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The Jay County High School show choirs held a farewell performance for their 2025 shows in front of their home crowd Monday night. Pictured above, Jasmine Esparza (center) stars as the title character in Just Treble's "Madeline"-themed performance. At right, Zoe Romine dons a graduation gown for Patriot Edition's "A Little More Homework To Do." Both choirs will close their competition seasons Saturday at the Columbia City Cup.

## Second, advancing

*Choirs shine at 'Busco, guard moves forward*

The choirs both finished in second place.

The color guard advanced to the next level of the state series.

Jay County High School's Patriot Edition and Just Treble show choirs both took the runner-up slot Saturday at the Churubusco Show Choir Invitational 2025 while the winter guard placed 29th in Regional A Class at the Indiana High School Color Guard Association state preliminaries at Franklin Central High School.

Just Treble finished second in the Treble Division behind Elite of Homestead, adding to its run of top-three efforts. The group was also the runner-up the previous week at the Huntington North Midwest Showcase, won the Kenton Cup on

Feb. 15 and was third at the Northrop Classique on Feb. 1.

Patriot Edition took the runner-up spot in the Mixed Division, trailing only Class Royale of Homestead. It was the group's best finish this year after it had placed third at both the Northrop Classique and the Kenton Cup. Senior Austin Curtis earned the award for best bass soloist.

Jay County's Winter Guard scored 69.32 points for sixth in its round at the IHSCGA state preliminaries. It finished 29th overall while Carroll posted a winning score of 81.2.

The choirs will close their competition season Saturday at the Columbia City Cup.

The winter guard will compete in the IHSCGA Week 2 State Event on Saturday at Mount Vernon.



## JEMS director fired Monday

*McFarland was arrested on multiple felonies*

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

One of Jay Emergency Medical Service's directors has been fired after he was arrested on multiple felony charges Thursday.

Jay County Commissioners voted unanimously to fire John R. McFarland, 48, Portland, during a special session Monday afternoon.

His termination is effective immediately.

McFarland was arrested Thursday afternoon and preliminarily charged with two counts of possession of a narcotic drug, unlawful possession of a syringe and theft.

The narcotic charges are a Level 5 and a Level 6 felony, while the syringe and theft charges are both Level 6 felonies. He was also preliminarily charged with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of drug paraphernalia.

McFarland was released from Jay County Jail on a \$15,000 bond. The case remains under investigation, Indiana State Police said in a press release issued Friday afternoon.

As of Monday, charges had not been filed in court.

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## Tenth case of avian flu identified

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

A 10th site in Jay County has tested positive for bird flu.

Indiana State Board of Animal Health reported a new case of highly pathogenic avian flu in the county at a commercial breeder duck operation.

Two new locations have positives tests Thursday in Mercer County, bringing its total flocks affected to 47.

The new Jay County case involves a flock of 3,366 ducks, which have been quarantined. There is also a 10-kilometer control area around the property and a 20-kilometer surveillance zone.

In Mercer County, the new cases involved 22,119 birds at one site and 9,510 at another, both of which are commercial turkey populations. In both cases, the animals involved have been euthanized.

The new cases bring the 2025 totals to 4.24 million birds affected in Jay County, the highest total in Indiana, and 6.11 million in Mercer County. (Darke County is the only county with more cases in Ohio at 8.32 million.)

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## Restriction added to ordinance

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

The county's road restrictions for trucks have changed.

Jay County Commissioners approved an amendment Monday to the county's truck restriction ordinance.

Commissioners originally talked about establishing a temporary no-truck route along a detour in Jay County ahead of bridge work planned on Indiana 18 just west of Bryant starting in

April. The local traffic detour, mapped by Indiana Department of Transportation, routes along county roads 50 West, 650 North and 250 West. Hopes were to temporarily ban truck traf-

fic from the detour and instead require them to stay on state highways and official state detours.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur explained the county amended its ordi-

nance a few years ago, setting restrictions for trucks on certain county roads during state highway closures.

Per the ordinance, trucks, truck-tractors and

semitrailers are prohibited from using certain roads while Indiana 26, U.S. 27 or Indiana 18 are subject to an official detour provided by Indiana Department of Transportation. Schemenaur noted the county has had issues with planning a timeline for temporary truck restrictions amid construction projects and suggested the new language, which does away with specific dates for the restriction to start and end.

See Restriction page 5

### Change made ahead of planned INDOT project

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 65 degrees Monday. The low was 35.

The forecast calls for a low in the mid 40s tonight. Expect highs in the upper 60s Thursday

and the lower 70s Friday. Lows will be around 50. Rain is expected beginning late Friday and continuing through Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

The next concert in the Eric R. Rogers Performance Series at the Jay County Campus of Arts Place will feature Shannon Clark and the Sugar at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 20. Tickets range from \$10 to \$16 and are available at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland, by calling (260) 726-4809 or by visiting myartsplace.org.

#### Coming up

**Thursday** — Results from the Jay County junior high swim team.

**Friday** — Coverage of this week's Jay County Council meeting.





# Fired ...

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Commissioners held an executive session Monday afternoon to discuss McFarland's alleged conduct. In the special session that followed, commissioners pointed to Jay County's employee personnel policy.  
Commissioners said McFarland violated multiple personnel policies in Group III — first offenses in this category are subject to any appropriate discipline up to termination.  
They specifically pointed to offense number two, which includes "neglect in the performance of assigned duties or in the

care, use, or custody of any County property or equipment. Abuse or deliberate destruction in any manner of County property, tools, equipment, or the property of employees."  
McFarland worked for Jay Emergency Medical Service since at least 2012, having served as a paramedic until 2017, when he transitioned to a shift supervisor role, according to information from the Indiana Gateway website.  
Indiana State Police Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, LaGrange Police Department and United States Home-

land Security Investigations executed a search warrant at McFarland's home in Portland after a five-month investigation, the state police press release says. Authorities discovered and seized narcotic drugs, marijuana and drug paraphernalia, according to the release.  
The investigation originated from a National Center for Missing and Exploited Children cyber-tip report. Blackford County Sheriff's Office initially investigated the case before it was transferred to Indiana State Police. The alleged criminal activity was centered in Jay County.

In addition to his role with Jay Emergency Medical Service, McFarland was also a part-time volunteer teacher for Jay School Corporation. He provided EMS certification classes to students at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. He has been served a trespass warning by school officials and is forbidden to enter any school district properties or facilities.  
McFarland also served on Portland Park Board. As of Friday, there had been no change to McFarland's status as a member of the board.  
Commissioners agreed Mon-

day to remove McFarland from being an authorized user on Jay Emergency Medical Service's bank account and add director Kyle Gerlach.  
Commissioners president Chad Aker said he plans to meet with Gerlach and Jay Emergency Medical Service director Gary Barnett to discuss potential changes to procedures.  
As of Monday, there were no plans to fill McFarland's role.  
"We're going to come back to the commissioners with a recommendation on what we need to do moving forward," Aker said.

## CR almanac

Thursday 3/13	Friday 3/14	Saturday 3/15	Sunday 3/16	Monday 3/17
<b>68/50</b>	<b>75/59</b>	<b>71/45</b>	<b>49/29</b>	<b>49/39</b>
Thursday looks to be mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 60s.	Friday's weather calls for mostly sunny skies, with a high chance of rain late.	There's an 80% chance of rain on Saturday with highs in the 70s.	Sunday has a slight chance of rain. Otherwise, temperatures may dip to the 20s.	Mostly sunny on Monday when highs will be in the upper 40s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 17-40-47-50-55 Power Ball: 6 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$353 million	Daily Four: 9-5-7-1 Quick Draw: 1-10-18-19-24-25-27-35-38-41-43-45-47-49-51-55-66-67-68-70 Cash 5: 17-18-19-36-37 Estimated jackpot: \$95,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$256 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-7-1 Pick 4: 3-8-4-5 Pick 5: 6-6-4-1-3 Evening Pick 3: 0-6-9 Pick 4: 3-9-3-5 Pick 5: 1-9-7-0-3 Rolling Cash: 1-8-9-10-27 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 3-1-4 Daily Four: 6-6-3-0 Quick Draw: 7-11-12-13-14-18-27-28-31-36-37-48-55-61-63-66-67-73-77-79 Evening Daily Three: 5-2-5	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....4.56 April corn .....4.68 May corn .....4.74	April beans .....10.14 Wheat ..... 5.12
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....4.84 April corn .....4.79 May corn .....4.84	<b>ADM Montpelier</b> Corn.....4.65 April corn .....4.68 Beans .....9.99 April beans .....10.03 Wheat .....5.17
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....4.79 April corn .....4.79 Beans .....9.10	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....4.64 April corn .....4.69 Beans .....9.87 April beans .....9.92 Wheat .....5.12

## Today in history

In 1894, a candy store in Vicksburg, Mississippi, sold the first bottles of Coca Cola.  
In 1901, industrialist Andre Carnegie offered \$5.2 million to the city of New York for constructing 65 branch libraries. A Scottish immigrant who made a fortune before the age of 30, his money later established more libraries and charities.  
In 1918, Vladimir Lenin shifted Russia's capital from Petrograd (St. Petersburg) to Moscow. The city still stands today as the country's capital and the largest city in Russia.  
In 1948, James Taylor was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Taylor has won six Grammys and was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2000.  
In 1930, Mahatma Gandhi started his 200 mile protest march against the British salt tax. Gandhi Gandhi also led the Quit India movement in 1942, serving as a nationwide resistance movement leader.  
In 1947, United States president Harry Truman shared the Truman Doctrine, asking Congress to appropriate aid for Greece and Turkey amid communist threats.  
— The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
1 p.m. — Jay County Sheriff's Office Merit Board, training room, sheriff's office, 224 W. Water St., Portland.  
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
5 p.m. — Jay County Council and Commissioners joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
**Thursday**  
6 p.m. — Jay County Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

## Capsule Reports

**Couldn't see**  
Damage is estimated between \$50,000 and \$100,000 after a Fort Recovery man crashed into a semi at the intersection of Indiana 67 and county road 700 East about 5:51 p.m. Sunday.  
Larry A. Muhlenkamp, 78, was driving his 2019 Chevrolet Equinox south on county road 700 East and approaching its intersection with the highway. Muhlenkamp told police he couldn't see oncoming traffic because of the sun obstructing his vision and pulled into the intersection. He crashed into the fuel tank

of a 1999 International 9800 semi-truck driven by 66-year-old Timothy W. Sullivan of Russell Springs, Kentucky.  
Muhlenkamp's vehicle spun and crashed into the semi's trailer before stopping north of the road in a field. Both vehicles were towed.

## Rural intersection bill is being modified

By **LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ**  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com  
Lawmakers are tapping the brakes on a bill taking aim at dangerously overgrown rural intersections. The legislation — sparked by tragedy — is now mired in liability worries. A House committee heard the bill Monday, but no vote was taken while lawmakers draft changes.  
Sen. Mike Crider, R-Greenfield, authored Senate Bill 183 after his friends' eldest son was killed.  
Riley Settergren was just 17 years old when he died in a 2017 crash along a corn-fringed Hancock County road. The driver of an agricultural sprayer pulled further into an intersection to see better and struck the pickup truck in which he was a passenger.  
"Riley was killed instantly," father Jay Settergren told lawmakers Monday. "That should never have happened. These are preventable accidents."  
The Settergrens established a foundation in their son's honor to aid local schools, athletic programs, families and more. But in 2019, it began producing signs cautioning drivers to watch out for farm machinery and coordinating their placement at dangerous intersections, often upon request.  
Jay Settergren said the signs are as far north as Crown Point and as far south as Jeffersonville, and even out of state. But, he said, "We need to move to the next level, more than just asking everybody to watch out for one another."  
Senate Bill 183 would apply to any agricultural land located alongside local road intersections without traffic signals. A landowner or renter would be required to maintain a "line of sight triangle," with two 55-foot legs stretching out from the intersection along each road and connected by a third leg.  
They'd have to keep triangles clear of crops, other vegetation, signs, fences, and other obstructions that are more than three feet high. Trees within a triangle would have to be trimmed to keep "clear vision" for six feet above the road.  
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## Avian ...

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Adams and Randolph counties are also affected by control areas from cases identified in Jay County. (Adams County has had highly pathogenic avian flu identified at one site this year, with 19,860 birds affected a commercial turkey operation in late January.)  
Highly pathogenic avian influenza has been identified at more than 1,300 locations since it was first confirmed in the United States three years ago.  
"Hobby owners" should call the USDA Healthy Birds Hotline at (866) 536-7593 to report illness or death of poultry.

## Felony arrests

**Resisting law**  
An Indianapolis man was arrested Saturday for resisting police.  
Rilick Derinord, 44, 3933 Breen Drive, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for resisting law enforcement using a vehicle. He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$3,000 bond.

### SERVICES

**Today**  
**Schwartz**, Marvin: 11 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

**Friday**  
**Wayman**, Ida: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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# Celebrity's status didn't change strife

By JAMES FULKS  
The Commercial Review

I rarely comment much on celebrity issues, but I'll make an exception here.

This Gene Hackman situation has thoroughly intrigued me.

Years ago, I was sitting out a road closure and snowstorm in Danville, Illinois.

I found a nice major chain hotel with an attached restaurant and lounge which made the delay much more tolerable.

Lining the halls were signed photographs and movie stills of Gene.

He was originally from Danville, and the locals were quite proud of their native son.

Personally, I have admired his ability to play very diverse

**Fulksy  
Mayhem**



roles, all while obviously not being the handsome leading man type, but always being more of an everyman, blue collar type. One outstanding performance was in a little film called "Twice in a Lifetime."

I've always thought it was one of the most realistic films ever made about a man in his 50s facing his own mid life crisis.

It's an emotionally gripping,

sad, poignant, yet powerful performance by Gene.

Of course you all know the big, flashy roles, Popeye Doyle in "The French Connection," the coach of Milan against Muncie Central in the film "Hoosiers," the stern authoritarian submarine skipper in "Crimson Tide," the federal agent in "Mississippi Burning," the tired corrupt mob attorney in "The Firm" and the deliciously evil sheriff in "Unforgiven."

The list goes on.

So, it thoroughly intrigued me about this tragic tale surrounding his death.

I cannot call it an untimely death because Gene was 95 years old and had retired from

movies more than 20 years ago.

A full nine plus days passed before routine gated community landscape maintenance workers discovered the scene.

Gene had no children with his current wife, but did have daughters from his first marriage.

It's apparent that they apparently weren't close because more than nine days passed and no one even missed either one of them.

It proves the point — no matter how famous or wealthy you are, you can still have family division and strife, and are certainly, and absolutely, mortal.

I genuinely liked Gene for what he wasn't.

He wasn't that typical pretty

boy Hollywood celebrity who tried to pass off an agenda.

He was never political and never seemed to be a part of "The So Called Hollywood Elite."

What Gene absolutely was, is a guy who truly gave us some memorable performances on film that will last for all time.

Watch "Twice In A Lifetime" for one memorable role that people either missed entirely or have completely forgotten to see the depth of character in a role.

Goodbye Gene, from that long, cold night in an Illinois snowstorm, waking the halls of a hotel, reading the signatures on the pictures that night, I gained an appreciation for you and your body of work that will remain with me until my last days.

# Kidney donors can still lead a long, healthy life

Mayo Clinic News Network  
Tribune News Service

For those with kidney failure, the wait for a new kidney can take years. There just are not enough organs from deceased donors to fill the need. Fortunately, a person can

live a healthy life with just one kidney, making living-donor kidney transplants an alternative to deceased-donor transplants. This means a healthy kidney is removed from a donor and placed into a patient

whose kidneys are not working properly.

Carrie Jadowiec, a Mayo Clinic transplant surgeon, says a living-donor kidney transplant has benefits for organ recipients, including better survival rates.

Who is eligible to become a donor and what can you expect?

"As long as you're healthy and have good kidney function, then you could potentially qualify to be a kidney donor," says Jadowiec.

It starts with a thorough medical evaluation.

"That gives us a good sense of where we're starting, and then it also allows us to better predict where will your kidney function be at in five years and 10 years after

you donate," she says.

Both surgical and medical risks are low, thanks to advanced technology.

Full recovery can take up to six weeks, but many people start feeling better around three weeks after surgery.

# Forgiveness poem resonates

DEAR ABBY: While doing some house cleaning, I came across a column of yours that I had clipped and tucked away. On one of the pages I had dog-eared was the poem, "Decide to Forgive." I was struck by how timely it is. The message is much needed at this time. I believe in "doing unto others as you would have them do unto you." Please reprint the poem because, to me, it's a treasure. — JOANNE IN DELAWARE

DEAR JOANNE: I agree the poem is a treasure. It was written by a former assistant United Nations secretary-general who passed away in 2010 at the age of 87. His words are as relevant today as they were when he wrote them.

The poem is part of a collection of letters, poems and essays in my booklet titled "Keepers," which can be ordered by sending your name and address plus a check or money order (U.S funds) for \$8 to Dear Abby Keepers Booklet,

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## DECIDE TO FORGIVE

By Robert Muller

Decide to forgive  
For resentment is negative  
Resentment is poisonous  
Resentment diminishes and  
devours the self.  
Be the first to forgive,  
To smile and to take the first  
step  
And you will see happiness  
bloom  
On the face of your human  
brother or sister.

Be always the first  
Do not wait for others to forgive  
For by forgiving  
You become the master of fate  
The fashioner of life  
A doer of miracles.  
To forgive is the highest,  
Most beautiful form of love.  
In return you will receive  
Untold peace and happiness.  
And here is the program for  
achieving a truly forgiving heart:  
SUNDAY: Forgive yourself.  
MONDAY: Forgive your family.  
TUESDAY: Forgive your friends  
and associates.  
WEDNESDAY: Forgive across  
economic lines within your own  
nation.

THURSDAY: Forgive across cultural lines within your own nation.

FRIDAY: Forgive across political lines within your own nation.

SATURDAY: Forgive other nations.

Only the brave know how to forgive. A coward never forgives. It is not in his nature.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at

West Jay Community Center.

BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-

confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the boardroom at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

PORTLAND EAGLES — Will meet at 6 p.m., on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month at the Eagles' lodge, 320 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal.

## Thursday

SMART RECOVERY — A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second

Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer support and learn about the latest products and information.

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# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

6	3	4	1	5	7	8	9	2
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7	9	2	5	4	1	6	8	3
8	5	6	9	2	3	1	4	7
4	6	5	2	1	9	7	3	8
9	8	3	7	6	5	4	2	1
2	1	7	8	3	4	9	6	5

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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# Cell was step forward in technology

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from March 9, 2005. There seems to be a "Jack fights with technology" theme going on in these columns from 20 years ago. When it comes to his first cell phone, it didn't have the "jerk" effect he discusses because for years he mostly left it in his glove compartment.*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

I now have all the tools I need to be a complete jerk.

Oh, I know. There are plenty of folks who believe I've had those tools for years. There are probably still others who don't think I need any tools at all.

But I've got news for them: I now have a cell phone.

## Back in the Saddle



And in 21st century America, that's the most important tool anyone can have when it comes to being insufferable, rude or just plain irritating.

For years, I resisted the allure of the cute little digital handheld gizmos.

I liked being out of touch now and then, enjoying the windshield meditations of a drive to

Dunkirk for instance. It didn't bother me that I was cut off from the global network of chatterers. I reveled in it.

Back in 2000, when I was doing a journalism project in Georgia (the republic of, not the state of), I was handed a cell phone by the guy I was working for. He'd even programmed in some ditty from an opera as my ring tone.

For the next four weeks I continued to drive him nuts by leaving it turned off 90% of the time.

But, think about it, he was just about the only person I knew in the entire country. At least, he was one of a tiny handful who had the number of the cell phone I'd been assigned.

Since I saw him and the rest of

the handful at least once a day at the office, the cell phone struck me as overkill.

A couple of years ago, we relented and got a cell phone for Sally. It's apparently required by U.S. law when one reaches a certain point in the teen years.

She's now on her second one, and my wife has her own tucked in her purse.

That just left me, odd man out and determined to stay that way. My Luddite streak was asserting itself, and all was right with my world.

Until the ice storm.

In short order, it turns out that cell phones are vitally important to getting a newspaper produced during adverse conditions.

By the time things had reverted back to normal — that is, another lousy Indiana winter — I'd relented and agreed to join the late 20th century before the 21st got too far along.

And so I have it.

It's cute. It can do more things than I can figure out. It fits into a neat holder that attaches to my belt.

And it's actually proved useful.

At least when I remember to turn the darned thing on.

But if you ever see me yakking on it in a public place, talking loudly in an airport or as I walk down the street, do me a favor: Remind me not to be a jerk.

## Overpaid CEOs hurt the rest of us

By KIERAN CUADRAS  
OtherWords

CEO pay has been skyrocketing for years now, fueled in part by tax cuts for corporations and ultra wealthy individuals. That's not just unfair to ordinary workers or taxpayers — it's dangerous for our entire economy.

I've seen firsthand how these CEO pay practices incentivize the very worst kinds of corporate misbehavior.

Remember the 2016 "phony accounts" scandal at Wells Fargo? Executives relentlessly pressured employees to meet extreme sales quotas, leading them to create millions of fraudulent accounts without clients' consent.

As these fake accounts grew, the CEO of Wells Fargo at the time, John Stumpf, raked in bigger and bigger bonuses. After the scandal blew up, regulators hit Stumpf with fines totalling \$20 million — only a small dent in the estimated \$130 million he walked away with in compensation when he resigned.

This is just one of countless stories of CEOs taking reckless actions to pump up their own paychecks while putting their employees and the general public at risk. We've seen the same pattern behind the opioid crisis, the 2008 financial crash, the toxic train derailment in East Palestine, Ohio, and more. But it's the story I know best.

I started my career at Wells Fargo over 22 years ago — first as a teller, then as a branch manager, and later as an investigator in the department that handles misconduct allegations.

I would like to be able to say that things changed after the accounts scandal. Unfortunately, Wells Fargo's current CEO, Charles Scharf, continues to cut corners in ways that put customers at risk.

Last year, we found out about a plan to cut costs by outsourcing jobs from our investigations department to India, where, in an ironic twist, we reviewed human rights complaints from Wells Fargo employees forced to stay at work even after falling ill. We were concerned not only about losing our jobs but about how this might put our clients' private information at risk — a particular concern for our many active-duty military clients.

Wells Fargo has also gutted its risk and complaint departments. They use shortcuts to create the illusion of fewer complaints, but in reality they are closing many cases prematurely rather than properly

## Kieran Cuadras



investigating. And, believe it or not, clients are still filing complaints about unauthorized accounts.

Like Stumpf, Charles Scharf appears to also see his job as a way to further maximize short-term profits to benefit top executives and wealthy shareholders. While slashing thousands of U.S. jobs, Scharf received a compensation package in 2024 worth a staggering \$31.2 million.

Under Scharf's leadership, Wells Fargo also spent over \$73 billion on stock buybacks between 2019 and 2023. This is a financial maneuver that artificially inflates executives' stock-based pay while siphoning resources from worker pay or improving services.

My department decided to form a union last year so we would have more power to improve Wells Fargo's practices. But the bank is still unlawfully refusing to recognize or bargain with our union.

It's time for our political leaders to step up and do something about a CEO pay system that rewards executives with obscenely large paychecks for practices that harm workers and the broader economy.

The current tax debate offers a good opportunity. Republicans are calling for even more corporate tax breaks, which, based on past experience, will make the rich richer but do nothing for ordinary working people.

Instead, Congress should pass bills that have been introduced to tax corporations with huge gaps between their CEO and worker pay and to increase an existing tax on stock buybacks. These bills would encourage companies to focus on long-term prosperity and stability rather than simply making wealthy executives and shareholders even richer.

In the meantime, Wells Fargo employees will continue to fight to unionize so they can do their part to make the bank better for the rest of us — the workers, customers, and the communities it serves.

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## When will Democrats learn?

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Tribune News Service

A CNN instant poll after Tuesday night's joint address to Congress reported that 66% of speech watchers said that President Donald Trump's policies will move America in the right direction.

That's a pretty good snapshot of how the night went for Democrats, who spent the evening disrupting the proceedings, walking out, refusing to stand for ordinary Americans who had been through all manner of traumas and paddle-raising their policy disagreements as if they were at some kind of elite fundraising gala — events with which many of them are all too familiar.

It was a sorry sight.

At one point, Trump looked out at the assembled party, scowling at all of them, and said, in essence, he could cure cancer or land a rocket on the moon and none of these people would give him any credit because they hate him that much. All the camera had to do was pan to the sea of faces to make Trump's point. He was right. Most Democrats refused even to look Trump's Cabinet members in the eye.

Presidential addresses to Congress are always reminders that elections have consequences because the winner gets to frame, talk and control the narrative, and the losers have to sit on their hands or, in the case of Sen. Elizabeth Warren, fiddle with their phones.

Trump's speech was, of course, often exaggerated and misleading, as is always the case.

He also glossed over innumerable inconvenient facts such as his love of fulfilling his election promise of lowering them from day one and the tariff-driven total collapse in recent days of the postelection bounce in the stock market.

But then, most of his voters don't pay day-to-day attention to the market or subscribe, as we do, to the gospel of free international trade and the importance of long-standing multinational alliances to global security.

## Guest Editorial

We were appalled that allies such as Canada and Mexico are now being forced into economic combat they did not seek, not to mention blamed for America's fentanyl problem and Trump's lack of understanding that their inevitable, and justified, retribution is already having detrimental effects on the American economy.

But Trump, or his speechwriters, have become much more sophisticated in their narrative skills.

Take, for example, Trump's mid-speech listing of the ages of people that the Social Security Administration believes to still be alive, including some seemingly as old as the republic itself.

It was made clear weeks ago that this was in part a database quirk in the agency and in part a general lack of understanding that a country with more than 340 million people actually does have tens of thousands of centenarians and living dependents of centenarians. It does not mean that massive numbers of checks are being sent to the dead, since there are other verifications. And, of course, there are some checks being sent because the agency is so massive that a) fraud has always existed and b) so have errors. Trump's Department of Government Efficiency will wipe out neither.

But none of that mattered, and although post-facto fact-checkers huffed and puffed, Trump actually was careful to stop just short of saying that checks were being sent to all of these superhuman Americans while deftly leaving the impression that that was the case. That level of rhetorical sophistication was missing from all of his previous congressional addresses.

Trump also has greatly improved

his ability to highlight ordinary people in his addresses, creating actual real-time drama by signing an executive order in the middle of giving a speech, announcing an acceptance to West Point live on television and, in one case, instantly making a thrilled and cute kid a "member" of the Secret Service, his wide eyes filling every law enforcement officer, or other first responder, watching at home with pride.

Manipulative? Sure, to some. For others, reality television from Capitol Hill from a master of the craft.

In fact, Trump is ruthless and divisive. But he knows how to make himself look the opposite, even as that empathic skill from Democrats has drowned in a cocktail of resentment and anger.

The folks in the gallery should, of course, have been a stark reminder for Democrats that ordinary Americans often deal with unspeakable horrors in their lives and they now are turning to a rebranded Trump, not the party that historically championed their values, as their savior. Once again, it was revealed just how absolutely Trump has captured the working and middle classes, the blue-collar Americans without whom the Democrats cannot win.

Trump deftly maneuvered the hapless Democrats right where he wanted them — into a catch-22. They did not want to stand in support of his culture war salvos, yet doing so meant disrespecting individuals who served as proxies for millions of people who saw themselves in their shoes.

Democrats should open their eyes: One astute commentator noted Tuesday that the party cannot look to its representatives in Washington to solve its malaise, self-evidently the case at the joint address, but that any renaissance will have to come from middle America.

Indeed, Democrats will need to recapture from Trump that "commonsense" message at pain of their own marginalization.

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# Restriction ...

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Restricted sections of roads added to the ordinance include county road 50 West between Indiana and county road 650 North, county road 650 North between county road 50 West and county road 250 West and county road 250 West between county road 650 North and Indiana 18.

Commissioners approved the amendment. They also approved Indiana Department of Transportation's detour for local traffic to use during bridge work on Indiana 18.

Also Monday, commissioners agreed to commit 30% toward grant applications to repair or replace two bridges in Jay County.

Highway superintendent administrative assistant Stephanie Klarer explained the county received a letter from Indiana Department of Transportation asking counties applying for federal funding to consider contributing matches greater than the base 20% required.

Officials have applied for dollars to rehabilitate two bridges on county road 300 East between county roads 300 South and 400 South. One bridge is expected to cost \$3.84 million, with the other bridge estimated at \$3.68 million. With a 20% match, the county would contribute roughly \$1.5 million.

Klarer asked commissioners if they could agree to bump up the county's contribution in the projects, bringing its match to approximately \$2.2 million.

Commissioners agreed to bump up the county's contribution from 20% to 30% in its application as a good-faith measure. If the federal funding

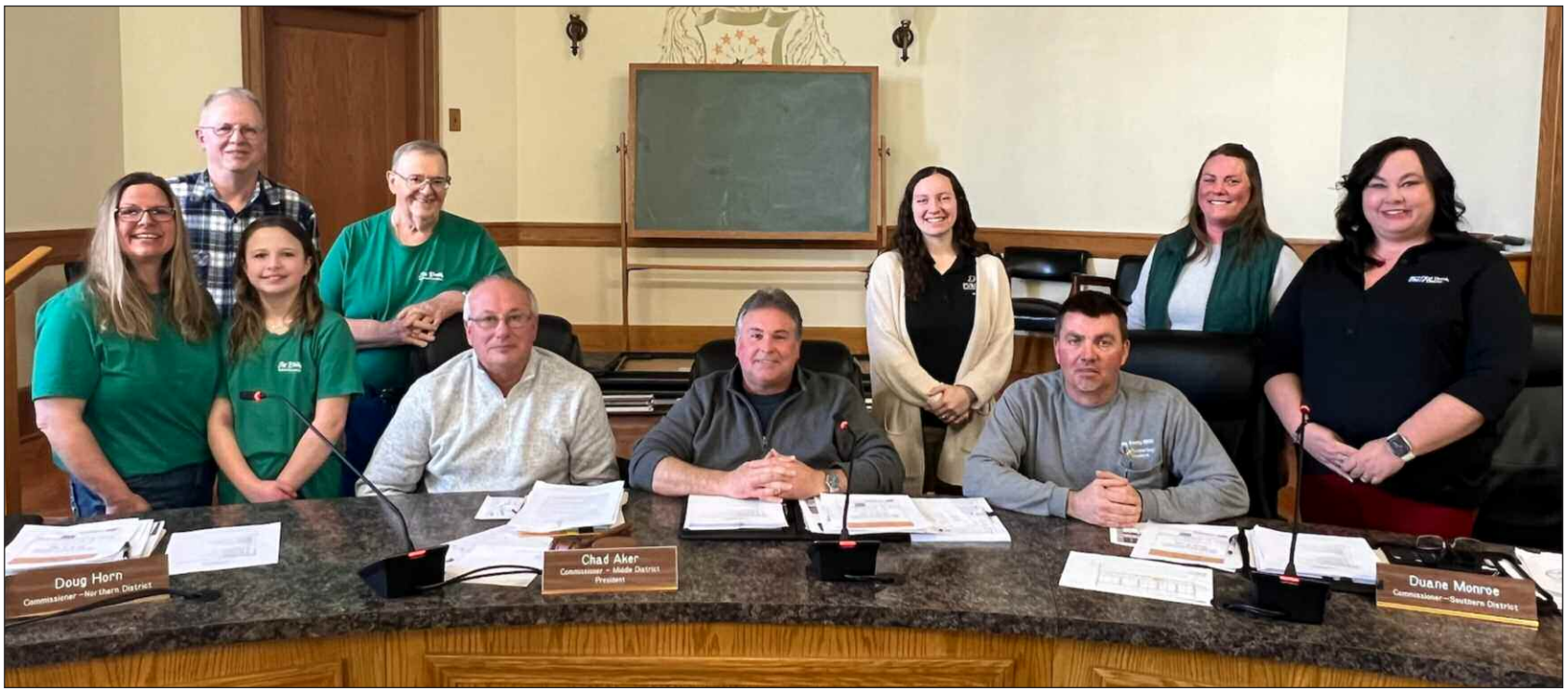


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Jay County Commissioners signed a proclamation Monday declaring March 17 through 23 as Agriculture week in Jay County. Pictured, from left, are agriculture committee members Jenny Wagner, Larry Temple, Piper Wagner and Don Shauver, commissioners Doug Horn and Chad Aker, agriculture committee member Emily Kring, commissioner Duane Monroe, and agriculture committee members Allison Keen and Angela Paxson. The ag breakfast — a meal of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, toast and beverages for a free-will donation — is scheduled for 5 to 9 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, at Jay County Fairgrounds.

is approved, construction on the two bridges will start in 2030.

Also Monday, commissioners approved a general service agreement with civil engineering company SJCA of Indianapolis.

Perry Knox of SJCA explained his company primarily offers bridge services, including inventories, inspections, bridge design and rehabilitation and leveraging state and federal funding. Knox said his company would like to move forward with planning work for the county.

Commissioners president Chad Aker noted the agreement outlines terms and parameters if the county chooses to move forward with SJCA's services for projects in the future. Commissioner Duane Monroe

said representatives from Randolph and Blackford counties recommended the company.

Commissioners also agreed Monday to set June 13 as the deadline to submit requests for 2026 economic development income tax (EDIT) funds. Commissioners plan to host a special meeting at 4 p.m. June 25 to look over requests and select projects to be paid for out of next year's budget.

In other business, commissioners Doug Horn, Duane Monroe and Chad Aker:

- Heard from community coordinator Darlesia Lee about a digital equity grant available for the county to create a computer lab intended to teach community members basic skills at no cost. Lee noted the grant is available via Indiana

Broadband Office and opens in April.

- Signed a contract with Schneider Geospatial (also known as Beacon) for geographic information system (GIS) and web-based property information services. The company, which purchased the county's previous GIS provider, increased its cost for the year by an additional \$9,860. Per the new contract, the company will be paid \$37,485 in 2026 and \$39,360 in 2027 for its services.

- Approved the following: vacating parts of Center Street and Water Street in the New Cordon area; a de-obligation agreement with LifeStream Services; paying a \$134,510 claim for a new highway department truck from Stoops Freightliner of Indi-

anapolis; spending \$52,450 for Jay County Surveyor's Office to purchase a new truck from Kelley Chevrolet of Fort Wayne; replacing a repeater for Jay County Sheriff's Office radio equipment at \$18,944.23; a \$16,910 trade-in and \$15 vehicle licensing agreement for Jay County Highway Department; paying Cleaver Cabeling \$13,300 to upgrade 11 computers and a laptop with up-to-date software; paying nearly \$1,800 to Display Craft to install new vinyl coverings on office windows at Jay County Purdue Extension Office.

- Tabled decision on opting into Globe Life Liberty National Division supplemental insurance for employees. Aker suggested the firm as a potential secondary cov-

erage, with Globe Life representatives sharing a short presentation. County auditor Emily Franks said she would like to hold off while the county adjusts to its new insurance plans through Understand, Service and Innovate (USI) Insurance. (Commissioners have a special session Wednesday to discuss health insurance.)

- Signed a proclamation declaring March 17 through March 21 as Agriculture Week in Jay County.

- Were reminded commissioners meet for their next regularly scheduled meeting on March 31. (The date was changed from the fourth Monday of the month because of scheduling issues.)

- Accepted a \$415 donation to Jay Emergency Medical Service.

# Modified ...

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Units of government would send landowners or renters notice if they're not compliant. And people involved in vehicle crashes resulting from blocked sightlines would be able to sue for damages.

In his Senate committee, Crider exempted "critical infrastructure" like utility poles; then, on the Senate's floor, he added the notification requirement. But it was only ahead of the chamber's Feb. 20 vote, he said, that opposition blew up.

"I find myself in the unenviable position of having a bill (that), all of a sudden, everybody hates," Crider said at the time.

He vowed to kill the measure unless he could resolve the complaints. Fellow Republicans argued the proposal unfairly singled out farmers, while others said they trusted Crider to make fixes.

Two weeks later, Crider told his House counterparts that he's open to suggestions. Witnesses offered them.

Adam Novotney, an associate director of policy engagement for the Indiana Farm Bureau, said the notice requirement was too vague and didn't include a timeline. He suggested certified mail as a method of notification.

But no edits to the lawsuit provision would likely satisfy the

agricultural group, per Novotney. He said liability should be based on a case's merits, not its "automatic assignment" to a landowner.

Some members have also asked if they'd get a break on their property tax assessments if the legislation bars them from planting crops close to intersections, Novotney said.

"I don't mean to mix those together," he added. "... assessment is certainly the least of a concern compared to a human life. But I think those are considerations that are going to be coming out if we do some serious amending of this bill to get it in a good place."

Chris Smith, deputy director for the Department of Natural Resources' Land Management Team, said the agency also has concerns. It owns about 380 properties around the state, including rural areas.

DNR staff "try to manicure as best we can," Smith told the committee, but manpower is a challenge. And management areas for some of the state's 300 nature preserves "run right up to" county roads. Committee chair Rep. Jim Pressel asked if reducing the bill's application from large triangles to right-of-way would resolve DNR's concerns; Smith said it would.

Pressel, R-Rolling Prairie, withheld the bill from a vote.

He told the Capital Chronicle it would be back in two weeks, at the earliest — along with some possible edits.

The sightline triangles, he said, are "probably not going to exist," and the legislation's focus is expected to shift to right-of-way.

"You can't build in a right-of-way. Why should we allow weeds, trees, crops over three foot tall to exist in that right-of-way also?" Pressel said. "And I think that's a really small thing to ask for everyone's safety. And I think that may be a simpler solution."

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♠ A K 10  
♥ 8 5 4  
♦ K 10 8 7  
♣ A Q J

**WEST**  
♠ 7 4  
♥ K Q 10 9 7 3 2  
♦ Q 6  
♣ 9 5

**EAST**  
♠ 9 6 5 3 2  
♥ 6  
♦ 4 3  
♣ 10 8 6 4 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ Q J 8  
♥ A J  
♦ A J 9 5 2  
♣ K 7 2

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 1 NT 3♥ 6 NT  
Opening lead — king of hearts.

take a finesse in the right direction to bring home 12 tricks.  
But South does not know at the outset who has the queen, and his job is to do all he can to locate the missing damsel. To this end, by far his best initial move is to play the jack of hearts on the king at trick one!

There is a very good reason for this play, and in the actual case it works like a charm. West can do no better than continue with a second heart, and when East shows out, South learns that West started with exactly two spades. He then cashes the A-K-Q of clubs and learns that West also started with two clubs.

The question of how to play the diamonds is now resolved. Declarer's investigation has shown that West started with precisely seven hearts, two spades and two clubs — and therefore two diamonds.

So South cashes the K-A of diamonds with absolute assurance that the queen will fall, and the slam comes rolling home.

A fine declarer is like the diligent detective who does a lot of legwork gathering all the information he can before he finally gets around to cracking the case.

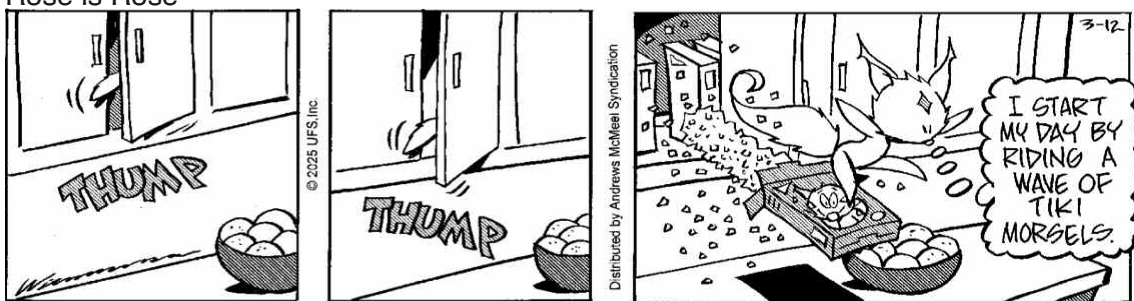
Take this deal where declarer is in six notrump. West leads the king of hearts, and South could easily make the slam if he knew where the queen of diamonds was located. He could either play for the queen to fall under the A-K, or he could

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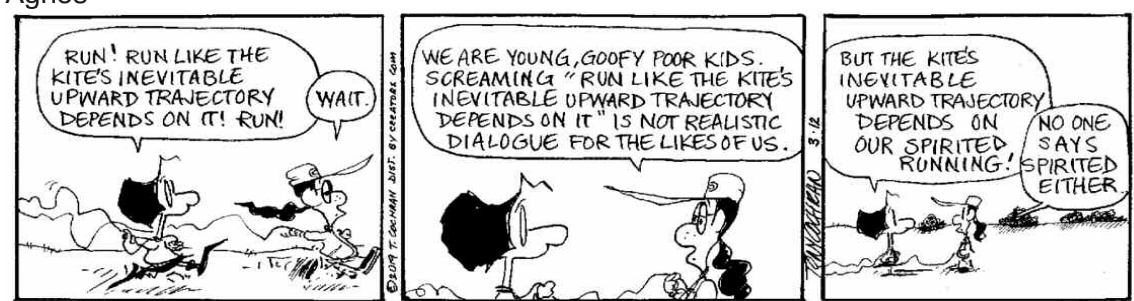
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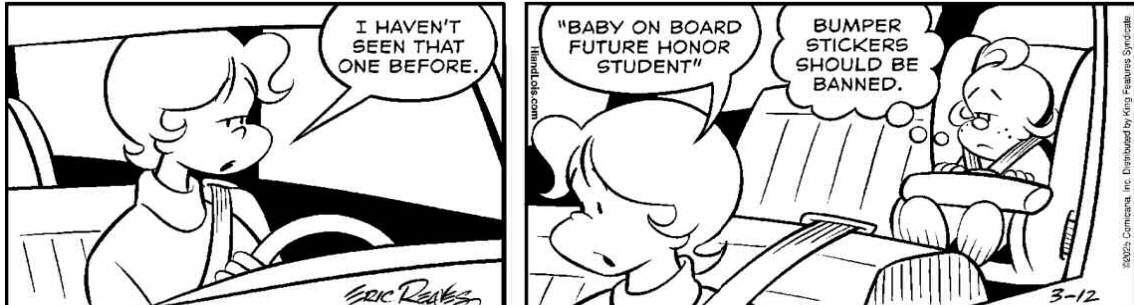
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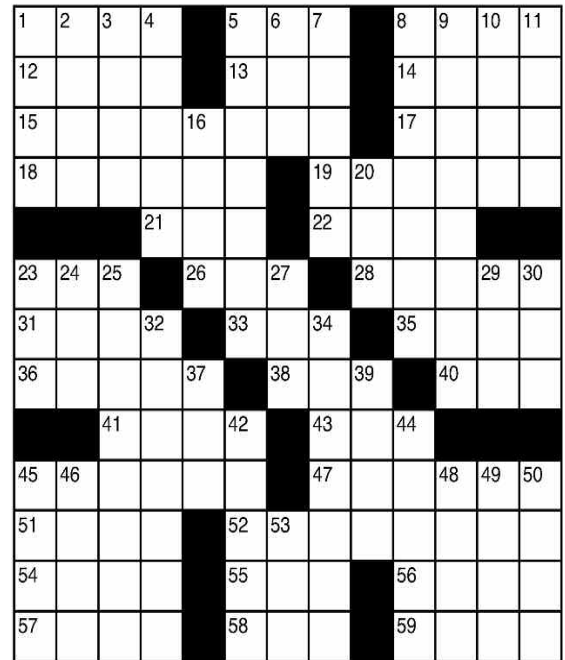
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  - 5 PBS funder
  - 8 Zilch
  - 12 With skill
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  - 14 Lustrous gem
  - 15 Present, as an idea
  - 17 Webmaster's code
  - 18 Some ermines
  - 19 Future seeds
  - 21 Surgeon product
  - 22 Lean and supple
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  - 26 Work unit
  - 28 Cosmetic mogul
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  - 7 "Let me see — of hands!"
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# Curry ...

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Curry and Matt Berman — a former Davidson soccer player — will serve as assistant general managers. They'll report to general manager Aaron Buntz, a former Under Armour executive.

Curry is the first active U.S. professional athlete to take an administrative job with an NCAA team. Andrew Luck returned to Stanford as its football general manager last winter.

Curry's role with Davidson will be to share advice from his experiences in college and in the NBA with the team to help guide them through what has shifted into a pro-style NCAA landscape.

The fund Curry and the Bermans are building is different than traditional booster fundraising. Schools are expected to be permitted to directly compensate athletes starting in the 2025-26 academic year after the House v. NCAA lawsuit settlement is formally approved next month as anticipated.

"The goal for this is to invest in the next student athlete that's coming into Davidson today," Curry said. "They don't have to take cuts on what the market says they deserve to be part of the brand of what it means to be a Davidson scholar-athlete with integrity in your academic experience. The commitment to a four-year graduation process provides countless opportunities professionally in sports or as a game chang-

er in life. And that leads into my role as an assistant GM with Matt Berman — our ability to be a resource and a sounding board for the program, but also support each student athlete, to develop personal relationships with each of them to help guide them every step of the way through their Davidson experience."

Curry played three seasons at Davison for head coach Bob McKillop (whose son, Matt, is now the head coach). He led the Wildcats to NCAA Tournament berths in all three seasons, including the storied Elite Eight run in 2008.

Since Curry departed, Davidson has made the tournament just five times in 16 seasons. Name, image and likeness rules and the proliferation of the transfer portal have shaken up the college sports ecosystem. Curry won four NBA championships, two league MVPs and was named to 11 All-Star teams after leaving.

In 2022, Curry returned to Davidson to complete his degree. Now he's returning to call some shots.

Being assistant general manager for Davidson adds another responsibility onto Curry's plate. His day job is to carry the weight of the Warriors as the face of their franchise. He also helps run the Eat.Learn.Play foundation with his wife, is CEO of Curry Brand and is involved in several other business ventures.



Tribune News Service/Bay Area News Group/Ray Chavez

Golden State Warriors' Stephen Curry (30) gestures after their 128-92 win against the Charlotte Hornets at Chase Center in San Francisco, on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2025.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Thursday**  
Jay County — Junior high wrestling in ACAC tournament at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
Jay County — Junior high swim in ACAC meet at Jay County — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
11:30 a.m. — College basketball: Richmond vs. Davidson (USA)  
2 p.m. — College basketball: Fordham at

Rhode Island (USA)  
4:30 p.m. — College basketball: La Salle at UMass (USA)  
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Conference Tournament (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Oklahoma City Thunder at Boston Celtics (ESPN)  
7:30 p.m. — NHL: Buffalo Sabers at Detroit Red Wings (TNT)  
8:30 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup soccer: Monterrey at Vancouver Whitecaps (FS1)  
10 p.m. — NBA: Minnesota Timberwolves at Denver Nuggets (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NHL: Anaheim Ducks at Utah Hockey Club (TNT)

10:30 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions Cup soccer: Los Angeles Galaxy at Herediano (FS1)  
11:30 p.m. — College basketball: Cal Poly vs. UC Davis (ESPN2)

**Thursday**  
11:30 a.m. — College basketball: Duquesne vs. St. Bonaventure (USA)  
12 p.m. — College basketball: ACC tournament (ESPN); Indiana vs. Oregon (BTN)  
12:30 p.m. — College basketball: Big 12 tournament (ESPN2)  
12:30 p.m. — Figure skating: World Figure Skating Championships (ESPN2)  
1 p.m. — MLB Spring Training: Houston Astros

vs. St. Louis Cardinals (FDSN Indiana)  
2 p.m. — College basketball: Atlantic-10 tournament (USA)  
2:30 p.m. — College basketball: ACC tournament (ESPN); Big Ten tournament (BTN)  
3 p.m. — College basketball: Big 12 tournament (ESPN2)  
5 p.m. — College basketball: Atlantic-10 tournament (USA)  
7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Pittsburgh Penguins (FDSN Indiana)  
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Big Ten tournament (BTN)  
7 p.m. — College basketball: Big 12 tournament (ESPN2); ACC tournament (ESPN); Big East

tournament (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Los Angeles Lakers at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)  
7:30 p.m. — College basketball: Atlantic-10 tournament (USA)  
9 p.m. — College basketball: Big Ten tournament (BTN)  
9:30 p.m. — College basketball: Big 12 tournament (ESPN2); ACC tournament (ESPN); Big East tournament (FS1)  
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# Sports

## Jay County junior high swim teams sweep Belmont

DECATUR — The Patriot girls are on a roll. The Jay County Junior High School girls team won its fifth straight meet by defeating Belmont 126-57, while the boys team picked up an 86-73 victory over the Braves on Monday.

As part of the Patriot girls' dominant run, they won 11 of 12 events against the Braves. Elly Bryum, Maria Laux and Kali Wendel led the way with two victories apiece. Bryum focused on the 100-yard and 200 freestyles, Laux added first-place finishes in the 50 freestyle and 100 breaststroke and Wendel finished on top in the 100 individual medley and 100 backstroke.

Jay County got two more individual victories from Gabby Gibson in the 50 butterfly and Gillian Keller in the 1-meter diving. The rest of the first-place finishes came from the 200 medley, 200 freestyle and 300 freestyle relay teams.

Matching a top trio of girls, Grant Glentzer and Grady Warvel both picked up a pair of wins as well. Glentzer took care of the 100 freestyle and 100 individual medley, while Warvel swam the 200 freestyle and 100 breaststroke.

Supporting the duo's effort were Ben Fisher by picking up a 100 backstroke victory and Lyle Beiswanger with a 50 freestyle win.

The boys also claimed the 200 medley relay and 300 freestyle relay events.

## Curry joins Davidson as assistant GM

By **DANNY EMERMAN**  
The Mercury News  
Tribune News Service

Steph Curry might not play general manager for his NBA team as much as some of his superstar contemporaries, but now he's about to be a real executive.

Curry has accepted the position of assistant general manager of the basketball programs for his alma mater Davidson, the college announced Monday. Curry, his wife, and Davidson boosters Don, Matt and Erica Berman are creating an eight-figure fund to support the men's and women's basketball teams, the college said.

"The Davidson experience is top notch," Curry said in the school's release. "My journey from when I got to Davidson in 2006 to now demonstrated

*Former Wildcat will continue playing in the NBA while taking on administrative role*

that I had the opportunity to play basketball at the highest level, got a great education, an amazing network through the Davidson alumni and continue to wave the Davidson flag. I want very talented, high character student athletes to have that same experience."

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Evers elevates

Gavin Evers of the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team goes up for a layup during the Tribe's loss to Anna in the district final on March 1. While the Indians' loss to the rockets signified the end of the winter sports season, Evers, who also plays baseball, will be preparing for the spring season like other FRHS students which will open with a softball doubleheader against Franklin Monroe on March 22.



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