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Voters go to polls Tuesday

Ballot has races for sheriff, commissioner nominations

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County voters will make their selections Tuesday.

Local voters will have primary election choices on the Republican side of the ballot in races for nominations for Jay County Sheriff, Jay County Commissioner in the middle district and Jay County Auditor, as well as for state representative in districts 33 and 79.

No Democratic nominations are contested in Jay County.

Candidates in contested GOP races are as follows:

Jay County Sheriff — Tony Lennartz, Ray Newton and Patrick Wells

Jay County Commissioner — Chad Aker and Bryan Alexander

Jay County Auditor — Emily Franks and Kristi Morningstar

State representative District 33 — J.D. Prescott and Brittany Kloer

State representative District 79 — Matt Lehman and Russ Mounsey

Redkey Town Council (two nominations) — Dave Dudelston, Chance Retter and Floyd Life

All three candidates for sheriff come with experience in the department. Newton, who now works for IU Health Jay, was a long-time sheriff's office employee and served two terms as sheriff from 2007 through 2014. Wells has been with the sheriff's office since 2003 and Lennartz has worked there since 2007.

Aker is in his first term as commissioner representing the middle district. Alexander is a former

school board member. Both are Portland residents.

Franks has worked in the auditor's office since 2014. Morningstar is making her first run for public office. (Incumbent Anna Culy could not seek re-election because of term limits.)

Prescott, a real estate agent and farmer, is seeking his third term in office in District 33, which now represents Noble, Wayne, Greene, Knox, Richland, Jefferson, Pike and Madison townships in Jay County. Kloer is a former Jay County High School teacher who now is director of the Area 18 Career and Technical Education Cooperative. The race is a rematch from 2020, when Prescott won with 69% of the vote.

Lehman, an insurance agent from Berne, is seeking his eighth term in office representing District 79, which now includes Penn, Jackson, Bearcreek and Wabash townships in Jay County. Mounsey, an Ossian police officer, is making his first run for office.

Candidates for nominations for Pennville Town council are Republicans Alicia Corwin and Branda Manns, and Democrat Millie Ellis.

Republicans who are uncontested are the primary are incumbent Travis Holdman for state senator in District 19, incumbent Robin Alberson for assessor, Randy May for county council (District 1), incumbent Harold Towell for county council (District 2), Melanie Upp for recorder, incumbent Faron Parr for county council (District 3) and Cindy Bracy for county council (District 4).

Uncontested Democrats in the primary are "Watermelon" Jim Phillips for sheriff, Joel Bowers for commissioner in the middle district, incumbent Wes Schemenaur for prosecutor, John Bartlett for state representative in District 33, incumbent Ted Champ for Jay County Council (District 1) and Kelly Stipp for county council (District 2).

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Recovery royalty

Seniors Kaelin Overman and Korbin Dues were crowned queen and king Friday during Fort Recovery High School's promenade.



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Ardagh rally

Workers from Ardagh Group in Dunkirk rally outside the front gates of the factory Friday afternoon. Josh Coleman, vice president of United Steel Workers Local 96M, explained they are in contract negotiations with the company about wages, pensions, insurance, holidays and worker's rights. "We just want a fair contract," said Coleman.

Kyiv reels after attack during visit

Zelenskyy says attack is sign of Russia's attitude

By LAURA KING, NABIH BULOS and JAWEED KALEEM
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LVIV, Ukraine — Far from the war's front lines, central and western Ukraine were on high alert Friday after Russian missiles rained down on the capital, Kyiv, killing at least one person and shattering a relative return to calm that had seen the United Nations chief visiting mass graves on the city's outskirts.

In a video address overnight, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

said the aerial attack Thursday near the center of Kyiv after his meeting with U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres was a sign of "Russia's true attitude to global institutions" and would provoke "a strong response."

"We still have to drive the occupiers out," Zelenskyy said, citing recent bombings in Kyiv and Fastiv, southwest of the capital, as well as Odesa, a strategic port city on the Black Sea that has increasingly become a target of missiles, including one this week that struck a major bridge and railway link.

The shifting state of affairs in Ukraine — where Russia had telegraphed its intention to focus on the eastern Donbas region claimed by pro-Moscow separatists yet has continued to assault parts of the country's west and center — prompted the U.S., Britain and other NATO members to add troops around Ukraine and pledge billions of additional dollars in humanitarian and military aid through the summer.

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Deaths

Christopher Jackson, 41, Dunkirk
Susan Earls, 53, Dunkirk
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Weather

The forecast calls for a chance of showers today, with thunderstorms possible this evening. The high will be 72.

Expect a high of 71 Sunday with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Skies will be mostly sunny Monday with a high of 72.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

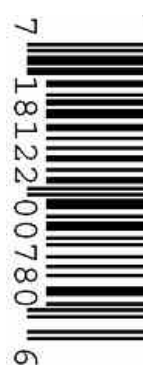
In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Tuesday — Photos from Jay County High School's honors night.

Wednesday — Coverage of the JCHS softball game against South Adams.



Retrospect

Jay scored key OAC win



The Commercial Review/Mike Snyder

Jay County High School third baseman Jeff Knisely fires to first base for an out while shortstop Jim Wehrly watches on April 30, 1992, during the Patriots 8-2 win over Connersville.

Thirty years ago this week, the Patriots were celebrating a key conference win.

The May 1, 1992, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the Jay County High School baseball team defeating the Olympic Athletic Conference rival Connersville Spartans 8-2.

The Patriots, who improved to 8-2 with the victory, bunched all of their runs together in two groups with five in the third inning and three in the sixth. They had been hitless against Connersville's David Ellis through the first two innings before Will Derrickson blooped a single down the left-field line.

Andy VanSkyock followed with a single up the middle and a bunt by Todd Bantz loaded the bases. Jim Wehrly followed with a fielder's choice to bring home the first JCHS run. Eric Steigerwalt added an RBI single, Brian Schmit doubled down the left-field line to bring in two runs and Terry Vaughn hit into a fielder's choice to make it 5-0.

"The first couple innings we were popping up because (Ellis) was keeping the ball down and we were uppercutting," said then and current Jay County coach Lea Selvey. "We reminded them to hit down on the ball and line drive will come."

Jay County loaded the bases in the sixth inning when Jeff Knisely recorded a single, Derrickson was hit by a pitch and VanSkyock singled. Bantz brought home two runs with a double and Wehrly chipped in an RBI single.

Connersville got its only runs against Patriot pitcher Dan Ferrell in the seventh inning. He had gone 21 consecutive innings without allowing a run to start the season before Ryan Lynch of the Spartans hit a two-run homer. Following the win, Ferrell's ERA was at 0.56 with 35 strikeouts in 24 2/3 innings.

CR almanac

Sunday 5/1	Monday 5/2	Tuesday 5/3	Wednesday 5/4	Thursday 5/5
71/49	70/55	75/50	64/44	65/46
There's a 20% chance of thunderstorms, with wind gusts as high as 25 mph.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday with a 50% chance of showers at night.	Rain is likely Tuesday with a 90% chance of thunderstorms.	Partly sunny skies are on the horizon for Wednesday, with a high near 64.	There's a 40% chance of showers Thursday under partly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-5-6 Daily Four: 4-5-7-4 Quick Draw: 4-8-12-13-15-16-17-22-30-31-35-36-39-40-45-53-54-78-79-80	Pick 4: 1-7-0-1 Pick 5: 3-5-4-6-8 Rolling Cash 5: 1-3-12-20-31 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-9-2 Pick 4: 8-0-3-6 Pick 5: 5-4-2-1-7 Evening Pick 3: 3-2-7	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$20 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$43 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....8.19 May corn.....8.19 Wheat8.56	May wheat 9.61 June wheat..... 9.61
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....8.19 May corn.....8.19 June corn8.25	Central States Montpelier Corn.....8.01 May corn.....8.03 Beans16.85 May beans16.71 April wheat.....9.91
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Today in history

On April 30, 1945, as Soviet troops approached his Berlin bunker, Adolf Hitler took his own life along with that of his wife of one day, Eva Braun.

In 1789, George Washington took the oath of office in New York as the first president of the United States.

In 1803, the United States purchased the Louisiana Territory from France for 60 million francs, the equivalent of about \$15 million.

In 1812, Louisiana became the 18th state of the Union.

In 1900, engineer John Luther "Casey" Jones of the Illinois Central Railroad died in a train wreck near Vaughan, Mississippi, after staying at the controls in a successful effort to save the passengers.

In 1947, President Harry S. Truman signed a resolution officially confirming the name of Hoover Dam, which had also come to be known as "Boulder Dam."

In 1970, President Richard Nixon announced the U.S. was sending troops into Cambodia, an action that sparked widespread protest.

In 1972, William Funk, Karol Bryan and Doyle Williams led the Jay County 4-H Sheep Auction at Jay County Fairgrounds. Ernie Loy served as the auctioneer.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St., Fort Recovery, Ohio	Wednesday 2:30 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
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Obituaries

Chris Jackson

Oct. 25, 1980-April 24, 2022
Christopher E. Jackson, age 41, of Dunkirk passed away Sunday, April 24, 2022.

He was born in Portland on Oct. 25, 1980, the son of Fred and Virginia (Carrie) Jackson.

Chris was a 1999 Jay County High School graduate and served in the U.S. Navy. He worked for McKibben Mechanical and Electric and had worked for Ardagh and the City of Portland. He coached and umpired Little League Baseball and coached Boomer Soccer. He enjoyed playing softball and spending time with family and friends.

Surviving are his mother Virginia Jackson of Portland; mother of his children Ashley Jackson of Portland; his children, Oliver Jackson and Ayla Jack-

son; three brothers, Monte Jackson (wife: Angela) of Greentown, Travis Jackson (wife: Kathy) of Colorado and Chad Jackson of Portland; two sisters, Krystal Bell of Portland and Misty George of Berne; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father Fred Jackson; and brother Billy Bell.

A celebration of life service will be Monday, May 2, 2022, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Memorials can be directed towards the family to help with expenses. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.



Jackson

Susan L. Earls, Dunkirk, Jan. 18, 1969-April 27, 2022. Services will be private at the convenience of the family at a later date.

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.

Voters ...

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All township trustee candidates are uncontested. They are: Republicans James Brewster (Wayne), Angela Moeller (Jefferson), Steven Cash (Penn), Virginia Cline (Noble), Rex Pinkerton (Jackson), Jason Rosenbeck (Wabash), Jenny Cline-Wagner (Knox) and Scott Hilfiker (Madison), and Democrats Nancy Cline (Greene), David Champ (Richland) and Crystal Laux (Bearcreek).

Township advisory board candidates are as follows:
Republicans — Tammy Horn, Scott Coy and Jeff Alberson in Pike, Kathy Mosser; Matt Caster and Terry Rigby in Jackson; Janet Confer in Jefferson, Ronald Paxson in Penn; Dennis Rodgers and Joelle Rinker in Knox; Jeff Overholser, Emily Daugherty and Eldon Campbell in Noble; Greg Shreeve in Madison; and Carrie Shaneyfelt, Michelle Jones, Michael Shreeve and

Phillip Zarate in Salamonia.
Democrats — Richard Nixon in Jefferson; Robert Bailey, Alvin Cassel, Don Whitenack and Billy Bailey in Greene; Gary Glogas and Joseph Lloyd in Richland; and Shelli Rigsbee and James Haffner in Bearcreek.

Candidates for Democratic precinct committeeman are Brett Darby (Wayne 1), Bart Darby (Wayne 2), Nancy Cline (Greene), James Phillips (Redkey) and Fred Bailey (Wayne 7).

Running for Republican state convention delegate are Jenae Bladel, Jon Eads, Matt Goldsworthy, Lenny Muhlenkamp, Michael Brewster, Jeff Hopkins, Missy Elliott, James C. Phillips, Amy Schlichter, Chad Schlichter, Ilze Koch, Carrie Petro and Oakland Gaerke. Running for Democratic state convention delegate are Fred Bailey and James Phillips.

Attack ...

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"We need to be prepared for the long term," Jens Stoltenberg, secretary-general of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, said Thursday after President Joe Biden announced that he would ask Congress to approve \$33 billion in new

aid to Kyiv. "There is absolutely the possibility that this war will drag on and last for months and years."

The British government said Friday it would dispatch 8,000 troops this summer to Eastern Europe to deter Russian aggression.

SERVICES

Saturday

Hill, Nancy: 10 a.m., Apostolic Christian Country Church, 1970 S. 800 East, Bluffton.

Somers, Everett: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Sunday

Lothridge, David: 11 a.m., 2195 S. Boundary Pike, Portland.

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Childhood abuse sticks with widow

DEAR ABBY: I'm a widow in a new relationship. I was molested for years by an older sibling. When my behavior became troublesome — skipping school, becoming antisocial — I was sent to a reform school for several years. The sibling was sent into the army.

Dear Abby



National Network (RAINN). When you do, you will be talking with a trained counselor who can guide you. Nothing you confide will be a shock to that person, and you may be put in touch with help in your local area.

The RAINN website is rainn.org and its toll-free phone number is 800-656-4673. Please don't wait to reach out. Everything is confidential.

When I was released from the school, I drifted into worse relationships and into the sex trade. I got out of that after six months. I've always felt like a "good girl," but the past haunts me. I used to talk about the abuse constantly. It was always in the back of my mind. It still pops up on a regular basis, but I have not told my new partner.

A friend once told me that people don't need to know everything about you, and I believe that. Some folks blamed me for the abuse, although it started before I was 8. Sometimes I feel I should tell my partner, as it does affect my behavior — I have low self-esteem, etc. I've had counseling, but it didn't help me. When I confronted my abuser years later, he told me it was my problem.

Do I need to share this to be completely honest about who I am? I have never felt "normal." It's as if I'm carrying a dreaded secret. Any advice? — GOOD GIRL IN WASHINGTON

DEAR GOOD GIRL: What you suffered as a child was not your fault. You needed counseling then, not blame. Because you didn't receive it at that time, it isn't surprising your problems followed you wherever you went.

Not knowing your partner, I cannot decide for you whether you should reveal your history to him. I can, however, strongly recommend that you contact the Rape, Abuse and Incest

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DEAR ABBY: My close friend, "Lizzy," broke up with her boyfriend six weeks ago. At first, she was very depressed about it, but she has gradually gotten over him. A few days ago, Lizzy's ex-boyfriend asked me out. I really wanted to say yes, but I decided to ask her first if it was OK. When I did, she flipped out and told me she wouldn't be my friend anymore if I did. I've known Lizzy for four years, and I don't want to lose her friendship.

A day later, I found out from another friend of mine that Lizzy was dating my twin brother. She never asked me if I was OK with that, let alone informed me that they had feelings for each other. Does this give me the right to date Lizzy's ex? — BREAKING GIRL CODE IN ALABAMA

DEAR BREAKING: I think so. But don't do it without first clearing the air with her, because if things work out with your twin brother, you are likely to be seeing a lot of Lizzy in the future.



Photo provided

Trivia winners

Fort Recovery High School Scholastic Bowl team held its inaugural Community Trivia Nite on April 22, raising more than \$600 for senior scholarships. Of the eight teams competing, the winning team (pictured above) was "Suspension Solution," sponsored by Kaup Pharmacy. They took home a gift basket.

Birth announcements

Harris

Simara Kaylenn, a daughter, was born April 8 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne to Austin E. and Brianna Harris of Decatur. She weighed 7 pounds, 6

ounces. Maternal grandparents are Dean Taylor (deceased) and Allen and Rebecca Steen of Portland. Paternal grandparents are John Harris (deceased) and Kay Harris of Portland.

Wenk

Liberty Ryanne, a daughter, was born April 20 at St. Vincent Randolph in Winchester to Sarah and Ryan Wenk of Portland.

She weighed 9 pounds, 8 ounces. Grandparents are Dale and Kristy Ainsworth, Donna Corle and Mike Wenk. Great-grandparent is Martha Ainsworth.

Marriage licenses

Nikkia L. Hamilton, 26, Portland, to William P. Green, 35, Redkey
Laura A. Schwartz, 23, Bryant, to Mahlon M. Eicher, 21, Geneva
Kayla M. Beaty, 31, Redkey, to Joshua A. Marcum, 39, Redkey
Drue D. Armstrong, 26, Portland,

to Megan M. McDaniel, 31, Portland
Jacob M. Hilty, 23, Bryant, to Lindsey M. Heckler, 22, Geneva
Harvey T. Schmucker, 24, Bryant, to Ada A.M. Schwartz, 20, Bryant
Edwin B. Dixon, 35, Redkey, to

Renae E. Laux, 35, Portland
Lisa R. Belda, 53, Portland, to Daniel E. Bonifas, 62, Portland
Gabriel J. Bullard, 23, Dunkirk, to Sarah M. Rowland, 29, Dunkirk
Joshua E. Johnson, 45, Redkey, to Lisa D. Lanning, 41, Redkey

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.

Tuesday

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in

sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creager Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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Jack more than met the standard

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jack Ronald died one week ago today. And now I'm finding it difficult to figure out what words to type after that sentence. It's so final.

And yet, nothing is final. While all of our lives eventually come to an end, we live on in the people's lives we touched.

Jack touched many lives. I count myself lucky to be on that list.

In late 2000 and early 2001, I was interviewing for jobs. I looked close to home — Avon, Ohio. I looked farther away, meeting with potential employers in North Carolina and Alaska.

I remember walking out of one interview thinking to myself, "I would never want to work for that man."

I had the opposite reaction after meeting Jack.

I remember sitting across from him in his office on the second floor of The Commercial Review that day in February 2001. The interaction was quintessential Jack, I would later learn. He talked a lot. He talked not because he didn't

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want to hear from you, his potential employee, but because he wanted you to know about his community. He wanted to tell you about Arts Place, about the community center, about "the best darned fair in Indiana." (A poster that hangs over my desk bears that phrase.)

He wanted to tell you about the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Show and how many visitors it brought to Jay County every year. (I didn't believe him, but now I find myself telling prospective employees the same things.)

My instinct to want to work for Jack was a good one. I couldn't have asked for a better boss.

Something I always appreciated about him was that he hired me to do a job and let me do it. He didn't micromanage.

And at the same time, he taught

me so much, through the wisdom he shared and the example he set.

As I decide words should come next, I find myself smiling about things he used to get excited about:

- Passing out dictionaries to third graders

- Talking to TinCaps (or Wizards) representatives about tickets for the first game each spring (It would inevitably be cold, rainy, or both.)

- Art — so, so, so much art

- His New Year's Day hike (Admittedly, I once found this idea ridiculous but now do it myself.)

- Taking pictures of birds in his backyard

As my time continued here, I was always amused when we hired new reporters for the newsroom. With each new face came a new set of ears that had not yet heard Jack's stories. So I would get to hear all of them again, all of the stories that I had heard dozens of times, as he shared them with his new, captive audience. (To be fair, by the last few years I was sometimes prompting him to tell a story I didn't want those new ears to miss.)

I'm thinking of a few such stories, stories about:

- His adventures covering the Great American Race

- Wild times when the Hoosier State Press Association seminar and awards used to be an overnight affair

- Being in Tiananmen Square during the protests in 1989

- The girls he dated (I used to tease that it seemed like he dated every girl who went through Portland High School about the same time he did. I also wondered out loud a few times if they had actually dated him or if they had just talked to him once.)

- Getting deported from Kyrgyzstan on a 2009 trip (He had apparently gotten himself on a list after a 2005 visit to Belarus.)

A favorite story of mine stems from when my parents came to see my first time on stage with Jay County Civic Theatre in "Miracle on 34th Street" in December 2017. (I didn't know they were coming.) My parents made their way to their seats at Arts Place. My dad thought he recognized the guy in the seat next to him. So he asked the question.

"I'm Jack Ronald," Jack responded.

"I'm Ray Cooney," my dad said. Unplanned, Jack Ronald and Ray Cooney were sitting together.

That seems appropriate.

I never knew Jack's parents. They were both gone long before I came to Jay County. But I heard many stories about them, from him. Through those stories, it always felt to me that Jack was striving to make his father proud, even decades after his passing.

A column that popped up this week as I searched our archives confirmed as much:

"He'll always be the standard I measure myself against," Jack said of his father in a February 2021 Back in the Saddle.

I hope as Jack took his final breaths he knew he met that standard.

Because he clearly did. He met it not just as publisher of The Commercial Review, but as a man.

I feel lucky to have gotten to know that man over the last 21-plus years. And I'm honored to have called him my boss, my mentor, my friend.

Hospitals, insurers must cut their prices

Herald Bulletin
(Anderson)

Indiana General Assembly leaders sent a strong, clear message to hospitals and insurers, calling on them to work together to lower health care prices or the General Assembly would pursue legislation to get prices down to the national average by 2025.

The letters sent by Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, and Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray, R-Martinsville, are on the right track.

Studies by the Rand Corp. and Harvard University show that hospital prices in Indiana are 3.4 to 3.6 times higher than Medicare rates, ranking from third to fifth highest in the nation.

"High health care costs inhibit business expansion and are a detriment to economic development," the letters read.

"We recognize that the fault for the high costs we've outlined above do not rest entirely on hospitals. Large insurers and other third-party payers have also played a significant role."

Of course, Hoosiers themselves feel the pain of high hospital prices — often more than 50% above the national average — most intensely.

Spiraling health care costs do not make Indiana particularly inviting for either new residents or business entrepreneurs.

The COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on the national economy, and excessively high health care costs play a significant role in putting Indiana behind the economic recovery curve.

The letters from Huston and Bray, dated Dec. 17, 2021, gave hospitals and insurers until April 1 to present a plan to reduce prices to at least the national average. No detailed plan has been announced publicly.

"Absent a viable plan, we will be left with no choice but to pursue legislation to statutorily reduce prices," the letter reads — a loud and clear

Hoosier Editorial

Hoosiers themselves feel the pain of high hospital prices — often more than 50% above the national average — most intensely. Spiraling health care costs do not make Indiana particularly inviting for either new residents or business entrepreneurs.

message that comes not a moment too soon.

Eight hospital CEOs responded in the form of a newspaper op-ed piece that seemed to deflect blame to the insurance companies.

These are the same insurance companies that hospitals were asked to work with hand-in-hand to develop solutions. But it seems the hospital CEOs are more interested in passing the buck.

In the absence of a viable proposal by hospitals and insurers, we encourage lawmakers to follow through on their promise to take action and develop legislation to lessen the burden of extraordinarily high health care costs in Indiana.



Bloodshed is in Myanmar, too

By MYRA DAHGAYPAW
Progressive Perspectives
Tribune News Service

My heart breaks as I watch Russian planes bombing civilian homes, displacing millions of refugees and committing crimes against humanity in Ukraine. Four thousand miles away from Ukraine, in my home country of Myanmar (also known as Burma), Russia has been complicit for decades in the violence of the Burmese military against its own citizens.

The military's violent campaign reached new levels in February 2021, when it staged a bloody attempted coup against the democratically elected government. Since then, the Myanmar military — equipped with deadly weapons from Russia — has tortured and killed thousands of civilians, especially the country's ethnic and religious minorities. One of the more shocking cases occurred on Christmas Eve, when more than 35 ethnic Karenni civilians were burned alive by the military.

These horrific events are not unprecedented. My aunt and uncle were among the Burmese military's victims in the late 1970s. My aunt was gang-raped and tortured in front of my uncle. My uncle's skin was sliced and rubbed with salt and chili. I was forced to leave my beautiful village to escape the state-sponsored violence on January 28, 1995. That was the last time I saw my home.

Sadly, the military has faced no significant consequences for its crimes, which continue to this day, including genocide against the Rohingya people and other ethnic and religious minorities. Just as the failure to stand up to Russian President Vladimir Putin's invasion of Crimea helped lead to the crisis in Ukraine, the fail-

Myra Dahgaypaw



ure to hold the military in Myanmar accountable has emboldened it to escalate violence against the nation's people.

Since the coup, the Myanmar military has been conducting airstrikes almost every day, especially at night when people are sleeping, to maximize the number of deaths and injuries. Nearly 900,000 people have been forced from their homes. The military has deliberately targeted health care facilities and places where people have fled to for protection. And it is using Russian weapons to do it.

Thomas Andrews, U.N. Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar, recently documented the wide range of weapons Russia is selling to the military, including a shipload of military vehicles in January and two more SU-30 fighter jets in March. These are the same fighter jets Russia is using in Ukraine.

In exchange, the State Administration Council set up by the military in Myanmar is one of the few entities around the world to endorse Putin's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has taken a clarifying step in March by officially declaring that the Myanmar military has committed acts of genocide against the Rohingya people. But this long over-

due decision did not include any practical action in response to this genocide.

The U.S. government must take tangible action to hold the military in Myanmar accountable. Passing the BURMA Act, introduced in Congress last year, would ensure accountability for the junta and justice for its victims, as well as provide direct support to the nation's people. The Biden administration must also support The Gambia's case before the International Court of Justice, arguing that Myanmar violated the Genocide Convention.

The global community has taken swift action to sanction Putin and the cronies who support him, showing what can be done when political will is united against injustice. Just a fraction of the action taken against Russia and in support of Ukraine would be transformational in our struggle for democracy and human rights in Myanmar, and at much less economic cost to the United States.

I have lost half of my immediate family members to the military in Myanmar. President Joe Biden and the U.S. Congress can do much more to stop the flow of money and arms to the military in Myanmar. Every day that they fail to act, more mothers and fathers, more sisters and brothers will die at the hands of the military.

Dahgaypaw is a human rights activist, a former internally displaced person and refugee from Karen State in eastern Myanmar, and the senior partnership officer for International Justice and Accountability at the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

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Businesses donate

Jay County Beverage and First Bank of Berne each recently donated funds to The Portland Rockets. Pictured above, Randy Fisher receives a \$1,000 check from Ted and Brad Miller of Jay County Beverage for a new batting cage at the Rockets' Runnle-Miller Field. At right, Tracy Carpenter of First Bank of Berne presents a \$500 check to Rockets manager Randy Miller for a new sound system at the field.

Ardagh partnering with KC Bier

A firm with local ties is partnering to provide bottles to a Missouri brewery.

Ardagh Glass Packaging on Tuesday announced a partnership with Kansas City Bier Company to supply all of its glass beer bottles.

Ardagh, which operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, is expected to provide more than 2.6 million bottles annually. Kansas City Bier uses 100% and endlessly recyclable glass bottles.

"Ardagh Glass Packaging enjoys partnering with craft brewers like Kansas City Bier that have a passion for glass bottles and sustainable practices,"

Business roundup

said Ardagh vice president for beer and beverage Clint Gawart in a press release. "We've supplied the brewery for the past four years and are elated they continue to package all of their products in 12oz glass bottles designed and manufactured by Ardagh."

Purdue exploring

Purdue University announced

Wednesday that it is working with Duke Energy to explore the feasibility of using advanced nuclear energy to meet the campus community's long-term energy needs.

Purdue and Duke plan to study power made through small modular reactors, the university said in a press release. The university is currently powered through Wade Utility Plant, which is a combined heat and power system that uses steam and chilled water.

"No other option holds as much potential to provide reliable, adequate electric power with zero carbon emissions," Purdue president Mitch Daniels said in the release. "Innovation

and new ideas are at the core of what we do at Purdue, and that includes searching for ways to minimize the use of fossil fuels ..."

IU Health loses

IU Health this week said it had a \$29.8 million operating loss in the first quarter of 2022, the Indianapolis Star reported.

The newspaper said IU Health indicated the loss was tied to COVID-19 and the ongoing labor shortage. It reported that IU Health saw a 16% increase in expenses over the previous year while operating revenue rose by 3%.

"The challenges from the pandemic again show the critical

need for hospital systems to maintain a strong financial position to be able to manage unforeseen operating challenges and continue serving the patients who depend on us," IU Health senior vice president and chief financial officer Jenni Alvey told the Indianapolis Star.

Tyson launches

Tyson Foods is starting a program to provide free education to its employees.

The company announced in a press release Monday that beginning this summer employees will be able to pursue associate, bachelor's and master's degrees and other certificates for free.

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Deeds

Wilbert J. Lochtiefeld Trust and Ann Marie Lochtiefeld Trust to Dan W. Lochtiefeld Trust and Mary F. Lochtiefeld Trust, trustee deed — Section 16, Madison Township, 40 acres

Ann Marie and Wilbert J. Lochtiefeld to Dan W. Lochtiefeld Trust and Mary F. Lochtiefeld Trust, warranty deed — Part of Section 16, Madison Township, 38.38 acres

LDN to City of Portland, easement — Parts of Section 17, Wayne Township

Matthew R. Short to Stephen D. Cecil, warranty

deed — Part of Section 20, Wayne Township

Ben B. and Rose E. Girod to Barbara B. and Emanuel N. Girod, warranty deed — part of Section 34, Bearcreek Township, 16.49 acres

Byron J. Blankenbaker to Sharon J. Blankenbaker, quit claim deed — Parts of Section 35, Penn Township; Lot 13, Wallings Addition; Part of Lots 3 and 4, Whitemans Addition; Part of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 1, original plat of Pennville

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Tuesday: Main Entrees: Meatballs Marinara with Spaghetti, Garlic Breadstick Alternate Entrees: Pancakes, Yogurt & Cheese Fun Lunch, Turkey & Cheese Salad, Saltine Crackers, Light Ranch Dressing Sides for all meals: Savory Green Beans
Wednesday: Main Entrees: Classic Chicken Sandwich Alternate Entrees: Cereal, Goldfish & Yogurt Fun Lunch, Turkey & Cheese Salad, Saltine Crackers, Light Ranch Dressing Sides for all meals: Seasoned Corn
Thursday: Main Entrees: Beef Nachos Alternate Entrees: Pancakes, Yogurt & Cheese Fun Lunch, Turkey & Cheese Salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Mexican Style Refried Beans
Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza Alternate Entrees: Cereal, Goldfish & Yogurt Fun Lunch, Turkey & Cheese Salad, Saltine Crackers, Light Ranch Dressing Sides for all meals: Seasoned Carrots

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Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Tutti-Frutti. The business located at 133 E. High St., Portland, offers ice cream, snacks and drinks. It is owned by Maricruz Estrada and Vanessa Triana. It is open daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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It is working with Guild to expand its existing Upward Academy program to provide access to more than 175 programs through universities and other educators. Tyson is investing \$60 million over four years for the program. "This commitment to our team members reinforces our belief that they are the lifeblood of our current and future success," Tyson executive vice president and chief sustainability officer said in a press release.

Walgreen accelerates
Walgreens plans to get to its goal even faster. The company announced this week that it plans to accomplish its

goal of providing 100% cage-free shell and liquid eggs in its stores by the end of this year. Its target, initially announced in 2016, was to be cage-free by 2025.

IU appoints
Indiana University has appointed Julie Payne-Kirchmeier to the new role of vice president for student success.

Payne-Kirchmeier is currently vice president for student affairs at Northwestern University.

In her new role, which she will start Aug. 1, she will be in charge of advocating for student interests and the student perspective in all university decision making.

"Students are the center of the universe at IU, and that is why we

designed a senior leadership role focused on the issues of importance to them," said Indiana University president Pamela Whitten in a press release. "Julie will be joining a team of dedicated staff and faculty focused on our students. Her deep experience and proven leadership will accelerate our support of student success."

Getting smaller
The number of Subway locations decreased by almost 5% in 2021, The New York Post reported this week.

The newspaper, citing public filings, said the restaurant chain closed 1,043 more stores than it opened last year. That brings Subway's total to 21,147 locations.

Jay County Optimist Clubs

Respect for Law Week

May 1
through
May 7



The Jay County Optimist Clubs are honoring all the Police Officers that work in Jay County. It is our hope and wish that the citizenry of Jay County will also show respect for our Law Officers always, but make a special effort during the Respect for Law Week May 1 through May 7, 2022

Through the Jay County Optimist Respect for Law Week, Jay County Optimist Members will honor and show respect for all city, county and state Law Officers in Jay County and well wishes for the Jay County Optimist Clubs.

We believe it is important as citizens to abide by the law, respect Law Enforcement and do what we can do to maintain peace. We hope that our project lets officers know that we appreciate them and what they do and will help in this effort.

Optimism in Jay County was started in 1975 when the Breakfast Optimist Club was established with The Portland Evening Club in 1988 and West Jay Optimist Clubs established later. Over \$2,000,00 of Optimists Projects have come to fruition since the establishment of the first Optimist Club in Jay County.

Optimist International is one of the Largest Service Club Organizations with clubs in the United States, Canada, Mexico, The Caribbean and throughout the world including Jay County. Respect for Law is one of the organizations most popular programs with more than 1,500 clubs participating annually.

Carrying the motto "Bringing out the Best in Kids," Optimists conduct positive service projects that reach more than seven million young people each year.

To learn more about the Optimist clubs in Jay County please contact Scott Benter, President of the Portland Breakfast Optimist at 260-731-3231, Debra Imel, President of the Portland Evening Optimist Club at 260-726-5736, or Jane Crouch, President of the West Jay Optimist Club at 765-209-4615 and Randy Lucas, President of the Mighty Marvels Optimist Club at 260-726-5293.

Jay County Optimist
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Thank an Officer!



Deeds

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Byron J. Blankenbaker to Sharon J. Blankenbaker, quit claim deed — Part of Section 6, Greene Township, 1.186 acres

Cyler L. Ruble to Jacqueline and Ritchie Inman, warranty deed — Lot 9, Evan Evans First Addition

Francis J. and Patricia M. Laux to Renae E. Laux, quit claim deed — Part of Section 12, Bearcreek Township, 4 acres

Homan Farms to Kent K. and Kim K. Homan, corporate warranty deed — Parts of Section 35, Greene Township

Kent K. and Kim K. Homan to Homan Farms, warranty deed — Part of Section 16, Penn Township, 72 acres

Eric J. and Jamie L. Albers to Bryce Mcabee, warranty deed — Part of Section 23, Noble Township, 6 acres

David R. Sawyer to Brant A. Mechling and Ashlee C. Brumbaugh,

warranty deed — Part of Section 8, Penn Township, 10 acres

Teresa M. Paquette to Gregory L. Dotson, warranty deed — Lots 17 and 18, Block 34, original plat of Dunkirk

Larry W. and Sandra S. Bubb to Carrie A. and Christopher E. Lutes, warranty deed — Parts of Section 24, Greene Township

Helen A. and Matthew P. Simmons to Rachel Stine, warranty deed — Lot 8 and part of Lot 9, Woodlawn Park Addition

Jay-Randolph Developmental Services (JRDS) to State of Indiana, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Wayne Township

Allen K. and Ruth H. Bruss to Norman Peterson, warranty deed — Part of Section 20, Wayne Township

Charles E. Tague (deceased) to Chad and Kimberly McFarland, personal representative deed — Lots 3 and 4, Block 1,

East Addition of Portland Diana K. Goth to herself, death deed — Part of Lots 42 and 43, Perdieu Addition

Amanda and Jason Hartman to Paige Yoder, warranty deed — Part of Section 28, Greene Township, 3.63 acres

Sandra Howard to Kile S. Miller, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 4, Block 5, RA Andrews Addition, Redkey

Donna Duty to Tasia Boolman, quit claim deed — Lot 8, Block 16, original plat of Bryant

John E. Bruggeman Revocable Trust and Madonna J. Bruggeman Revocable Trust to Corbin and Jenessa J. Huffel, warranty deed — Parts of Section 10, Noble Township

Janet S. Fifer (deceased) and Richard L. Fifer to Caroline L.M. and Nathaniel A. Schwartz, warranty deed — Part of Section 6, Bearcreek Township, 7 acres

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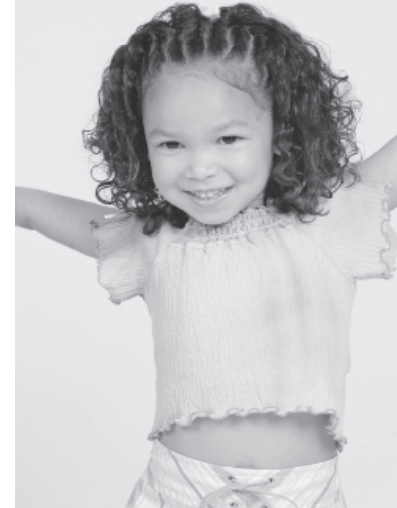
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3. If someone scares you, tell an adult immediately! Call 911, and tell the dispatcher what the person looked like. You should also try to remember the color of their car, and the numbers and letters on their license plate. If you don't tell anyone when somebody scares you, they may do it again to you or to somebody else.
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT METEOROLOGISTS SAY TO ONE ANOTHER WHEN THEY'RE ABOUT TO GO TO BED? "SLEET DREAMS!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals B

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Floral feature

- 1) Which Disney princess shares her name with a small, fragrant, white flower?
2) The War of the Roses (1455-1485) pitted what two factions against each other?

(1) Jasmine (2) Lancaster and York

5-2 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I EXPECT THAT IF LEGENDARY ACTRESS BRIGITTE HAD A PREFERRED WINE, IT WOULD BE BARDOT BORDEAUX.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: O equals M

CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer! Solve the code to discover words related to animal welfare. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 22 = E)

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to animal welfare. EDADTPO
Guess Who? I am a singer born in Michigan on April 27, 1988. I started performing in groups in 2011 and am known as an innovator in the hip hop genre. My third solo release garnered me significant fame.

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ANIMAL WELFARE WORD SEARCH Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Choosing among alternatives South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH 10 2 9 8 6 9 7 A Q J 9 8 6 WEST 8 5 4 3 10 7 3 A J 10 2 7 4 EAST — Q 5 2 K Q 8 6 5 4 3 K 5 3 SOUTH A K Q J 9 7 6 A K J 4 10 2 The bidding: South 2 Pass 3 Pass 6 Pass West 3 Pass 4 Pass East 3 Pass 4 Pass Opening lead — ace of diamonds. This deal occurred many years ago in the Vanderbilt Teams. The final contract at both tables was six spades, and both Wests led the ace of diamonds. At one table, declarer had 12 tricks salted away in almost no time at all. He ruffed the opening lead, drew trump and finessed the 10 of clubs. East won, and South had the balance with tricks to burn. At the other table, declarer also ruffed the first diamond, drew trump and took the club finesse. But here there was a critical variation: instead of taking the king, East, Fred Karpin, followed smoothly with the three! South then repeated the finesse, but this time it lost. Karpin exited with a diamond, and declarer later lost a heart to East's queen for down one. Karpin's defense, though it might appear risky, was clearly correct. To take the first club amounted to a virtual concession of the contract. While ducking might cost his side a club trick, it kept alive the possibility of defeating the slam. However, Karpin's excellent play notwithstanding, declarer still should have anticipated that East would play low on the first club whether or not he had the king. The fact that the first club finesse worked by no means guaranteed that West had the king. After the first club held, South should have cashed the A-K of hearts, crossed to the club ace and led a heart toward the J-4. This approach would fail only if West had started with four or more hearts including the Q-10. This holding was extremely unlikely. West was already known to hold four spades, presumably at least two clubs and, with 11 diamonds outstanding, had to have some length in that suit. West was therefore a strong favorite not to hold heart length, so the recommended play in hearts offered the best chance of success.

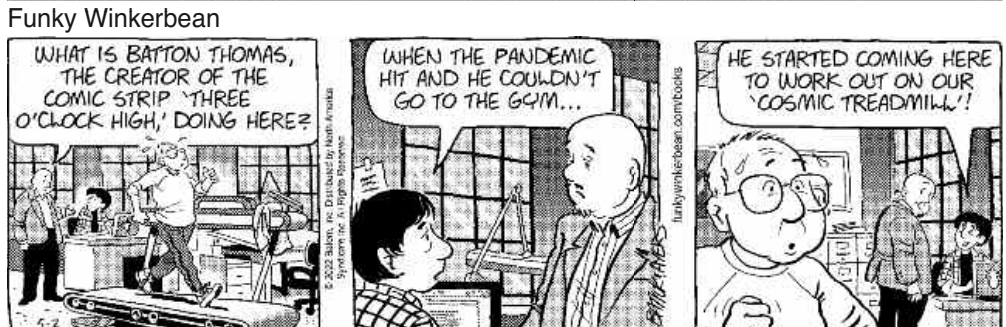
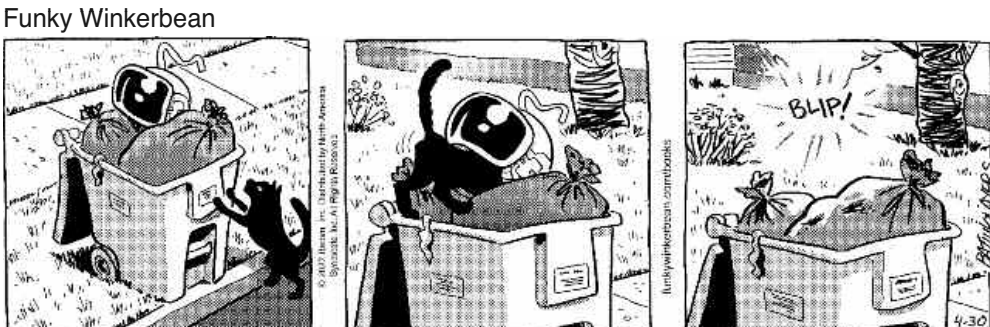
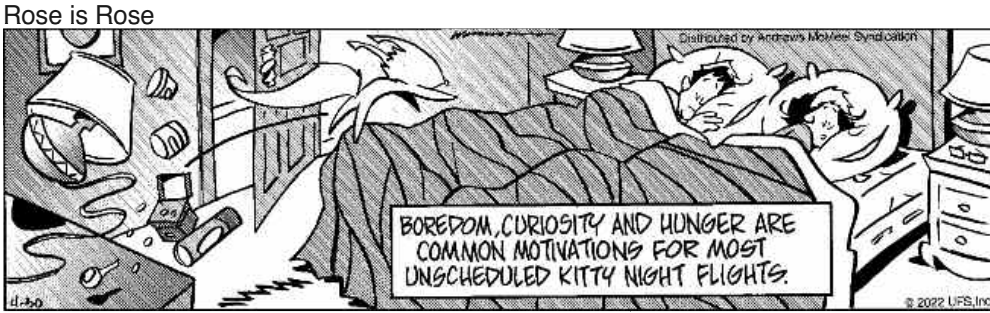
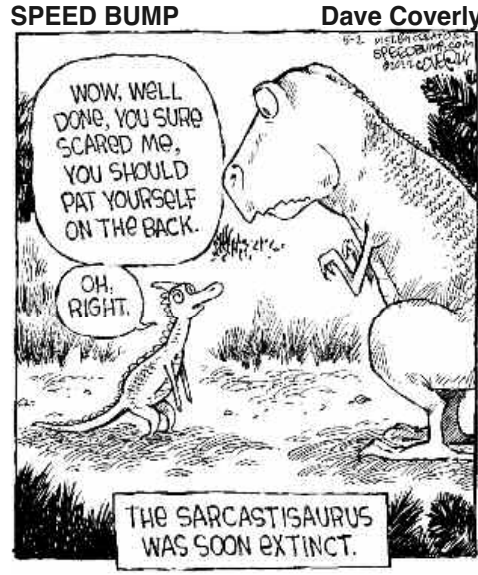
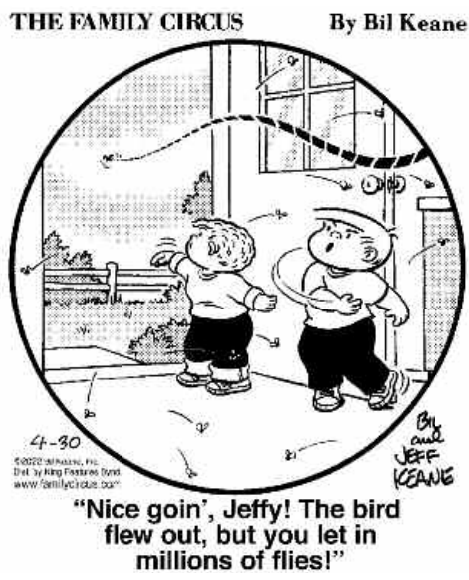
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Famous Hand South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH 10 9 A K J 4 2 10 7 6 9 8 5 4 K J 10 2 K Q WEST 10 9 A K J 4 2 10 7 6 9 8 5 4 6 3 SOUTH J 3 Q 9 8 5 A Q 6 A 9 8 4 The bidding: South 1 Pass 1 Pass 1 NT Pass 3 NT East 1 Pass 1 Pass 3 NT Opening lead — ten of spades. This deal was played many years ago in a tournament in Vienna. It features an exceptional defensive play by West, who laid a clever trap for declarer and then had the satisfaction of watching him fall right into it. After bidding all four suits at the one-level, North-South arrived at three notrump. West decided that the best hope to defeat the contract was to find his partner with strength behind dummy's spades. So he led the spade ten, which declarer ducked to East's queen. East then shifted to a low club, taken by dummy's queen. South had eight tricks — a spade, four diamonds and three clubs — and concluded that the best chance for a ninth lay in developing a heart trick. So at trick three, he led the ten of hearts from dummy, on which East played the three and South the five, but instead of taking the trick with the jack, West followed smoothly with the deuce! This apparent stroke of good fortune had the desired effect on South. Convinced that East must have the jack of hearts, declarer led another heart toward his Q-9-8 in an attempt to score an overtrick. The second heart lead met with a cordial reception from West, who proceeded to cash four heart tricks for down one. His brilliant duck of the first heart trick had lured a greedy South down the road to disaster. Of course, declarer could have romped home with nine tricks after the ten of hearts held. But how many players would be able to resist the temptation to try for an extra trick once the heart jack was "proven" to be with East? As for West, had he taken the first heart trick, South could not have been stopped from making the contract.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

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Appeal ...

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In 2012, after Ryan Braun had been suspended 50 games for testing positive for performance-enhancing substances, the suspension was thrown out via arbitration because testing protocols had not been followed.

Previous suspensions under the policy ranged from 15 to 162 games. Negotiated settlements are not considered as precedent, so the league could not tell an arbitrator its suspension of Bauer is in line with previous suspensions under the policy.

However, the policy negotiated with the players' union calls for sexual assault and domestic violence policies "comparable ... in scope and discipline" for team employees, league officials and owners. The league could argue that a precedent was set in 2019 by the four-month suspension of San Francisco Giants President Larry Baer, whose wife fell to the ground after he reached for her cellphone during an argument.

The Dodgers paid Bauer \$38 million last year. His contract calls for him to be paid \$32 million this year and \$32 million next year. Players are not paid while suspended.

If the suspension stands, the Dodgers would be off the hook for the balance of the contract.

If Bauer were willing to consider a settlement, he could have negotiated for some or all of the 111 games he has missed on leave to be counted as part of the settlement. Bauer instead is appealing, and if

he loses, he will miss 435 games.

Bauer has not pitched for the Dodgers since June 28, 2021, the day before a San Diego woman accused him of sexual assault during two sexual encounters at his Pasadena home. In the interim, with Bauer on paid leave through the end of last season and the start of this one, a judge denied the woman's request for a restraining order against him, and the Los Angeles County district attorney declined to file charges against him.

Under baseball's sexual assault policy, Manfred is empowered to suspend a player for violating the policy even if he is not charged with a crime.

For instance, the judge in the restraining order hearing ruled that "the only evidence of anything which happened while (the woman) was unconscious was having been hit on the butt," despite her allegations of other injuries sustained while unconscious during the two encounters last spring. The judge also said her injuries, as depicted in photographs, were "terrible," even if she was "not ambiguous about wanting rough sex in the ... first encounter and wanting rougher sex in the second encounter."

The woman has provided medical records in which doctors diagnosed her with "assault by manual strangulation" and "acute head injury" following the second sexual encounter with Bauer. His legal team contested the accuracy of the medical assessment.



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Heniser hurls

Jay County High School senior Crosby Heniser reaches back to throw a pitch Thursday evening during the Patriots 6-5 loss to Adams Central. Heniser struck out 10 batters in five innings while giving up six runs — five earned — on seven hits.

Purdue ...

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"I certainly think that (the coaching staff) are going to be able to take him to the next level, and he's a guy that can play all on the line."

Karalafis was a first-team All-Big Ten selection in 2021, recording 11.5 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks in 12 games. He also had three forced fumbles, a pair of pass breakups, and blocked a field goal.

He ended up starting all 27 games that he played while at Purdue, also becoming a first-team freshman All-American back in 2019 when he had 7.5 sacks and 17.0 tackles for loss.

He had a PFF pass rush grade of 90.6 this past season, recording 54

total pressures last season. The Chiefs had just 31 sacks last season, better only than three other teams in the NFL.

Showing his appreciation, head coach Andy Reid called him "the Greek Freak."

"You're going to love him," Reid said. "He's high octane."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf at Winchester Invitational — 8 a.m.; Baseball at Wapahani Invitational — 9:30 a.m.; Girls track at Muncie Central Relays — 10 a.m.; JV baseball at Muncie Central — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball doubleheader vs. Russia — 11 a.m.; JV softball at Versailles — 10 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high boys track at Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Arcanum — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Arcanum — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Arcanum — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys golf at Bellmont 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; JV softball at South Adams — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Track in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.; Baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.; Softball at Versailles — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Versailles — 5 p.m.; Junior high track in Mercer County Meet at Coldwater — 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
Noon — NFL football: Draft (ESPN)
Noon — College football: Maryland Spring Game (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester City at Leeds United (NBC)
2 p.m. — College football: Minnesota Spring Game (BTN)
2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona Diamondbacks at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — AMA Supercross (NBC)
4 p.m. — USFL football: Houston Gamblers at Tampa Bay Bandits (FOX)
7 p.m. — MMA: UFC Fight night (ESPN)
8 p.m. — USFL football: New Orleans Breakers at Birmingham Stallions (FOX)
8:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)

10 p.m. — Boxing: Oscar Valdez vs. Shakur Stevenson (ESPN)

Sunday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Madrid Open (Bally Indiana)
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at Everton (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Arsenal at West Ham United (USA)

1 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Milwaukee Bucks at Boston Celtics (ABC)
1 p.m. — Auto racing: Indy Grand Prix of Alabama (NBC)
1 p.m. — USFL football: Pittsburgh Maulers at Michigan Panther (USA)
2 p.m. — College baseball: Michigan at Purdue (BTN); Mississippi at Arkansas (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Auto racing: SportsCar Championship — WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca (NBC)
3:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Colorado Rockies (Bally Indiana)
3:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Minnesota Timberwolves at Memphis Grizzlies (ABC)
4 p.m. — Soccer: Major League Soccer: Philadelphia Union at Nashville SC (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets (ESPN)

Monday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Madrid Open (Bally Indiana)

3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Brentford at Manchester United (USA)
4:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Kansas City Royals at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Miami Heat (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Dallas Mavericks at Phoenix Suns (TNT)

Tuesday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Madrid Open (Bally Indiana)
7:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Milwaukee Brewers (Bally Indiana)
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS)

Local notes

Boomer registration is open
Registration is now open for Jay Community Center's Boomer T-Ball and Coach Pitch.
The program is open to boys and girls ages 3 through 6. Games will be played Saturdays at Portland Junior League fields.
Cost is \$55 before May 16, and registration includes t-shirt, hat and practice ball. Multiple child discounts are available.
For more information, contact Jay Community Center at (260) 726-6477.
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Sports



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Flip shot

Hair flips in front of Kaylee Zimmerman's face as the Jay County High School No. 2 doubles player hits a shot Tuesday during the Patriots' 3-2 victory over sectional rival Union City.

Purdue end is chosen in 1st round

By **BRANDON ZENNER**
St. Joseph News-Press
Tribune News Service

When the Chiefs' second pick of the first round came around late Thursday night, the No. 10-ranked player by Pro Football Focus was staring down general manager Brett Veach.

Kansas City ultimately used its second pick to select Purdue defensive end George Karlaftis at No. 30 overall. Karlaftis, a third-team All-American, is 6-foot-4, 266 pounds and has a 38-inch vertical.

"He hasn't played a lot of football. Another young guy that has a ton of upside, played a little inside and outside last season, relentless motor," Veach said. "This guy's like Trent, is going to come in and be ready to contribute on Day 1."

Karlaftis was born and raised in Athens, Greece. He got a late start to football, originally being part of Greece's youth national water polo team as a goalie. He moved to the United States in eighth grade.

"All the people that we spoke to at Purdue just talked about, the best football's in front of him," Veach said. "I think one thing that is common, and every one that you talked to about George, is just his approach to the game and how important it is to him."

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Bauer suspended, plans to appeal

By **BILL SHAIKIN**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

LOS ANGELES — Trevor Bauer was suspended for two years by Major League Baseball on Friday, triggering a new front in Bauer's efforts to fight sexual assault allegations that could keep him off the field until well into the 2024 season.

The Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher can pursue an expedited appeal to the league's independent arbi-

trator. He cannot play during the appeal process.

Of the 16 players suspended under baseball's sexual assault and domestic violence policy, Bauer is the first not to agree to a negotiated settlement. He could argue that he does not warrant any suspension because he did nothing wrong, and that commissioner Rob Manfred has suspended him for unconventional but consensual sex rather than for sexual assault.

"In the strongest possible terms,

I deny committing any violation of the league's domestic violence & sexual assault policy," Bauer said in a statement. "I am appealing this action and expect to prevail."

In a statement, Manfred said the league's investigation had concluded, and he had determined Bauer's conduct violated the policy and warranted a suspension. In statements announcing such suspensions, the league does not reveal the specific conduct that

triggered the discipline, in accordance with the collectively bargained policy.

An arbitrator can reduce or overturn a suspension. In 2014, when MLB suspended Alex Rodriguez for 211 games for "use and possession of numerous forms of prohibited performance-enhancing substances ... over the course of multiple years," an arbitrator reduced the suspension to 162 games.

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