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## Tuesday ballot features mayor races

*Portland council seats, Redkey clerk-treasurer also contested*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

Portland will select a new mayor Tuesday.

Dunkirk will decide whether to give a mayor a second term for the first time in more than three decades.

Mayoral races highlight the municipal election as voters will take to the polls from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday. Other contested races are for Redkey clerk-treasurer and three Portland City Council seats.

Early voting is also available from 8 a.m. to noon today and 8:30 a.m. to noon Monday.

Portland will select a new mayor after incumbent Republican John Boggs finished third in a four-way primary in May. Seeking to replace him are Democrat Randy Geesaman, who served two terms as mayor from 2012 through 2019 and Jeff Westlake, a longtime Portland Police Department dispatcher.

In Dunkirk, voters will choose between incumbent Democrat Jack Robbins and Republican Jay Miller. Robbins, a retired contractor, is hoping to become the city's first mayor to be re-elected since Grant Fager was unopposed in 1991.

Democrat Mary Eley is seeking to earn her own term in office as Redkey clerk-treasurer after she was appointed to replace Debbie James following her retirement in 2020. She is facing a challenge from former Jay County Sheriff's office employee Gloria May.

Portland will have at least two new city council members as Don Gillespie (District 4) and Janet Powers (at-large) both decided not to run for another term.

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## Longmire talk

Craig Johnson, author of the Longmire series of novels, gestures while speaking to a large crowd gathered Thursday night at Arts Place for his visit hosted by Jay County Public Library. In addition to the presentation at Arts Place, after which he signed books for those in attendance, Johnson visited the library earlier in the day.

## Wastewater project moves forward

By RAY COONEY

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A major project for Portland's wastewater treatment plant took its next step forward Thursday.

Portland Board of Works approved a letter of agreement with Jones and Henry Engineers of Fort Wayne for \$1.05 million in construction services and a resident project representative for a new pump station and equalization (EQ) basin at the facility.

Jeff Hersha of Jones and Henry explained to board of works members Jerry Leonhard and Steve McIntosh, absent Mayor John Boggs, that the EQ basin and pump station are the next step in the city's agreed order with Indiana

### Plant will be getting a new EQ basin and pump station

Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) that was signed in 2008. It is intended to eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSOs) in the city by increasing the wastewater plant's capacity. (CSOs occur when the amount of water in the system exceeds its capacity, causing untreated

stormwater and wastewater to be discharged into waterways.)

The new system will allow excess water to be pumped into the EQ basin during times when the system is overloaded. That water can then be pumped back and treated before being discharged. (IDEM rules require that the EQ basin,

which also has mixing and aeration, must be cleared within 72 hours.)

He added that Portland's initial application through the State Revolving Fund Loan did not score well in part because of the city's sewage rates.

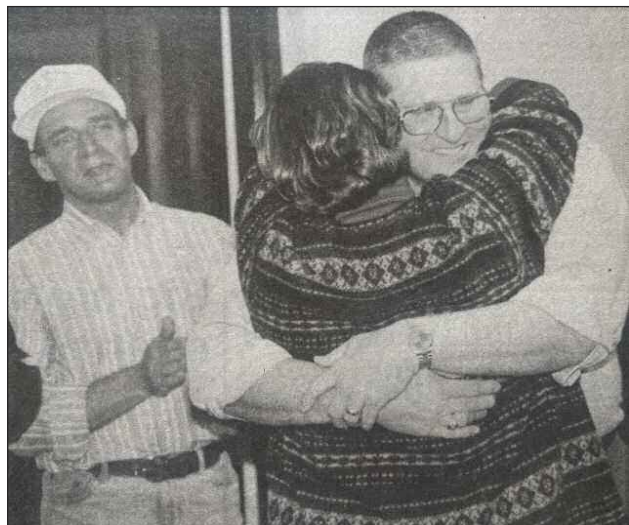
"You are still significantly lower than a large portion of project recipients," Hersha said. (The monthly rate is currently \$34.56.)

Adjustments made during a re-application process improved the score, but still left Portland short. However, after several projects dropped out, Portland was able to qualify for the \$6.9-million, low-interest loan.

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## Retrospect

### Penrod was elected sheriff



The Commercial Review/Barbara Wilkinson

Todd Penrod gets a victory hug from his wife Joni on Nov. 3, 1998, during a gathering of local Republicans at Jay County Boys Club Community Center. Penrod defeated Democrat Jeff Harker in the race for Jay County Sheriff.

Twenty-five years ago this week, voters mostly went with the status quo.

The Nov. 4, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the election, which largely saw incumbents earn victories. In the most hotly contested race, Republican Todd Penrod, who had served as chief deputy under incumbent Sheriff Kip Robinette, held off Democrat Jeff Harker to keep the office in GOP hands.

Penrod, who had pledged to name Robinette as his chief deputy, got big victories in

Wayne and Penn Townships to hold off Harker's strong efforts in Richland Township for a 3,383-3,127 victory.

"It's probably been the longest four hours of my life," said Penrod, who had gathered with fellow Republicans at Jay County Boys Club Community Center (now Jay Community Center) with the mood shifting as the candidates traded the lead for most of the evening. "I want to congratulate Jeff. He ran a clean campaign, and he worked hard."

"It's been a long year (of campaigning) and I'm relieved it's over

with. I have a strong appreciation for people who run for public office."

In other races, Democrat Ron Liggett of Redkey clobbered Republican challenger David Robertson 4,326-2,177 to earn another term representing District 33 in the Indiana House. Liggett won every precinct in Jay County.

"From my perspective, I tried to dwell on what I had accomplished and intended to accomplish," Liggett said. "I tried to run a positive campaign throughout."

"I think the voters are smarter than people who

run for office give them credit. I know I always wanted to know what the candidate was going to do for my community and not the negative of the other candidate. I'm pleased I can run a positive campaign. My opponent's campaign speaks for itself."

Others winning reelection were State Sen. David Ford, a Republican who overcame a 524-615 deficit in Jay County, Republican county commissioner Milo Miller Jr. and incumbent county council members Gerald Kirby, Mary Lu Premer, James Johnson and Ed May.

### Deaths

**Paul Shimp**, 77, Portland  
**Terry Ridgway**, 66, Dunkirk  
**Treadesa Jackson**, 83, Portland  
**Lissa Houser**, 52, Westfield  
 Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 59 degrees Friday. Today's forecast calls for a slight chance of rain this morning followed by partly cloudy skies with a high around 60. Expect a low in the upper 30s tonight followed by a high in the mid 50s Sunday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Property tax bills are due Nov. 13. They can be paid at the treasurer's office at Jay County Courthouse, via the drop box on the south side of the courthouse or by mail. First Bank of Berne and Farmer's and Merchant's Bank also accept payments.

### In review

**Tuesday** — Results from the FRHS runners at the OHSAA state finals.

**Wednesday** — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



# CR almanac

Sunday 11/5	Monday 11/6	Tuesday 11/7	Wednesday 11/8	Thursday 11/9
<b>56/41</b>	<b>66/47</b>	<b>59/42</b>	<b>61/45</b>	<b>54/35</b>
More rain is possible Sunday, when the high won't surpass 60 degrees.	Monday has a 30% chance of rain. Mostly cloudy, with temperatures climbing to the 60s.	More rain is in the forecast (20% chance) for Tuesday, when the high will be around 59.	Mostly cloudy skies on Wednesday, when the high will be near 61 degrees.	There's a 50% chance of showers Thursday. The high may reach 54 degrees.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 7-0-4 Daily Four: 2-2-8-9 Quick Draw: 1-3-8-10-15-17-19-25-27-33-37-45-47-52-54-59-62-71-73-77	Pick 5: 0-1-7-3-9 Evening Rolling Cash 5: 2-5-10-11-16 Jackpot: \$160,000
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 1-4-5 Pick 4: 6-9-4-3	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$173 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$181 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms</b> <b>Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.57 Late Nov. corn .....4.52 Wheat .....4.79	Dec. beans .....13.27 Wheat .....5.33
<b>POET Biorefining</b> <b>Portland</b> Corn.....4.57 Dec. corn .....4.72 Jan. corn .....4.87	<b>ADM</b> <b>Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.55 Late Nov. corn .....4.59 Beans .....13.06 Nov. beans .....13.26 Wheat .....5.32
<b>The Andersons</b> <b>Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.57 Dec. corn .....4.62 Beans .....13.02	<b>Heartland</b> <b>St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.37 Dec. corn .....4.47 Beans .....12.92 Dec. beans .....13.02 Wheat .....4.88

## Today in history

**In 1884**, Democrat Grover Cleveland defeated Republican James G. Blaine in the U.S. presidential election. Cleveland became the first Democrat to be elected president following the Civil War.

**In 1924**, a woman was elected to lead a U.S. state for the first time when she won the Wyoming gubernatorial race.

**In 1946**, UNESCO, an agency of the United Nations, was established to promote international collaboration in education, science and culture. It now preserves more than 1,000 World Heritage sites, coordinates tsunami early warning systems and operates research laboratories.

**In 1952**, Republican Dwight D. Eisenhower cruised to victory in the U.S. presidential election over Democrat Adlai Stevenson. Eisenhower was a popular general from World War II who ran with the campaign slogan "I like Ike."

**In 1970**, Sean Combs, who has been known as "Puffy," "Puff Daddy," "P. Diddy" and "Diddy" was born in New York city. Combs was a rapper, producer, actor and clothing designer. He launched Bad Boy Entertainment and won a Grammy in 1998 for "I'll Be Missing You," a single from his first album.

**In 1972**, Opal Imel, owner of Imel Brothers Grocery Store of Portland, died at the age of 71.

**In 1979**, a hostage crisis began in Iran as Iranian militants took control of the U.S. embassy in Tehran. Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had sanctioned the move. The hostages were held for 444 days.

**In 1995**, Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated while attending a peace rally. He had shared the Nobel Prize for Peace with Shimon Peres and Yasir Arafat a year earlier.

**In 2001**, the first movie in the Harry Potter series — "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone" — made its premiere in London. It was the first in a series of eight movies based on author J.K. Rowling's books.

**In 2021**, Doug Inman, executive director of The Portland Foundation, presented Jay County Council and Jay County Commissioners with a plan to purchase the former Judge Haynes Elementary School building to make it a child care facility. He asked that the county contribute \$975,000 in American Rescue Plan Act funds toward the child care project.

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## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonia Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:15 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint executive session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St.

# Obituaries

## Paul Shimp

Dec. 1, 1945-Nov. 1, 2023  
Paul D. Shimp, age 77, of Portland passed away on Wednesday, Nov. 1, 2023, at IU Health Jay in Portland. He was born in Bradford, Ohio, on Dec. 1, 1945, the son of Kenen R. Shimp and Treva D. (Rickert) Shimp. He lived with a foster family, Thurl and Hazel Brabburn. He was married to Nelda Vanskyock on Dec. 7, 1968, and she survives.



Shimp

Paul worked at the Teledyne Forge and was a 1965 graduate of Union City Community High School, a U.S. Army veteran, a member of the machinist union, and attended First Church of Nazarene. He was the owner of Paul's Fire Extinguishers.

Paul loved all sports and was involved in wrestling, track, football and basketball in high school. He also loved attending garage sales.

Surviving is his wife Nelda; one son, Troy D. Shimp of Atlanta; and one daughter, Robin M. Shimp.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6, with Pastor Steve Cecil presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 3 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to the Portland Church of the Nazarene. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

## Terry Ridgway

April 23, 1957-Nov. 2, 2023  
Terry Ridgway, 66, Dunkirk, died unexpectedly at home on Thursday, Nov. 2, 2023.

Born in Portland on April 23, 1957, he grew up in Dunkirk and was a 1975 graduate of Dunkirk High School.

He also received an associate's degree from Ivy Tech and attended Ball State University. Terry was a U.S. Navy veteran and journeyman electro-mechanic. He worked for 26 years at Ardagh, Dunkirk, before retiring in 2020.



Ridgway

In earlier years, he did carpentry and had worked at Sinclair Glass in Hartford City. Terry was a member of Local 96 and was a former member of American Legion Post 227, Dunkirk. He enjoyed woodworking, golfing and (recently) RVing. Most

especially, Terry loved being with his family and grandchildren.

Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Valerie L. (Sapp) Ridgway; sons Jason Allen Ridgway (wife: Afton), Dunkirk, Christopher Lee Ridgway (wife: Stacey), Dunkirk, and Aaron Douglas Ridgway (wife: Theresa), Hebron; his mother Daisy (Bivens) Myers, Dunkirk; brothers Bruce Ridgway, Ontario, California, David Ridgway (wife: Hannah), Selma, and Marc Myers, Dunkirk; sisters Susan Duran (husband: David), Dunkirk, Teresa Hessong, Greencastle, and Rebecca Porter (husband: Ray), Florida; grandchildren Logan, Vasin, Leora, Varen, Asher and Elise. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Jack L. Ridgway (wife: Barbara); and step-father Richard "Dick" Myers.

Services will be 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at Dunkirk Church of The Nazarene. Cremation will follow.

Visiting hours are Wednesday from 6 until 8 p.m. at the church.

Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be given at MeachamFuneralService.com.

## Treadesa Jackson

May 3, 1940-Oct. 28, 2023  
Treadesa "Trudy" M. Jackson, age 83, a resident of Portland, passed away Saturday, Oct. 28, 2023, at Albany Health and Rehabilitation Center in Albany, Indiana.

Trudy was born on May 3, 1940, in Farmland, Indiana, the daughter of Worley and Lillie (Foster) Murphy. Trudy retired from CTS in Berne, Indiana.

Trudy married Larry Jackson on June 29, 1968.

Survivors include: Her husband — Larry Jackson, Portland, Indiana

Son — Loren Jackson, Muncie, Indiana

Daughter — Deb Crump, Portland, Indiana

Brother: — Emmett Murphy, Celina, Ohio

Two sisters — Dorthy Fenton, Ohio, and Ireda "Sue" Mullins

Grandchildren — Katelyn Crump, Evan Jackson and Cassandra Jackson

Great-grandchildren — Marlea Crump and Mason Rittenhouse

She was preceded in death by three brothers, James "Jimmy" Murphy, Leroy Murphy and Billy Murphy; and three sisters, Patsy Sommer, Karen



Jackson

Smith and Neva "Toots" Miltroka-Roy.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services will be held Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at Liber Cemetery, south of Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamosnspencer.com.

## Lissa Houser

Lissa Le Houser, 52, passed away unexpectedly in her home on Sept. 21, 2023, in Westfield, Indiana.

Born in 1971 and named for her great-grandmother, "Lissie" Houser; she was the second daughter of Linda Hall and the late C. Jay Houser. She graduated from Jay County High School in 1990 and later attended Manchester University.



Houser

Lissa loved autumn and Halloween was her favorite holiday.

Although she could be quiet and reserved, nothing escaped her keen observation, evidenced by her dry sense of humor and her gift for impersonations. She kept us in stitches with her uncanny imitation of the "Munchkins" from the musical, "The Wizard of Oz" (1939).

An enthusiastic reader, especially of mystery novels, and an avid lover of animals, Lissa will be greatly missed by her dedicated mother, Linda Hall, of Indianapolis; and her loving sister, Betsy Houser, of Huntsville, Alabama. Two half-brothers also survive Lissa — Craig Jeff Houser CW5 (RET) of Rushville, Indiana, and Eric Houser of Richmond, Indiana.

Preceding her in death was her father, C. Jay Houser; and grandparents Roger and Rosemary Williams.

Given that throughout Lissa's adult life she valued privacy, we have chosen to honor her with a small intimate service. There will be no public ceremony or calling hours.

The family invites you to donate to Jay County's public library or humane society in her memory.

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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.*

*There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

## Capsule Reports

### Car towed

A Hartford City man's vehicle was towed after striking a deer on Indiana 1 in Jay County about 7:13 a.m. Thursday.

Nicholas D. Price, 24, was driving a 2010 Chevrolet Malibu north on the highway when he hit a deer. The same animal had also been struck by a southbound vehicle, throwing it into Price's path. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

### Backing accident

A Muncie man backed his car into a Portland woman's vehicle on Harrison Street about 6:55 p.m. Tuesday.

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## SERVICES

Today  
**Kunkle**, Robert: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Monday  
**Shimp**, Paul: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday  
**Jackson**, Treadesa: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Baughman**, Pamela: 1 p.m., Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, West Liberty, Ohio.

**Ridgway**, Terry: 8 p.m., Dunkirk Church of the Nazarene, 226 E. Center St., Dunkirk.

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Or email: [careers@swissvillage.org](mailto:careers@swissvillage.org)

# FALL OPEN HOUSE NOVEMBER 8th

**West Jay Community Center**  
**5:30-7:30 PM**  
**Special guest: Mark Hardwick**  
**Light Refreshments & Fellowship**  
**See you there.**

## Open house is Wednesday

It's time to celebrate. West Jay Community Center will hold an open house from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, to showcase new flooring and other recent improvements.

The event will include remarks by community center board president Derek Rodgers at 6 p.m. Dunkirk native Mark Hardwick will be the featured speaker. Hardwick, CEO of First Merchants Corporation, is a 1989 Jay County High School graduate who went on to play at Ball State University, averaging 9.4 points per game and shooting 44% from long distance during his senior season.

In July, Hardwick was selected as part of IBJ Media's Indiana 250. The list recognizes the state's "most influential and impactful business and community leaders, representing public and private companies, law firms, universities, not-for-profits, government and community organizations."

West Jay Community Center opened in 2001 with the gym added in 2004. In addition to flooring, recent upgrades have included heating, ventilation and cooling improvements, new fitness equipment, updated landscaping and masonry enhancements.

## Carey to begin tour

By CARLOS DE LOERA  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

Halloween is over. That can mean only one thing: Mariah Carey has arisen from her slumber and you will be hearing "All I Want for Christmas is You" from available speakers from now until 2024.

On Wednesday, Carey released an Instagram video of herself being defrosted from a giant block of ice by an assortment of Halloween characters, then emerging in her finest Christmas attire alongside her twins, Mon-

roe and Moroccan, as her 1994 yuletide anthem blasts.

This is all part of the 54-year-old singer's now-yearly tradition of announcing her everlasting presence as the self-appointed "Queen of Christmas," due to her tune's enduring popularity, almost 30 years after its release.

"All I Want for Christmas Is You" reemerged as an all-consuming holiday hit in December 2017 when it reached Billboard's Hot 100 and climbed to the top five of the charts in

December 2018. The song has risen to the No. 1 spot on the charts every holiday season since 2019, with an impressive 12-week reign as the champion in 2022.

In October, Carey announced her Merry Christmas One and All! tour, which includes several stops in the United States and Canada. The seasonal concert series is scheduled to kick off Nov. 15 at the Yaamava' Resort & Casino in Highland, California, followed by a Nov. 17 show at the Hollywood Bowl in Los Angeles.

## Husband doesn't pitch in help at home

DEAR ABBY: I've been with my husband, "Harry," for 10 years, married for four, and already I'd like a divorce. We have two small children. I'm a stay-at-home mom while he works and pays the bills.

The problem is, he feels that because he works, he doesn't have to do anything else. He doesn't help around the house, help with the kids, spend time with us, nothing! I only ask that he do these things on his days off, but his days off are reserved strictly for himself.

Some days I could use a hand with our children. While I'm doing absolutely everything, he just sits acting like he doesn't hear or see what's going on in front of him. Even after seeing me becoming overwhelmed and frustrated, he won't help me.

I've had a thousand conversations with him about stepping up more when he's home, but it goes in one ear and out the other. I'd rather be single than have him just sit around when he's home because "he pays for everything." Am I wrong to feel this way? I need help. — OUT OF BALANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA

Dear Abby



**DEAR OUT OF BALANCE:** Offer your husband a choice. Either the two of you talk with a marriage and family therapist to help rid him of his selective deafness, or you hire someone to help with the heavier chores he's unwilling to do. If he balks, remind him that you know he's tired of your nagging and it would be cheaper than a divorce.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my wife for 23 years, married 19 of them. We have two grown children, ages 22 and 20. I recently realized she's still in love with the guy she dated just before me. How did I find out? Well, one day my wife and I were watching a TV show together, and out of nowhere, she asked me my opinion on open mar-

riages. I gave her a vague answer and started investigating why she asked me that question. That's when I discovered text messages, phone calls and her diary for the last nine months. As far as I can tell, they haven't had sex yet, but she wants to. I did not confront her about it. I felt bad for invading her privacy, but then again, she was being sneaky. I need to know if I should stay or go. — UNCOVERED IN PENNSYLVANIA

**DEAR UNCOVERED:** Copy those texts and her diary. Then have a talk with your wife and ask her why she asked about your feelings on open marriage, because it was out of character. After she answers, say you have been thinking about her question and **STRONGLY** feel your marriage should be monogamous. **THEN** tell her you have seen the calls, texts and diary, and if she wants to have sex with her old boyfriend, you will file for divorce.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a Realtor and managing broker helping

my fiance's son, "Mark," buy a new home. We're set to close next month. Tonight, my fiance, "Simon," told me I am not to keep any of my commission — that Mark expects me to give it all to him. Granted, I was planning to give Mark a token of appreciation — a few hundred dollars, perhaps — but not my entire commission!

I told Simon he must have misunderstood, that this is my JOB, my work. No one gives someone their entire paycheck, do they? I don't think there's any way Mark would expect 100% of my commission, but Simon says if I don't agree, there will be "consequences."

Our relationship is already strained, and I feel this is not only over the top but also completely disrespectful. I'm trying not to rock the boat with the holidays coming up. Please help me. — ON THE SPOT IN ILLINOIS

**DEAR ON THE SPOT:** Sometimes it's better to confront a problem than to ignore it for fear of what you might find out. This is one of those times. Tell your fiance

to explain EXACTLY what he meant by "consequences" if you don't agree to his son's unreasonable demand. Listen carefully to what he has to say.

If you give in to emotional blackmail this time, it's only a taste of what you will receive from him and his son in the future. If there is a wedding planned anytime soon, I urge you to slam on the brakes until this matter is ironed out to your satisfaction.

**DEAR READERS:** Time flies! Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday. Don't forget to turn your clocks back one hour at bedtime tonight. While you're at it, be sure to put fresh batteries in your carbon monoxide and smoke detectors. — LOVE, ABBY

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

## Community Calendar

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

### Today

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

**ROAD RIDERS FOR JESUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. on the first Saturday of each month in the West Walnut Church of Christ fellowship hall, 204 W. Walnut St., Portland. (Please enter from the door facing the alley on the north side of the building.) For more information, call (260) 726-8463.

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Satur-

day of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

**MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER** — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

### Sunday

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

### Monday

**PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS** — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

**PING PONG** — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

**EUCHRE** — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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

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

**PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

**BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL**

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

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

### Tuesday

**BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE** — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

## Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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7	5	1	8	6	9	4	3	2
9	3	2	4	5	1	7	8	6
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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.



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November 6-10

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**Alternate Entrees:** Cereal yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick  
**Sides for all meals:** Vegetarian refried beans

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Beef hot dog on whole wheat  
**Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, cracker & egg fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick  
**Sides for all meals:** French fries

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese  
**Alternate Entrees:** Cereal yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick  
**Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Toasted cheese sandwich  
**Alternate Entrees:** Cereal, cracker & egg fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick  
**Sides for all meals:** Campbell's tomato soup

**Friday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheese pizza  
**Alternate Entrees:** Cereal yogurt & cheese fun lunch, cheddar mozzarella salad, breadstick  
**Sides for all meals:** Seasoned carrots

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# Child support revisions are overdue

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)  
Tribune News Service

Major revisions to Indiana's child-support guidelines have been a long time in coming, some 50 years.

So it was welcome news that the Indiana Supreme Court, in making amendments to other court procedures, adopted child-support formulas this month to match incomes and needs for the 2020s.

The former payment formula was determined by estimates of the percentage of household spending on food, which relied on economic theories and consumer data from the 1970s. The new formula is based on how much parents reduce spending on them-

## Hoosier Editorial

selves as the number of children in the family increases.

Convoluted, yes, but necessarily so.

In a lengthy order, the Indiana Supreme Court began its commentary by asking, "What does it take to support a child? The question is simple, but the answer is extremely complex."

Using well-regarded research, the court acknowledged that the

higher a family's income, the higher the spending for children. But the schedule for child support had declined.

Under the new pay schedule, parents who make \$1,000 in combined weekly adjusted income will be required to pay \$28 more a week, or \$1,450 more a year, in support for one child. Weekly payments go down for low-income parents who earn less than \$580 a week.

The court explored costs of parenting time. The court also evaluated medical costs, including a father's responsibility to pay at least 50% of the reasonable expenses of a pregnancy and childbirth. That provision reworks the previous all-too-gen-

eral wording of paying just "a percentage."

The 50% figure came through House Bill 1009, which was originally written to allow child support payments to begin at conception. The bill was amended to expand paternal requirements for the costs of pregnancy.

Such changes in state law were reviewed by the Indiana Judicial Conference Domestic Relations Committee. The new guidelines were then submitted to the state Supreme Court, which is trying to straighten the circuitous path judges use in setting child support.

But major revisions don't need a 50-year wait.

The Indiana General Assem-

bly's judiciary committees can hear legislation that would set timetables for evaluation of judicial code and not leave important changes to individual bills.

The Judicial Conference committee should also set calendars, at least every 10 years to update child-support formulas based on the needs and incomes of Hoosiers. In turn, they could submit ideas to the legislature.

No one wants to see a judge order payments based on economic data from prior decades. Children already face upheaval from parental separation or divorce. No one wants to see a child's quality of life suffer because of outdated formulas.

## Majority want their country back

By JOHN M. CRISP  
Tribune News Service

While I was familiarizing myself with Mike Johnson of Louisiana, our new speaker of the House, news arrived of a uniquely American event, another mass shooting, this time in a bowling alley and bar in Lewiston, Maine.

The details are characteristic: Kids were having a good time at youth night in the bowling alley when a white male opened fire with an assault-style, semi-automatic rifle with a high-capacity magazine. Despite Maine's permissive gun laws — concealed carry is allowed without a permit — no good guy with a gun stepped up. At least 18 are reported killed and many more wounded.

Which made me wonder: Why can't we Americans have a society that more closely resembles the one that most of us want?

The fact is, polling shows that most Americans favor stricter gun laws in general, and when specific elements of gun policy are assessed, the numbers are persuasive. For example, according to the Pew Research Center, 61% of Americans say that it is too easy to obtain a gun and 79% favor raising the minimum age to buy a gun to 21 years.

When it comes to the technologies that make mass murders possible — assault-style rifles and high-capacity magazines — most Americans want them banned, at impressive rates: 66% (Pew); 55% (Gallup); 67% (Statista); 61% (PBS, NPR, Marist).

Even though most Americans want to eliminate or restrict these dangerous weapons, somehow we're not able to do it. The mass shootings continue.

I wondered what our new House speaker thinks about this. Mike Johnson's website isn't enlightening. A tab labeled Issues links to bland boilerplate about Rule of Law and Human Dignity, which are "issues" that most Americans already support.

But since the statistics that indicate most citizens' preference for stricter gun laws tend to reflect party affiliation, it's a good bet that our new House speaker — a devoted right-winger — does not support the gun control measures that most of us do.

In fact, Johnson appears to hold minority views regarding other issues, as well. For example, he's an outspoken opponent of abortion rights while 61% of Americans believe that abortion should be legal in all or most cases (Pew). And while 71% of Americans

John M. Crisp



support same-sex marriage (Gallup), in 2004 Johnson wrote in the Shreveport Times that homosexuality is "inherently unnatural" and that gay marriage would lead to similar rights for pedophiles.

But here's something that should worry us all: The great majority of Americans believe that Joe Biden won the last election. Not only did Mike Johnson vote against certifying the election, he is credited with coming up with a legal theory to justify Trump's fabricated objections to the election, and he supported a Texas lawsuit to overturn the results in four states clearly won by Biden.

In short, Johnson is an election denier; most Americans are not.

It's a puzzle: How did a man whose views are so out of line with most Americans' achieve the powerful House speakership, a position that puts him second in line for the presidency?

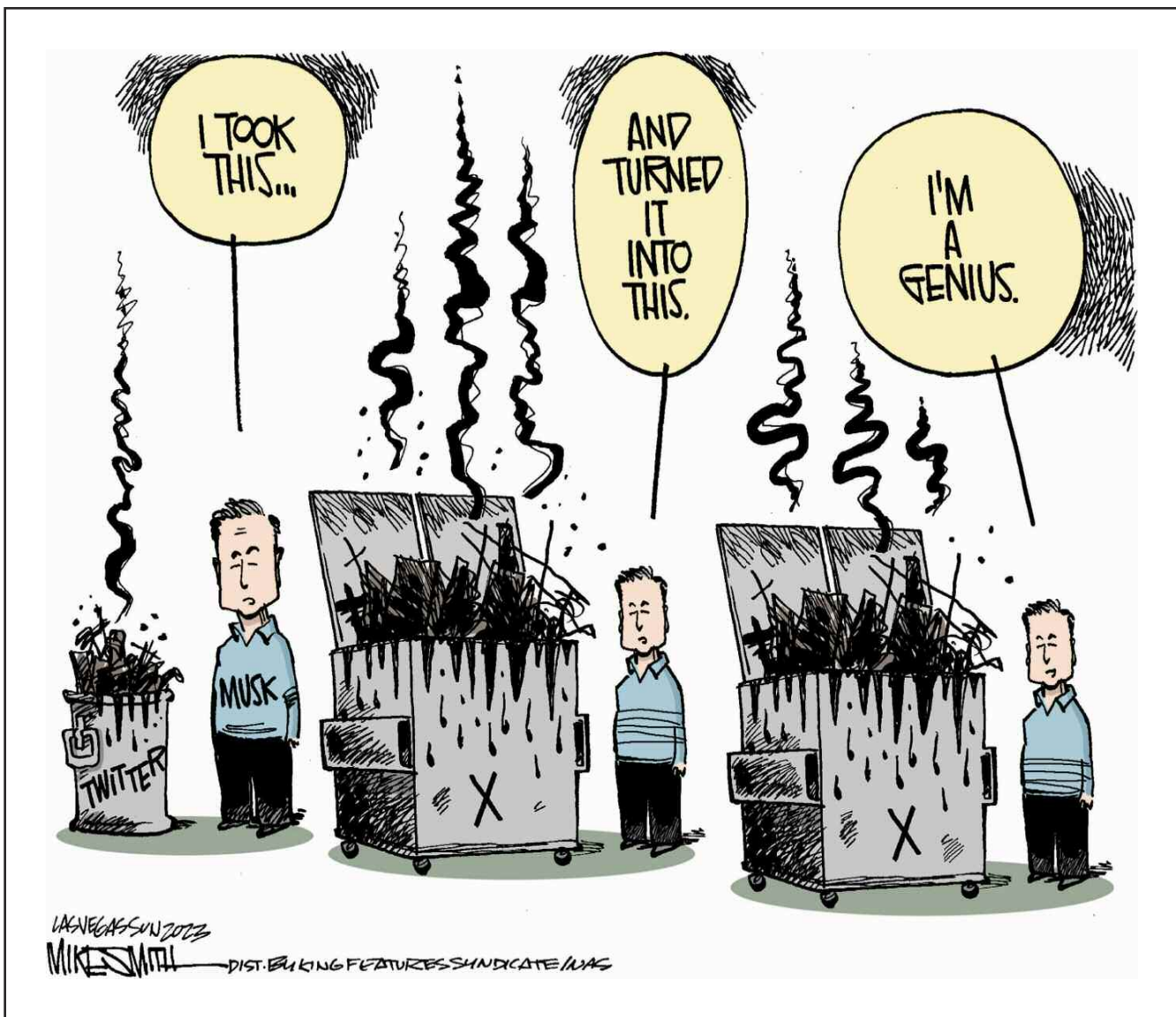
Some of the answer involves the inherent advantages that the minority perspective enjoys in our system, the Electoral College, for example, and disproportionate representation in the Senate. Crafty gerrymandering has also boosted the power of the minority view.

But minority views such as Johnson's get a lot of energy from the continuing hold that former President Donald Trump has on the Republican Party. In fact, it appears that no candidate could have become speaker without Trump's imprimatur. That represents a lot of power for the minority and helps explain how the Election Denier in Chief managed to get an election denier into the speakership.

Therefore, we can probably expect to have more policies forced upon us that are the opposite of what most Americans want, which is a sorry situation in a democracy.

And, therefore, a prominent MAGA slogan has some resonance with Americans who wish that public policy would more closely reflect what the public actually desires: "We want our country back."

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## Legitimacy requires accountability

By KEVIN FRAZIER  
The Fulcrum  
Tribune News Service

"I'm just the middle guy." It seems like a harmless and justifiable excuse. But when entire companies, governments and communities become dominated by "middle guys" working for "the boss," the little guys lose out. This may not seem like a problem to those who can afford to get around middle guys. These are the folks who seemingly float above the barriers that slow everyone else down. They're the handful of individuals who can, for example, charter private jets and avoid the airline ticket counter — a dominion controlled exclusively by middle guys whose hands are always tied.

It turns out there's rarely a middle guy who can't be circumvented with some time and money. For everyone else, there's a looming accountability crisis brought on by promises being made by individuals and institutions with no intention of ever keeping them — and instead putting the blame on an unaccountable middle guy.

Accountability does not exist if those who hold power don't face consequences for taking inadequate, illegal or immoral actions. In the Age of the Middle Guy, Average Joes and Janes cannot afford to go after "the boss," who is protected by complex contracts, well-paid lawyers and deep pockets. In short, in too many situations it now takes time and money to get back your time and money.

Case in point, my friends hired a moving company to deliver their goods to a home in a new state. Well, that's what they thought. In actuality, they hired a "broker,"

who hired a "mover," who hired contractors to move their stuff. When their goods arrived damaged and two weeks late, they tried to get a refund from the contractors — who pointed them to the mover, who pointed them to the broker, who never answered their calls. My friends wanted to hire an attorney to go after anyone and everyone but lacked the time and money to get back their time and money.

Initially, I questioned why my friends didn't read enough Google reviews to hire a better company. Then, I realized ... Wow! I have sipped way too much Kool-Aid. I rushed to question the consumer — the Joes and Janes with no power rather than an industry and culture that has robbed little guys of any means to impose consequences on those who should be held accountable.

Those in power go out of their way to diminish the likelihood and magnitude of those consequences. In other words, they try to reduce the odds of getting caught and, if they somehow are caught, they try to limit the severity of the punishment.

Over time, the powerful have created more and more creative ways to evade detection and escape punishment. They'll use distance (see King George counting on an

ocean to avoid facing the colonists); time (see dictators throughout history delaying elections); middle guys (see moving companies hiring contractors); and bureaucracy (see some governments) — all in an effort to reduce the odds of little guys coordinating to actively hold them to account.

Regrettably, the powerful usually succeed. Little guys don't have the time and resources to sail across the sea or, in modern times, wait on hold. What's more, even when the powerful get caught in the act, they manage to avoid facing severe consequences — their contracts are too strong, their lawyers are on speed dial, and their political ties are too deep.

When accountability goes, so does legitimacy. When little guy after little guy has a story about being taken advantage of, with nothing to show for their suffering, entire institutions can start to crumble. The stories of corruption spread and the willingness of Joes and Janes everywhere to trust institutions dissipates.

That lack of trust is spreading today and has become one of the most important issues of our time. One way to restore that trust is to look for ways — through regulations, rules and norms — to cut out the middle guy and make sure that the powerful can be directly, swiftly and appropriately held to account.

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### Ballot ...

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For the at-large seats in the city, Democrat Dave Golden is running for a second term against Republicans Ashley Hilfiker and Larry Nuckols. Voters will elect two of the three candidates to council.

The race to represent District 4 features former four-term city council member Judy Aker, a Democrat, against Republican Ron May.

Uncontested for the election are:

Portland — Incumbent Democrat Lori Phillips for clerk-treasurer; Donald Gillespie for city court judge; incumbent Republican Matt Goldsworthy for city council District 1; incumbent independent Mike Aker for city council District 2; incumbent Republican Michele Brewster for city council District 3; and incumbent Republican Kent McClung for city council District 5.

Dunkirk — Incumbent Democrat Tina Elliott for clerk-treasurer; Republican Dan Watson for city council at-large; Republican Randy Murphy for city council District 1; Democrat Donna Revolt for city council District 2; incumbent Republican Jesse Bivens for city council District 3; and incumbent Democrat Christy Curts for city council District 4.

Redkey — Democrat "Watermelon" Jim Phillips and Republicans David Dudelston and Brenda Beaty, all for town council (three at-large seats are up for election)

### Project ...

Continued from page 1

Hersha noted various issues that have led to changing the design of the project, and thus increasing engineering costs. One of those is that the facility's existing wet well is about 4 feet more shallow than is shown in the original 1956 schematics and a 1970 update. The change in depth impacted the hydraulic calculations for the entirety of the process. Other issues led to the new pump station being moved east and south of its original site and the EQ basin being shifted to the west and south. It has also changed in size, making it smaller in diameter but also deeper.

He said he plans to send information required for bid authorization to the state Monday with a goal of advertising for bids for the projects in the next two weeks. The process with the State Revolving Loan Fund must

be complete by the end of January.

Laying out timelines for the work, Harsha said construction of the EQ basin is expected to take 330 days with the pump station to take 515 days. Completion is expected in October 2025. Leonhard and McIntosh approved the letter of agreement with Jones and Henry, accounting for engineering services related to the construction

*Work expected to begin in early 2024 and be completed in October 2025*

The department had already installed two such drives to replace mechanical pumps in an effort to save on utility costs by making the process more efficient.

•OK'd a water bill adjustment of \$150.30 for 405 S. Vine St. following a leak.

•Approved the city's Department of Homeland Security non-discrimination policy.

•OK'd rental agreements with Jay County Chamber of Commerce, Jay County Development Corporation, Jay County Visitor and Tourism Bureau, Jay/Portland Building and Planning and Jay County Commissioners for offices at Community Resource Center. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips noted that the leases have been on a month-to-month basis and not updated since 2005. Rent on the spaces was increased to \$350 per month from the previous \$325.



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### Candy check

Thirteen-month-old River Bennett of Dunkirk checks out her basket of candy on Oct. 28 during the Trunk or Treat event at Dunkirk City Park.

### Felony arrests

#### Drug possession

A Muncie man was arrested Thursday for drug possession.

Jacob R. Nelson, 22, 1511 S. Clark St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Capsule Reports

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Eddie G. Roser, 66, told police he was backing up his 2005 Chevrolet Equinox at the intersection of Harrison and Votaw streets to give room for another car to turn.

He didn't notice the 2016 Hyundai Tucson driven by 25-year-old Lindsey A. Jenkins behind him, and his vehicle struck Jenkins' car.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and 2,500.

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Original short stories with a Christmas theme or setting should be emailed to news@thecr.com by Dec. 8. Each entry should include the writer's name, complete address and phone number.

**Entry Deadline is Dec. 8, 2023.**

The 2022 winner  
**"Christmas Magic"**  
By Madison Bihn

11-4 CRYPTOQUIP

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X D Q J M C I ' N Z S E T X M N J C S L C
Y S T X V J M C I Z V T Q S Y D M N

DMIDCQNNQN' NMCENQN.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU SNAP
CELLPHONE PICS OF YOUR FACE EXCESSIVELY,
YOU HAVEN'T EXERCISED SELFIE-CONTROL.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: D equals H

Trivial Review
Leadership changes
1) What Russian queen changed her name, language and religion before taking the throne?
2) What former Oklahoma coach followed Jimmy Johnson in leading the Dallas Cowboys?
Answers: 1) Catherine the Great 2) Barry Switzer

11-6 CRYPTOQUIP

V L O H J V O J V Z L W D L J
D L O A Z F X E B Y H O Y J H O G O H R
I L J H Y - A E J G F H O B B W I L O I :

V L O Y W P X J K D R A H O P X O K D R .
Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE E.N.T. ON STAFF
IN THE KING'S COURT IS KNOWN FOR TAKING
CARE OF HIS HIGHNESS' SINUSES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals H

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to men's health.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
A. 26 4 23 10 6 11 21 8
B. 7 9 16 19 6 13 15
C. 15 14 15 7 11 6 10 15
D. 3 21 8 15

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to men's care.
R H T A E

Guess Who?
I am a journalist born in London on November 3, 1949. I am well-known in the fashion industry. I was the editor-in-chief of a well-known fashion magazine, then going on to direct the publishing house of that magazine. I am known for my signature sunglasses.

kids' corner
Colorful illustration with a laptop, calculator, and books.

FOOD FACT!
DESPITE BEING CALLED A "NUT," THIS FOOD IS ACTUALLY A LEGUME, OR A MEMBER OF A BEAN/PEA FAMILY OF PLANTS.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Lunch
SPANISH: Comida
ITALIAN: Pranzo
FRENCH: Déjeuner
GERMAN: Mittagessen

Math Blocks
Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1924: NELLIE TAYLOR ROSS BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN ELECTED AS A GOVERNOR IN THE UNITED STATES.
1966: THE ARNO RIVER FLOODS FLORENCE, ITALY. IT LEAVES THOUSANDS HOMELESS AND DESTROYS MILLIONS OF MASTERPIECES OF ART.
1980: RONALD REAGAN IS ELECTED AS THE 40TH PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MEN'S HEALTH WORD SEARCH
K N R N H D P R V R D O E E M H M B L K
E D I A L C Y K C B F D I H R E C N A C
G S T T L W W S Y P O C S O N O L O C K K
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D M A X E A B N Y Y K M V H E A L T H S
R S O C I T E N E G F R U C W C W K A D

WORDS
ANXIETY BALDING BENIGN CANCER COLONOSCOPY DEPRESSION DIABETES DOCTOR DYSFUNCTION EXAM GENETIC HEALTH HEART DISEASE INFERTILITY KIDNEYS MOVEMBER OBESITY OVERWEIGHT PROSTATE STRENGTH STROKE TESTICULAR TESTOSTERONE

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
O T H M S O N D A R C A E Y M

Did You Know?
PEANUT BUTTER PAIRED WITH CHOCOLATE IS A COMMON FLAVOR PROFILE. CHOCOLATE-COVERED PEANUT BUTTER IS ESPECIALLY POPULAR.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 1 Tubular pasta 5 Roof edge 9 "Shark Tank" network 12 Big fusses 13 — gin fizz 14 Status follower 15 Bell tower sound 16 Cash drawer 17 Web address 18 "Maureen" singer 19 Off-roader (Abbr.) 20 Swiss river 21 Feedback bit 23 Japanese sash 25 Arm's-length pic 28 English county 32 Spectrum creator 33 French ice cream 34 Tugged
36 Bending muscle 37 "— outta here!" 38 Guitar master 39 Green gem 42 "Caught ya!" 44 Grade sch. 48 "— Little Teapot" 49 Winter fall 50 Opera set in Egypt 51 Parcel of land 52 Actress Russo 53 Adolescent 54 Airport org.
55 River to the Baltic 56 Gymnastics gold medalist — Lee
DOWN 1 Micro-waves 2 Concept 3 Frog's relative 4 Dun-vegan 5 Will subject 6 Landed autos 8 Sushi fish 9 Greenish blue 10 "Ironside" star
11 Natalie or Nat 20 Theatergoer's requests, at times 22 Singer Mann 24 Military brass? 25 James Bond, for one 26 Mound stat 27 — -Manuel Miranda 29 Coltrane's instrument 30 Green prefix 31 Boomer's kid 35 Buzzed 36 Blossom 39 Leave at the altar 40 Hebrew prophet 41 Facts and figures 43 Sharpen 45 Stead 46 Idyllic place 47 — -pedi 49 Hit show letters

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54 55 56

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Sound reasoning helps a lot
West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
Q 2
A K J 5 3
K 9 5
Q J 4
WEST
A K 9 8 6
10
A J 10
K 6 5 2
EAST
10 4
9 8
8 7 6 4 2
10 9 7 3
SOUTH
J 7 5 3
Q 7 6 4 2
Q 3
A 8
The bidding:
West North East South
1 Pass 1 Dble Pass 3 Pass
Opening lead — king of spades.
Let's say you're in four hearts and West leads the K-A of spades. East playing high-low to show a doubleton. When West continues the suit, you ruff high in dummy as East discards a low diamond. Since you must lose a diamond trick, the hand boils down to whether or not you will lose a club.
If you examine all four hands, it can be seen that if you rely solely on a club finesse, you will go down one. Considering that West opened the bidding, this is not at all surprising.
Rather than stake everything on a finesse that is likely to fail, it is better to try an approach that avoids the finesse. About all that is required for this method to work is for West to have the ace of diamonds — surely not much to ask for, since, as previously noted, he opened the bidding.
Accordingly, you cash the K-Q of trump and lead the three of diamonds. West can't afford to take the ace, which would hand you the contract then and there, so let's assume he plays the ten.
You win with the king, cross to your hand with a trump and cash the jack of spades, discarding a diamond from dummy. You then play the queen of diamonds.
West wins but is completely flummoxed. If he leads a club, you have no club loser; if he leads a spade or a diamond instead, your club loser disappears as you ruff in dummy and discard a club from your hand.
The deal demonstrates once again the importance of always seeking an alternative before attempting a finesse.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

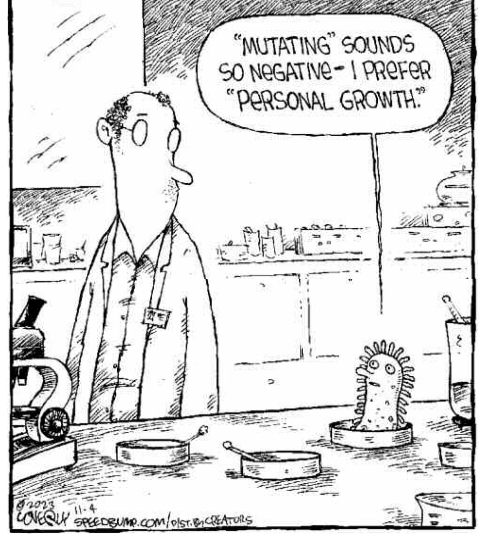
Famous Hand
East dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
Q J 8
A J 9 6 5
K 8 2
A Q
WEST
7 6 5 2
K 4 3 2
J 5 3
K 10
SOUTH
A K 10 9
A 9 7
J 9 8 6 3 2
The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 Pass 2
Pass 2 Pass 3
Pass 3 NT Pass 4
Pass 4 Pass 4 NT
Pass 5 Pass 5 NT
Dble Redble Pass 5
Dble 5 NT Pass 7
Opening lead — two of hearts.
This is one of the most memorable hands ever played in the annual world bridge championship. The year was 1975, the match was played in Bermuda, and the finalists were Italy and the United States.
The setting was very dramatic.
Tomorrow: Only for a minute.

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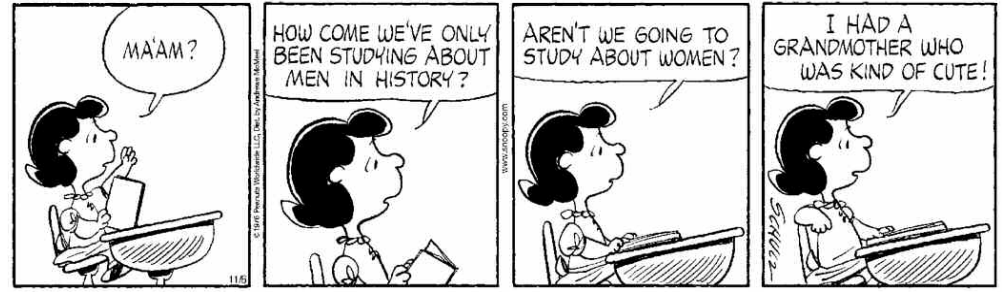
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# Revenge ...

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The Patriot star and two-time state champion immediately forced a take down before allowing an escape and getting another takedown to rack up a 4-1 lead. As Jiminez tried to escape the ring, Winner pulled her back in to quickly pin her.  
Lingo won a pair of matches in the 130 weight class. Against Blackford's Sara Yoho, Lingo gained control 30 seconds in and subsequently forced the fall.  
In Lingo's match against Lindsey Pugh of North Miami, she was up 2-0 and started on the bottom in the second period. An escape and a takedown put her in position to pin Pugh.  
"Lina was at a position where the girl was going

for one of those (throws)," Myers said. "It's kind of a bulldog position. And (Lingo) ended up clamping down on that elbow and hitting a fireman, which was a beautiful moment."  
The other win came from Jay County's Willow Hardy who pinned Blackford 125 pounder Jolee Tallman.  
After developing an 8-0 lead, Hardy lost to North Miami's Sophia Wohlfarth by a fall.  
"Sophia is one of those kids that believes if she gets tough one time in a match, she has a chance to win," NMHS coach Byron Sweet said. "Sophia committed to that one move. She believed in it. And she hit a reset and she was able to hit that move."  
The only other match was in the 115 weight class

between Tatiana Willis and North Miami's Lilly Quinn. Willis was able to stay alive for two and a half periods, but was pinned with 54 seconds remaining.  
Myers was happy to see North Miami early in the season to gain some more experience with a team that likes to throw a lot so the Patriots aren't as shocked if they see it later in the season.  
The Patriots are back in action today as they travel to New Palestine for a tournament.  
"I was excited about getting a little bit of live wrestling in," Myers said. "We go to New Palestine on Saturday, and there's some good teams there. So I'm glad we kind of got our feet wet before we jump into the deep end."



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Jay County's Maleah Parsons squares off with Addison Flores of Blackford on Thursday. Parsons won by fall 21 seconds into the second period.

# Sports on tap

## Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls wrestling at New Palestine — 8:30 a.m.  
Fort Recovery — Cross country state at Fortress Obetz — 10 a.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. South Side — 6 p.m.

## TV sports

**Today**  
8:30 a.m. — Premier League: Manchester United at Fulham (USA)  
10 a.m. — Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix (ESPN2)  
11 a.m. — Premier League: AFC Bournemouth

at Manchester City (USA)  
12 p.m. — College football: Texas A&M at Ole Miss (ESPN); Arkansas at Florida (ESPN2); Ohio State at Rutgers (CBS); Wisconsin at Indiana (BTN); Nebraska at Michigan State (FS1); Notre Dame at Clemson (ABC); Kansas State at Texas (FOX)  
1:30 p.m. — Premier League: Arsenal at Newcastle United (NBC)  
3:30 p.m. — College football: Penn State at Maryland (FOX); James Madison at Georgia State (ESPN2); Missouri at Georgia (CBS); Illinois at Minnesota (BTN); UCF at Cincinnati (FS1); Florida State at Pitt (ESPN); Oklahoma at Oklahoma State (ABC)  
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship (USA)  
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series Championship (USA)  
7 p.m. — College football: BYU at West Virginia (FS1)

7 p.m. — NBA: Charlotte Hornets at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Washington at USC (ABC); Purdue at Michigan (CBS)  
7:45 p.m. — College football: LSU at Alabama (CBS)  
8 9.m. — College volleyball: Illinois at Wisconsin (BTN)  
10 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Colorado (ESPN)  
10:30 p.m. — College football: UCLA at Arizona (FS1)

**Sunday**  
9 a.m. — Premier League: Aston Villa at Nottingham Forest (USA)  
11:30 a.m. — Premier League: Liverpool at Luton Town (USA)  
1 p.m. — NFL: Indianapolis Colts at Carolina

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3 p.m. — College volleyball: Kentucky at Florida (ESPN)  
4 p.m. — NFL: Dallas Cowboys at Philadelphia Eagles (FOX)  
4:30 p.m. — College hockey: Notre Dame at Penn State (BTN)  
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Buffalo Bills at Cincinnati Bengals (NBC)

**Monday**  
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Samford at Purdue (BTN)  
7 p.m. — NBA: San Antonio Spurs at Indiana

Pacers (Bally Indiana)  
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Los Angeles Chargers at New York Jets (ABC)  
8:30 p.m. — College basketball: James Madison at Michigan State (BTN)  
10 p.m. — College basketball: USC at Kansas State (TNT)  
10:30 p.m. — College basketball: Cal State Fullerton at San Diego State (FS1)

**Tuesday**  
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Florida Gulf Coast at Indiana (BTN)  
7:30 p.m. — College football: Ohio at Buffalo (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Detroit Red Wings at New York Rangers (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NHL: New Jersey Devils at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)

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**260 PUBLIC AUCTION**

**LAND AUCTION**

LOCATED: 7259 W CR 200 N, Pennville Indiana  
Monday  
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5:00 P.M.  
REAL ESTATE

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TERMS

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# Parsons' revenge

**Patriots win a pair of matches in season opener**

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review

Addison Flores got the better of Maleah Parsons when they met in junior high.

Two years later, as sophomores, Parsons was able to turn that around.

Parsons pinned Flores 21 seconds into the second period to help the Jay County High School girls wrestling team to a 60-6 victory over the Blackford Bruins in Thursday's season opener. The Patriots also took down the North Miami Warriors 48-18.

There were only a total of eight contested matches for the Patriots (2-0), who won all three against the Bruins (0-2) and went 3-2 against the Warriors (1-1).

Jay County coach Eric Myers was pleased with the results.

"Our girls were very excited to get out and wrestle," Myers said. "Getting out there and getting their first competition is pretty awesome. We did look a little rusty, and that's to be expected first match in the year, but we had some great things."

"We won some pretty nice matches there. But then you also take away from that match that we've got some stuff to work on. And that's fun too. You get done with your first match and you think 'I'm ready to get back in the practice room and fix a few things.'"

Parsons and Flores opened



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JCHS junior Lina Lingo pins Blackford's Sara Yoho with a half nelson during the Patriots' season opener on Thursday. Lingo won both of her matches, also pinning Lindsey Pugh of North Miami in the second period.

the match between Jay County and Blackford in the 145-pound weight class.

Flores struck 30 seconds in when they were on the mat and she was able to roll over to gain control. Thirteen seconds later, Parsons pulled off a reversal and immediately forced Flores on her back for a three-point near fall to take a 5-2 lead.

With seconds remaining, Flores escaped but was called for an illegal move to end the first period 6-3 in favor of the Jay County sophomore.

Parsons chose to start up and never gave up control, pinning Flores 21 seconds into the second period.

"I got pretty tired during the match and to be honest, I wasn't the most confident," Parsons said. "Whenever I was snapping her down, it seemed pretty easy to get her down. So that's what I used during the match. She seemed pretty good scrappy on the ground, so it was kind of hard to pin her but I did."

The Patriots got some strong

matches out of Lina Lingo, Kiley Williams and Mallory Winner.

Williams faced off with freshman Brylee Edwards at 190. They were on their feet for the bulk of the first period, with Edwards putting Williams in a headlock while the Jay County junior pulled to Edwards' leg to try and gain an advantage.

Williams eventually gained control as she took Edwards down with 46 seconds left and got a near fall. Time ran out before Williams could finish

the pin, resulting in a 5-0 lead heading into the second period.

Williams started up in the second period and kept control, pinning Edwards 41 seconds into the second period.

"When we get on the ground I feel like I have more confidence," Williams said. "(On the mat), I just power halved, pushed through and got her to turn."

Winner won her 155 match against Maddy Jiminez in under 40 seconds.

See **Revenge** page 9

## NASCAR championship season kicks off today

By **ALEX ZIETLOW**

The Charlotte Observer

Tribune News Service

Well before he'd inked a NASCAR Cup Series full-time ride in 2024, Carson Hocevar heeded some important advice.

It was more of a directive, actually.

"Literally just finish," he remembers being told a few months ago, chuckling. "That is your job. Make sure the car is clean at the end, and you'll be just fine."

Hocevar was referring to what he was told before his first Cup Series run in June at World Wide Technology Raceway (otherwise known as Gateway) in St. Louis. He was subbing for Corey LaJoie in the Spire Motorsports 7 car on a one-race deal, and the expectations, even for himself, were on the floor.

So what happened? Hocevar didn't finish the race. His car suffered a brake rotor issue that sent him slamming into the wall and suffering damage he couldn't return from. But the 20-year-old smiley-off-the-track and pugnacious-on-the-track driver impressed the NASCAR world that day nonetheless — running as high as 16th and earning acknowledgments from big time Cup owners on the way back to his hauler.

"I think Gateway was kind of the turning point," Hocevar said.

For his season, perhaps — but also for his future.

Hocevar will race in the Cup Series full-time in the 77 car for Spire Motorsports in 2024, in large part as a result of that Cup Series debut. He's a centerpiece of Spire's expansion from two Cup cars and one part-time truck to three full-time Cup cars and three full-time trucks — a result, in part, to Spire Motorsports buying Kyle Busch Motorsports.

But before he can begin his tantalizing future, he has to take care of business this weekend: He's got a championship of his own

to win when he races as part of the Championship 4 in the Truck Series race at Phoenix Raceway at 7 p.m. Friday. (He'll be battling for a championship against Corey Heim, Grant Enfinger and Ben Rhodes.)

"A lot of times, guys are in the seat I'm sitting in, and they're trying to win the championship to try to guarantee themselves at least a shot at a job next year," Hocevar told reporters on Championship 4 media day on Thursday in the Phoenix Raceway media center, adding that he was remarkably thankful. "I'm getting a hell of an upgrade in the ranks level, so that part I don't have to worry about. This is a bonus for us."

Hocevar isn't the only one making the leap up to the Cup Series from a lower national series in NASCAR this year — either from the Truck Series or the Xfinity Series — both of which are considered more or less the "Triple-A" to the "Major Leagues" of Cup.

In fact, in terms of "silly seasons," it's been pretty busy.

From Truck elevations to Cup: Zane Smith, the 2022 Trucks champion and Trucks playoff driver, will join Hocevar at Spire Motorsports in 2024.

From the Xfinity elevations to Cup: Josh Berry will be taking over the 4 car for the retiring Kevin Harvick at Stewart-Haas Racing. Daniel Hemric will take over one of two Cup rides at Kaulig. And John Hunter Nemechek — who is competing for a championship in the Xfinity race, which will be broadcast at 4 p.m. Saturday at 4 p.m. — is heading to the Jimmie Johnson-owned Legacy Motor Club Cup squad.

Nemechek told reporters that he isn't thinking of racing on Sundays this week. His sole goal is winning an Xfinity championship for Joey Gibbs Racing — beating out Sam

Mayer, Justin Allgaier and Cole Custer — before moving on to Legacy in 2024.

"To be honest, I haven't even thought about it," Nemechek said, using a sporting platitude as old as time. "All of the focus has been on this year and this 20 team."

"In years past, yes, I have been worried at times about what my future looks like, and different things of that sort. But all in all, I'm happy with the spot that I'm in. I'm enjoying being able to run up front and win races. And even if I didn't have a Cup deal, I would probably be in the same mindset."

Hocevar agrees. But he also took some time during media day to be reflective.

Before he ran so well at Gateway, he was admittedly anxious about his next move. He said he was trying to put together a deal with JR Motorsports at the Xfinity level, but sponsorship money was sparse and rendered making a deal difficult.

"It was just super tough to get the sponsorship," he said. "I mean, (JRM) was doing a lot to help me out, but I still couldn't quite get there, and there's just a lot involved, and I was like, 'Man, maybe I'll just never get in a Cup car or get in an Xfinity car because no matter how races you win or do, it just kind of comes down to what you bring to the table.' And I knew I didn't have a lot."

"So I kind of just relaxed and knew, 'Hey, worst case, I'm gonna have a truck that I can go and win races and try and run for championships. So what am I auditioning for?'"

Nothing anymore. Friday, Hocevar will be focused on following through on the sage advice he couldn't quite accomplish at Gateway — the "turning point" of his season and future:

Finish the race. And win.

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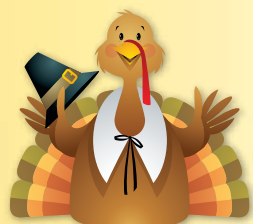
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