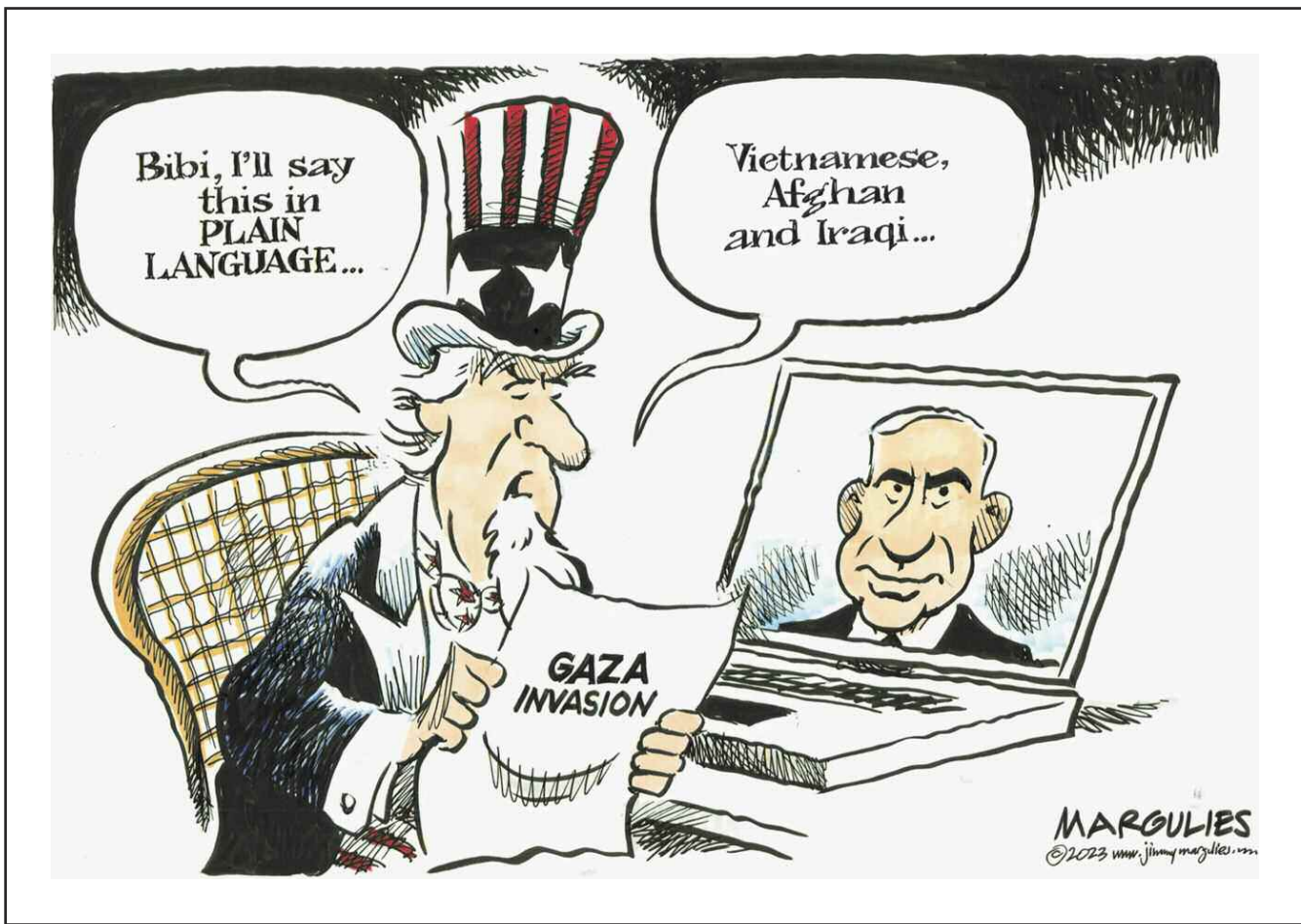
tent including live depictions of self-harm, low self-esteem from ceaseless body image scrutiny, and more.

"Excessive and problematic social media use, such as compulsive or uncontrollable use, has been linked to sleep problems, attention problems, and feelings of exclusion among adolescents," he wrote.

Big research questions remain — which is to say, a moral panic that tries to cut young people off entirely would be terribly excessive — but the law is the law, and the AGs make a persuasive case that Meta has been whistling past it. Building on the Wall Street Journal's Facebook Files investigation, the lawsuit cites a series of devious design decisions specifically designed "to induce young users' compulsive and extended use," including "infinite scroll" and persistent alerts.

It's against federal statute to deceive users about a product's safety, which is precisely what the complaint alleges the company did. And it is against federal statute to collect young people's personal data without their parents' permission, another credible claim made in the legal papers.

As scrutiny has mounted in recent years, Meta and its many rivals have been adding safety features. The question for the courts is whether requiring a few basic but still overlooked ones, such as forcing alerts to be turned off by default and fixing data collection practices, will protect young people and bring the behemoths in line with the law.



Nature pushes removal process

By **RICHARD PARKER**
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Tribune News Service

This summer, the first of four dams on the West's Klamath River was destroyed, unleashing a torrent of cold water that had been held back for a century. By the end of 2024, three more dams near the California-Oregon border will come down, restoring the massive runs of salmon and steelhead along some 400 miles that once defined the river basin.

For more than a hundred years, dams in the American West have created vast reservoirs, sources of hydroelectric power and irrigation for farms and ranches. But after declining in their power output and providing unpredictable sources of water — not to mention their massive environmental damage to fish, Native American cultures and the land itself — they are coming down from Connecticut to California.

More than 1,600 American dams have been removed since 1912. In recent years a slew of ambitious removals have been proposed, including a plan to decommission Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado River — an idea surprisingly supported not just by environmentalists but farmers too. Once the height of engineering marvels, the great dams of the early 20th century have outlasted their questionable usefulness. Only 50 years ago this reversal was the fringe hope of people like Edward Abbey, the radical environmentalist, writer and imager of a reborn West, who wrote: "All dams are ugly, but the Glen Canyon Dam is sinfully ugly."

Something Abbey didn't live to see — he died in Oracle, Ariz., in 1989 — was that practicality, not aesthetics, would spell the demise of these giant concrete structures holding back free-flowing rivers. As dams increasingly clogged with silt and went decades without maintenance, their abilities to generate power and release water fell — and the risk of catastrophe

Richard Parker



rose. In the East, too, their primary achievement has been constraining the populations of Atlantic salmon. Today, their downfall is all part of the rewilding of America, long overdue. Thankfully, the end of the damned dam is finally here.

The Klamath is a perfect example. It has long been not just a river but also a highway for salmon and steelhead. The fish hatched in the upper reaches of Northern California and southern Oregon and made their way into the cold, tumultuous waters of the Pacific Ocean, where the survivors would grow to adulthood and then at mating age use their DNA and strong sense of smell to return back up the river to their birthing grounds. Around the river grew rich Native American cultures, including the Klamath, Modoc, Yahooskin-Paiute, Yurok and Karuk tribes.

But as America changed the West, it destroyed the rivers. Among the earliest dams was Elephant Butte on the Rio Grande in New Mexico, which foreshadowed other vast engineering projects including the Hoover Dam in the early 20th century. A variety of rationales for this construction emerged, such as controlling floods that devastated new settlements and towns. But there were other reasons: In the arid West, water was a commodity to be bought, sold and bartered, especially to farmers who cultivated thirsty crops and orchards where none had existed.

Of course, the Colorado River was especially attractive for dam construction given its length, volume and importance in the Southwest. But as John Fleck and Eric Kuhn explored in their book about

the Colorado, "Science Be Damned," dams and other development overestimated the amount of water the river could offer.

Back in Northern California, the four dams on the Klamath were built strictly for power generation, not water storage. But much as the Colorado was expected to provide unending reserves of water, the Klamath dams were slated to generate massive amounts of power in perpetuity. Not factored in was that rivers discharge silt, which built up over the decades behind the four dams. As of last year they accounted for less than 2% of the power supplied by their controlling utility. Further, with renewable energy sources, there are simply cheaper ways to generate power than relying on massive structures that require expensive maintenance.

On the Klamath, as elsewhere, Native American people have proved crucial to mitigating the harms from the mega-engineering projects of a century ago. They have worn away at entrenched economic interests and made alliances with environmentalists, ranchers and farmers to free the Klamath and assert their ancestral rights to the river and the bottomland that will be restored as the reservoirs drain away.

Abbey not only predicted the eventual removal of Glen Canyon Dam on the Colorado; he also noted that time itself inexorably wore down the constructions of humans: "Let the engineers build fifty more dams between here and the Rockies, they can only retard, they cannot stop, the irresistible processes of erosion and renewal. The mountains and plateaus will continue to be uplifted, the rains and snows will fall, the waters will plunge downward back to their source, again and again and again." That's proving true today.

Parker is the author of "Lone Star Nation" and a forthcoming narrative history of the Southwest, "The Crossing."

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Grant targets health issues

Business roundup

A grant from the state is intended to help IU Health hire more employees to address issues of infant mortality and other issues.

Indiana Department of Health awarded a \$2.5 million grant to Indiana University Health Foundation and IU Health Community Health to hire additional community health workers in order to expand its Indiana WeCare program and iHEART collaborative.

"Community Health Workers are at the heart of why the WeCare and iHEART programs have shown such promising results," said IU Health vice president of community health Nichole Wilson in a press release. "CHWs connect residents to resources and knowledge helpful for managing and preventing diabetes, managing cardiovascular disease, hypertension and supporting high-risk pregnant women and new moms."

The WeCare program seeks to reduce infant mortality and address "long-standing health disparities." iHeart focuses on reducing heart disease and other cardiovascular problems by bringing together medical, research and community engagement resources.

Firm selected

The United States Department of Agriculture has selected Indianapolis firm Intelinair to receive one of its Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities grants.

Intelinair is one of 17 companies and universities that has been named part

of the pilot project. The goal of the five-year effort is to "accelerate farmer adoption of camelina as a nonfood crop grown on idle acres to produce more plant-based feedstock for renewable biofuels and chemicals with low carbon intensity and no land use change while increasing carbon capture in the soil."

"We are excited to be part of this initiative to study camelina as a plant-based feedstock for renewable biofuels alongside Global Clean Energy and its partners," said Kevin Krieg, director of business development and project lead at Intelinair, in a press release.

Hosting conference

Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Air, Waste Management Association Indiana Chapter and Greater Indiana are partnering to host the 2023 Indiana Environmental Confer-

ence and Winter Technical Meeting on Dec. 6 and 7 in Indianapolis.

The conference will review recent breakthroughs and advancement in alternative fuel technologies. Jeff Carpenter of the United States Department of Agriculture, Nadia Gkritza of Purdue University, Inez Evans of IndyGo and Daniel O'Connor of Cummins are among the speakers scheduled to present at the conference.

It will also include the Greater Indiana 2023 Awards and Reception.

Registration is available at indianachamber.com.

Offering check-ups

Indiana Michigan Power is offering Home Energy Check-ups for income-qualified customers.

The check-up will include a walk-through of the home to identify energy-saving opportunities. Homeowners will also

receive a free energy-saving kit.

To qualify, a customer must be a residential customer, use electric heat and be at 200% or below the federal poverty level.

For more information, visit electricideas.com or call (833) 566-0583.

Nominations open

Work and Learn Indiana is accepting nominations for its Impact Awards.

Award categories include Work-based Learner (intern) of the Year; Career Development Professional of the Year; Outstanding Employer of the Year; Innovative Program of the Year and Work-based Learning Supervisor of the Year. The deadline for nominations is Nov. 10.

For more information, visit workandlearnindiana.com/impact-awards.

Dungy to speak

Former Indianapolis

Colts coach Tony Dungy will be the guest speaker Nov. 14 at the Indiana Chamber of Commerce's annual awards dinner.

Dungy coached the Indianapolis Colts for seven seasons, leading them to a Super Bowl win in 2007. He now works as a football analyst for NBC.

"I couldn't be more excited to have Coach Dungy as our keynote speaker — to have a guest of such high esteem — and the business community will benefit from his wisdom," chamber president Kevin Brinegar said in a press release.

The event at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis will include the presentation of awards including the NextEra Energy Resources Community of the Year.

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UAW, Stellantis reach an agreement

By BREANA NOBLE and MARNIE MUÑOZ

The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

STERLING HEIGHTS, Mich. — The United Auto Workers and Stellantis NV have reached a tentative agreement toward ending a 44-day strike, according to three sources familiar with the information.

The agreement, whose wording is being finalized, mirrors the economics of the tentative deal the union reached with Ford Motor Co. earlier this week, according to the sources who only could speak on the condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to do so publicly. The deal ultimately would have to be approved by a majority vote of the rank-and-file members at Stellantis.

The deal also includes product allocation for most U.S. plants, including vehicle assembly at the Belvidere, Illinois, assembly plant that Stellantis idled earlier this year, according to three of the sources. It comes on the 44th day of the union's strike against Stellantis and General Motors Co., the same number of days as the original sit-down strike against GM in Flint for which this year's targeted "stand-up" strike against the Detroit Three was named.

A spokesperson for Stellantis declined to comment.

Stellantis and GM made new offers late this week that match a 25% raise over the course of Ford's agreement reached Wednesday that would expire in April 2028. Negotiations with GM were ongoing Saturday.

Stellantis has more than 14,000 UAW members on picket lines at two assembly plants in Sterling



Tribune News Service/Zuma Press/Jim West

Members of the United Auto Workers hold a picket at Stellantis headquarters during their strike against Detroit's Big Three automakers on Sept. 20 in Auburn Hills, Michigan.

Heights and Toledo, Ohio, and parts distribution centers across the country. Close to 10,000 General Motors Co. workers also remain on strike. Hundreds more workers at both companies are laid off because of the downtime.

The union had elevated its strike against both Stellantis and GM this week. On Monday, the UAW directed 6,800 members at Stellantis' Ram 1500 plant in Sterling Heights to go on strike. On Tuesday, hours after GM said the strike had cost it \$800 million, the UAW sent out another 5,000 workers at its most prof-

itable plant in Arlington, Texas, which makes full-size SUVs.

"Taking down that Ram 1500 plant helped put more pressure on them, because they can't afford to lose that much revenue," said Art Wheaton, an automotive industry specialist at Cornell University's Industrial and Labor Relations School who has performed training for the UAW, GM and Ford. "There would be too much of a cost disadvantage, especially with Ford getting production back up. The purpose of the pattern always has been the other two would follow suit."

Flin Fike, 57, of Farmington Hills, who works in skilled trades at Sterling Heights Assembly Plant, said he wishes the 25% wage increase would come all at once given the increases in inflation over the past few years.

"It seems like it would be a better gratitude toward us," the 36-year UAW member said. "Because it's like making us wait. Eleven percent is really only a \$3 raise."

Tomas Rangel, 33, a worker at the Sterling Heights plant, said he was excited to hear about the deal, especially the wage increases, and hopes that the membership ratifies it.

"It would mean a lot," said Rangel, who lives in southwest Detroit. "It would mean more chance of not living paycheck to paycheck. More chance to buy a home and things like that."

Plant worker Brandon Davis, 37, of Warren has worked at the Sterling Heights facility for just over five years, installing dashboards and connecting wires in Ram pickups produced at the plant. Davis said the top thing he's looking for in the deal is significant improvement in wages so he can someday buy a house and treat his kids to restaurant meals and bounce house visits.

"As long as it's better than last contract and it makes a substantial increase to pay, I'm probably voting yes on it," he said. "But we'll see when the details come out."

The UAW's negotiations with the two automakers intensified after Ford and the union reached a "historic" tentative deal to end a 41-day strike targeting selected plants at the Dearborn automaker, particularly the Blue Oval's

profit engine known as Kentucky Truck Plant, home to Ford's Super Duty pickups and full-size Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator SUVs.

The UAW's Ford council is expected to meet on Sunday to vote to send the tentative agreement to members, who must then vote whether to ratify it. The deal includes 25% in base wage increases through April 2028 and would raise the top wage, now \$32.32 an hour, by over 30% to more than \$40 an hour, and raise the starting wage by 68%, to over \$28 an hour, over the life of the contract, the UAW said in a news release announcing the deal. There would be an 11% raise upon ratification.

Also included are revived cost-of-living adjustments, suspended in the 2007 agreement, and a reduction in the time for new workers to reach the top wage scale from eight years to three years, the union said. The Ford deal also includes improvements for current retirees, workers with pensions, and those who have 401(k) plans. It includes a right to strike over plant closures, a first for the union.

Ford on Thursday said the agreement is expected to add about \$850 to \$900 per vehicle to its labor costs.

Shawn Fain "has achieved a stunning victory in 2023," said economist Pat Anderson, CEO of Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group which specializes in the auto industry, of the Ford agreement. "He completely controlled the public debate and proclaimed victory on his timeline. The UAW has reset the playing field. The industry will not go back to bargaining the way they had for generations before this."

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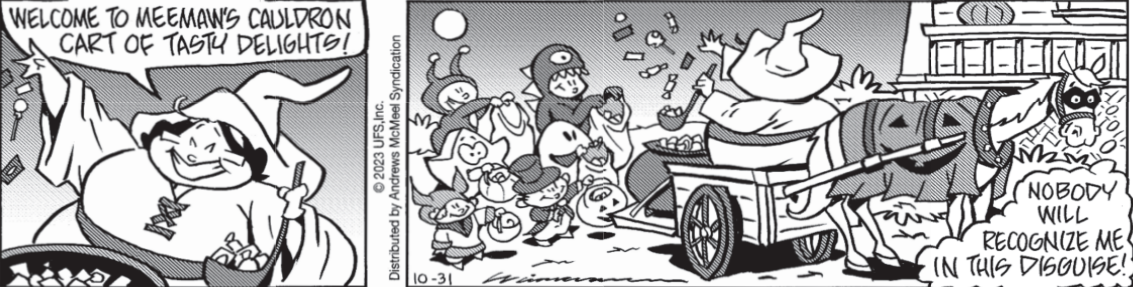
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Whenever declarer winds up in a contract where the outcome depends on the location of one or more specific key cards, he should naturally try to find the method of play that offers the greatest chance of success.
Consider this deal where South is in five diamonds and West leads a trump. Declarer sees immediately that if West has the ace of spades, he might lose a club and two spades and go down one. All his thoughts should therefore be centered on trying to prevent this from happening.
The most obvious solution is to try to establish dummy's clubs for spade discards, but this must be done without allowing East to gain the lead. It might seem that this is impossible in the actual layout, but with a bit of creative thinking, South can find the winning play. He wins the opening trump lead with dummy's ten and returns the king of hearts!
This unusual play turns out to be just what the doctor ordered. After East follows low, declarer discards a low club from his hand. West wins with the ace but cannot stop South from making the contract.
Let's say West leads another trump. Declarer wins with dummy's jack, cashes the K-A of clubs and ruffs a club, establishing dummy's 9-8. South crosses to dummy with a trump, discards two spades on the two club winners and eventually loses the king of spades to West's ace. South thus loses only a heart and a spade.
Note that declarer cannot make the contract without first disposing of one of his low clubs on dummy's king of hearts. Of course, if East has the ace of hearts and plays it on the king at trick two, South ruffs and can still fall back on a favorable position of either the clubs or the spade ace.

Tomorrow: Collaboration is the key.
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Peanuts



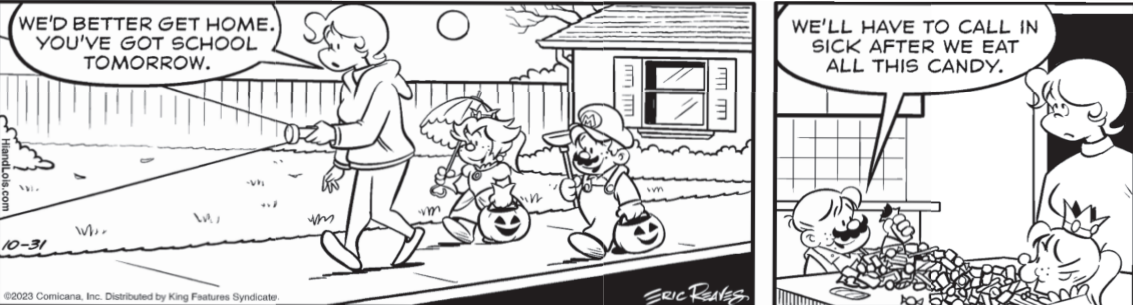
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- 23 Wake up
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- 4 Airheads
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- 7 Green prefix
- 8 Come back
- 9 Addict
- 10 Emporium
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- 17 "Scram!"
- 19 Prior night
- 22 Dandy
- 23 Barbecue
- 24 Acapulco
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- 26 Some coll.
- 27 Here, to Henri
- 28 A billion years
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Sports

Stress test

Tribe runners don't break, make it to state for fourth straight year

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

TIFFIN, Ohio — The Indians' hearts started pounding faster, their muscles were tightening, blood pressure rising and breath was quickening.

Coaches and athletes alike were huddled around a few phones awaiting the results of the race.

The girls results crawled in after technical difficulties, only showing the results for the first 62 runners and no team scores.

The Indians knew the placements for their top three runners, but couldn't calculate their own score or those of their competitors.

Tension was rising until finally, with a refresh of the page, there it was. The Indians finished sixth.

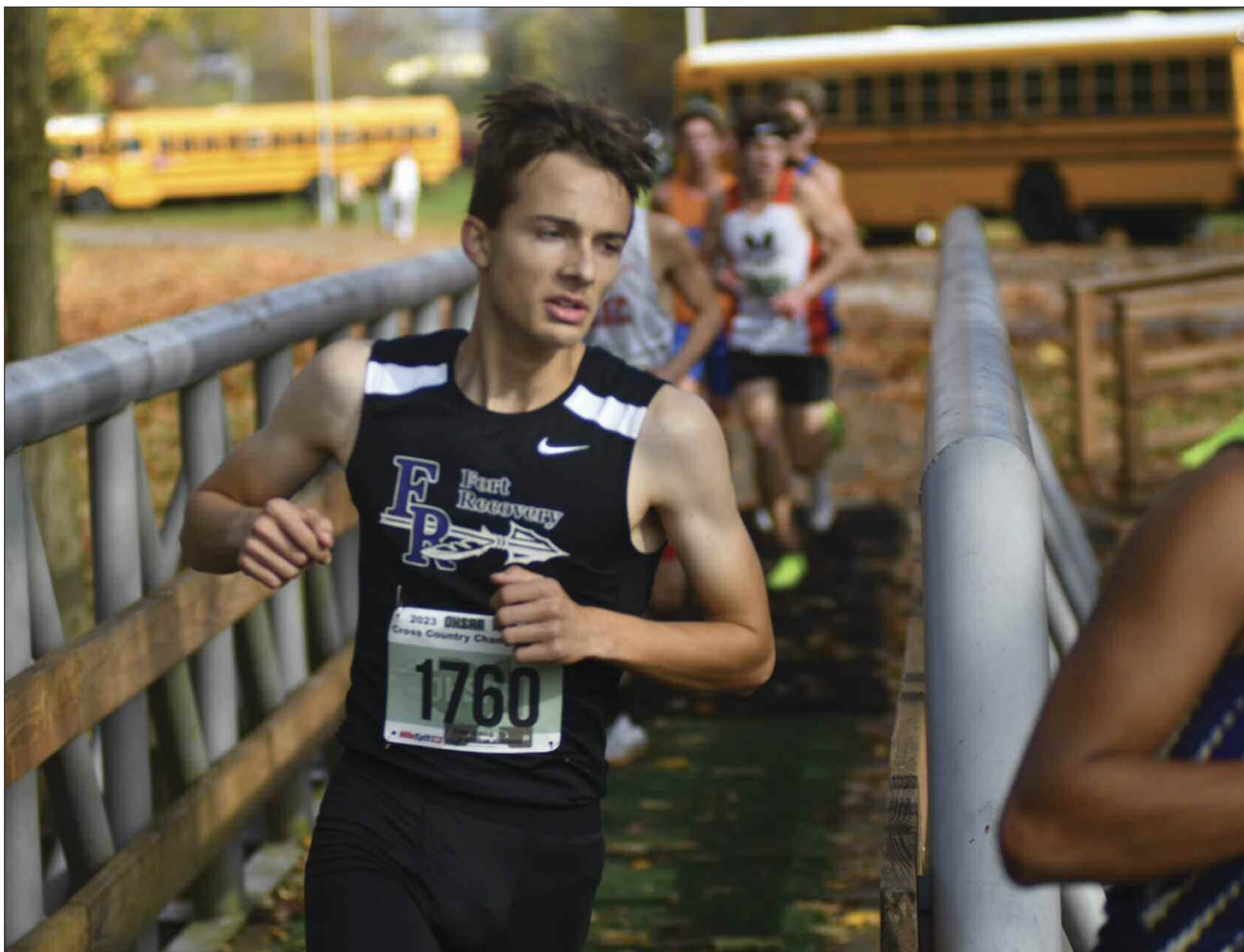
They'll be running at state.

After 75 stressful minutes of waiting for the results to roll in, the Fort Recovery High School girls cross country team celebrated clinching its fourth consecutive state birth that it earned with a sixth-place finish at the OHSAA Division III Region 10 cross country meet at Hedges Boyer Park hosted by Columbian on Saturday.

Joining the girls in Obetz will be Trevor Heitkamp, who was the only boy competing for Fort Recovery, as he finished 12th with a time of 16 minutes, 38.04 seconds.

"These kids are elated," Tribe coach Christy Diller said. "We really wanted to get the job done, particularly for our seniors, and particularly for Ellie (Will) and Jenna (Hart), knowing that this was their chance to be able to do four in a row."

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The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Fort Recovery High School senior Trevor Heitkamp crosses a bridge near the 2.5 mile mark in the OHSAA Division III Region 10 cross country meet at Hedges Boyer Park on Saturday. Heitkamp finished 12th with a time of 16 minutes, 38.04 seconds to punch his ticket to the state meet.

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Colts fall to fourth

By **LUKE JOHNSON**

The Advocate (Baton Rouge)
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — An embattled New Orleans Saints offense finally found its footing in a 38-27 win against the Indianapolis Colts.

The Saints offense racked up five touchdowns, scoring from near and far, while they corrected some of the issues that have plagued them all season. New Orleans (4-4) scored touchdowns on three of its four of its red zone trips, with Taysom Hill cashing in on two of them, and 6-for-12 on third downs — with one especially notable one late.

And the offensive output was sorely needed, as the Colts kept applying pressure on the Saints defense.

Several of the Saints offensive stars came out to play. Derek Carr put together his best game as a Saint, firing touchdowns of 18 and 58 yards while compiling a 133.3 passer rating. Alvin Kamara scored a touchdown on the ground and through the air. Rashid Shaheed was only targeted three times, but each of those targets went for a gain of 40 yards or more.

Hill also had an impressive all-around game with 55 yards and two touchdowns on the ground, 14 yards receiving and a 44-yard completion to Rashid Shaheed.

That deep pass to Shaheed was an important part of the game. Hill heaved it downfield to Shaheed, who cut in front of Colts safety Rodney Thomas to grab the ball. But Thomas reached his hands in as Shaheed was falling to the ground and appeared to wrench possession away.

The play was ruled an interception on the field, but a replay review determined Shaheed was down by contact before he lost the ball. Five plays later, Hill ran it in from 1-yard out to give New Orleans a 35-20 lead.

The Colts responded with a quick touchdown drive to cut the lead to eight, but again, the New Orleans offense came to the rescue.

Facing a crucial third-and-13 from the Saints' 30-yard line with three minutes to go, Carr found a streaking Shaheed deep downfield for a massive 51-yard gain that flipped the field. The Saints ran out

all but the final 24 seconds before kicking a field goal to put them in front by 11.

Shaheed now has 23 receptions this season, and six of them have gone for 40 or more yards.

New Orleans finished the game with 511 yards of total offense, a season-high.

For the third straight week, the Saints allowed their opponent to build up a double-digit lead in the first half, after Colts running back Zack Moss' 1-yard touchdown plunge in the second quarter gave Indianapolis a 17-7 lead.

But this time, the Saints had an answer before the halftime break.

Following Moss' score, New Orleans put together back-to-back touchdown drives.

Taysom Hill capped off the first of those scoring drives with a 20-yard gallop through the Colts defense. It was the longest run of the season by a Saints ball-carrier.

The next drive featured another explosive play, with Carr hitting Shaheed in stride behind the Colts secondary for a 58-yard touchdown — the longest play from scrimmage by the Saints this season.

Rangers bats go quiet

By **LIA ASSIMAKOPOULOS**

The Dallas Morning News
Tribune News Service

While Diamondbacks starting pitcher Merrill Kelly quieted the Rangers' offense in Game 2 of the World Series on Saturday night, Arizona had time to figure out Texas' starting pitcher — and its bullpen.

Following a stunning come-from-behind extra-innings win over the Diamondbacks in Game 1 of the World Series, the Rangers were in prime position heading into Game 2 with Jordan Montgomery on the mound.

The Rangers starter was 3-0 with a 2.16 ERA in 25 playoff innings.

But in the Diamondbacks' 9-1 win, Kelly outpitched both Montgomery and Rangers Game 1 starter Nathan Eovaldi.

Kelly threw a near-flawless seven innings, allowing just three hits and one earned run — a fifth-inning homer by Mitch Garver. Even that came off a good

pitch, which was down and inside. Kelly also struck out nine batters and walked none.

"I'm confident that I can get people out," he said after the game. "I feel that I've shown myself enough over the last five years that if I can execute pitches, I can get good hitters out. I think the pinching moment came honestly before the game, just sitting there and thinking about what I was about to do and where I am and the stage that I'm on."

In six innings, Montgomery gave up nine hits and four earned runs without striking out a single batter. In fact, Arizona hitters whiffed on pitches only twice. The first swinging strike didn't come until the fifth inning, the longest he had ever gone in his career in a single outing without a swing and a miss.

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