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In their lanes



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Crown City Lanes has undergone a facelift in the last few months. Pictured are some of the new lane and approach panels, fresh paint and the new masking unit.

Ritchie and Marcum are re-opening bowling alley in Dunkirk this week

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Tim Ritchie and Duane Marcum started bowling together when they were children.

They played in the junior league at Dunkirk's Crown City Lanes, which was previously owned by Ritchie's parents.

About two years ago, the bowling alley at 115 Eaton Pike closed during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now Ritchie and Marcum have revived the lanes.

Crown City Lanes opens today to bowling leagues, with its first night of open bowling set to begin at 4 p.m. Friday.

Marcum and Ritchie started renovations in May. They received a \$25,000 loan through Dunkirk's Downtown Revitalization Program in order to help with the work.

"It's been pretty much a full remodel," Ritchie said.

The bowling alley originally had the traditional wood lanes and approaches. In recent years, explained Ritchie, many bowling alleys have transitioned to synthetic panels. They were able to find some panels in good condition for an affordable price, and they installed the panels along the lanes and approaches.

"Everything else got a facelift," Ritchie added.

Ritchie and Marcum removed several interior walls, relocated the restrooms to the north side of the building and added a pro shop near the south entrance.

"It's something that this facility has never really had," Ritchie said of the pro shop, pointing out that his father, Don, offered drilling services to customize bowling balls to an individual's grip.

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One of the bowling alley's newest features is its pro shop, which offers drilling services as well as products, such as the bowling balls pictured above. The shop is located next to the south entrance of the building.

Nearly a million loaned through program

State launched Accelerate Indiana last fall

By CASEY SMITH
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An interest-free loan program funded by Indiana taxpayers has dished out nearly \$1 million to students seeking technical training, although some advocates caution that such lending plans could be misleading to students.

The Accelerate Indiana program launched last fall after state lawmakers rushed to spend the state's surplus of federal COVID-19 relief money during the 2021 session. The General Assembly wrote in \$75 million for the revolving fund without prior public discussion, and gave little direction to INvestEd — the state's college loan agency overseeing the program.

The amount was more than three times what the legislature appropriated to Republican Gov. Eric Holcomb's Next Level Jobs program two years ago.

Accelerate Indiana has so far disbursed \$888,155 for 176 students to use for short-term training at qualified education programs around the state, said Bill Wozniak, INvestEd's vice president of marketing. Another \$138,755 is scheduled to be disbursed once other approved courses and programs officially begin.

An additional \$193,314 has been used for startup and operational purposes, Wozniak said.

The loan dollars are intended to help Hoosiers complete worker training programs in high-tech fields like health sciences, logistics, construction and IT. New training programs are routinely reviewed and approved, Wozniak said.

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Judge grants special master

By ERIK LARSON
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

A federal judge granted Donald Trump's request for a neutral third party to review documents seized by the FBI from his Florida home and temporarily barred the government from using the trove to develop its criminal investigation into the former president.

U.S. District Judge Aileen Cannon, a Trump appointee, said in a Monday ruling that the government could continue to access the documents — many of them bearing the nation's highest classification markings — for the limited purposes of conducting a national security review that's already underway.

"The investigation and treatment of a former president is of unique interest to the general public, and the country is served best by an orderly process that promotes the inter-

est and perception of fairness," Cannon said in her ruling.

Cannon ruled that the special master could review the seized materials for both attorney-client privilege and executive privilege. The Justice Department argued that a former president cannot assert executive privilege against the administration of the sitting president, but the judge said the Supreme Court had not settled that issue.

The suggestion that the Supreme Court may need to decide the issue points to the possibility of significant delay in the case if the Justice Department appeals Cannon's ruling. That's a win for Trump, who may be able to push his own narrative about the search and air his grievances — including ahead of the midterm elections — while the case against him is stuck in legal limbo.

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Pee Wee waves

Members of the Jay County Pee Wee Football Buccaneers smile and wave as they walk across the track while being introduced during halftime of Friday night's Jay County High School football game against Southern Wells.

Deaths

Inez Lowe, 102, Dunkirk
Susan Huntsman, 61, Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 78 degrees on Labor Day. The low was 68. Tonight's low will be in the upper 50s. Expect a high of 78 Wednesday under mostly sunny skies.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Correction

The sports editor has been struggling with rosters on Friday nights. Players in photos on page 9 were incorrectly identified in the last two Saturday editions. Pictured in Saturday's paper assisting Christian Runkle on a tackle was Austin Schoenlein (52). Pictured Making a tackle in the Aug. 27 edition was Trey Nichols.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of tonight's Portland City Council meeting.

Friday — Results from the JCHS boys soccer team's game against Yorktown.



It's nearly time to prepare for winter

By **DIANA DOLECKI**

Special to The Commercial Review

As I See It



The resident hawk decided to use our backyard as the best place to eat breakfast. I was hoping he was having a squirrel but I doubt that the leftover feathers indicated anything but another bird. It took him more than an hour before he had enough.

He or one of his friends stops by every few months. They usually leave a few feathers or fur behind. Maybe that is their way of giving us a tip.

The garden is winding down. The last batch of

green beans have been picked and snapped. They are bubbling away on the stove. The tomatoes have finally decided to bear fruit. The cucumbers are strange. They are round instead of long. Maybe they want to be tomatoes. The rest of the veggies didn't bother coming up. I am not sure why not.

Summer may not be

officially over but the air has changed. We put new windows in the kitchen and bathroom. The idea is to keep the snow outside the house rather than building up in the corners of the windows like it has done in previous winters. We discovered that if we removed the windows from the sashes that everything was more manageable. Now we only have a couple more to do before the snow flies.

The kids are all back in school. Granddaughter Emma was upset that she didn't get the part in a play that she auditioned for. She is helping with

the costuming and all the other stuff that goes along with putting on a play. She might find that she likes that better than her original plan.

Grandson Nicky is excited to bring his cello home for the first time. Other grandson, Jacob, is still playing his trombone. Maybe the boys can play together someday.

Jacob is still very much interested in bugs, snakes and other critters that are best left alone. The boy has no fear. I find it interesting that when they recently went to an aquarium Jacob could identify most of the wildlife. Some exhibits

didn't have any information so Jacob filled in the missing data. I wish they lived closer to us. He would love going on a tour of the Limberlost swamp.

I asked how my daughter's big dog, Sweetums, was doing since Cheeto the chihuahua died. I was told that she misses her companion. Being allowed to sleep with Nicky makes both dog and boy happy. I assume that they will get another dog one of these days.

They have had so much rain lately that several of the practice football games have been canceled. The first baseball

games were also canceled. Nicky plays football and Jacob plays baseball.

They are all settling into the new school year. Emma has been asked to drop Jacob off and pick him up after school. She does this willingly, or so I've been told. Nicky is enjoying his music class and shows no sign of turning the teacher into a frog like he did when he was in kindergarten.

All of this is to say that for the most part the family is doing well and that everybody is wrapping up the summer projects in preparation for the upcoming winter.

Man bites off more than he can chew with remarks

DEAR ABBY: Every year my girlfriend and I take each other out for dinner on our birthdays and bring a gift. This year, even though I am currently experiencing financial hardship, I bought her a gift and offered her dinner.

At the restaurant, she ordered the largest portion of what she wanted. She stated it's what she always orders in that restaurant. I responded that she always takes half of it home, and that I had offered to buy her dinner for that night, not for two days. She got very angry and said I was ruining her birthday.

She then said she'd pay for her own meal. I declined her offer and paid, but now I'm wondering if I was wrong. She did pay for half the appetizer, which I didn't want or eat, and she left the tip. Should I have told her before we went out to dinner that I was on a tighter budget? Can our relationship be saved? — LOSING IN LAS VEGAS

DEAR LOSING: Strong relationships thrive when there is honest communication. You and the Birthday Girl have been seeing each other for an extended period of time. If money is tight, you should have mentioned it long before her birthday rolled around. Yes, she should have been aware of it before you invited her to dinner. Because she

Dear Abby



wasn't, I can understand why she might have been put off by what she may have interpreted as a snide comment rather than a cry for help. Can your relationship be saved? Yes, as long as you two REALLY start talking to each other.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my early 40s. I have reconnected with a girl I dated in high school. Things are wonderful. I have come to understand that she was "wronged" by other men more than once in the years in between. But I have also learned it was happening during our relationship as teens. I cannot stop ripping myself in half for not realizing it was happening and doing nothing to stop it. I wasn't damaged; she was.

I am hesitant to do anything that makes her revisit her pain, but it is something I can't let go of. I am not sure how I should proceed in the present, so that I don't let the past damage a future that seems so bright. Could you please give me a woman's point

of view? — CAUTIOUS IN MICHIGAN

DEAR CAUTIOUS: Understand that you and this woman were very different people when you dated more than 20 years ago. I suspect my point of view is similar to what you would get from a man: If you plan to proceed with this romance, the two of you should get at least six months of couples counseling from a licensed professional.

A lot has happened to you both in the intervening years since high school. There was nothing you could do to stop anything that happened. She was a willing participant in those failed relationships. Your future with her will be brighter once you know each other better as adults, which will involve frank communication on both of your parts.

DEAR ABBY: My husband often points out my flaws and shortcomings. For 20 years now, while I try to make changes, I find myself in the same place on most issues. He's increasingly impatient with me, and I get a daily rundown of what I should or could have done better.

I don't want to lose our marriage. He thinks of himself as a "coach." As he sees it, some of my most annoying habits are tied to

my now deceased parents, who were displaced persons with no education during the Second World War. I understand his frustrations. I agree with him and want to be the best person I can be, but I'm often mired in sentiment for my parents and act and do as they might have.

I talk with a therapist, which sometimes helps, but I still feel tied to their old ways and can't seem to stand on my own feet as my own person. I'm at a loss about what to do. Thank you for any direction you can offer. — STILL LOST IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR STILL LOST: Start discussing "generational trauma" with your therapist. The psychological and physiological effects of trauma experienced by people (e.g., refugees from World War II and other conflicts) often impact subsequent generations.

When a couple marry, they are supposed to accept each other the way they ARE. Over the last two decades your husband hasn't done that. He may mean well by his "coaching," but from where I sit, it appears more like a never-ending stream of criticism. Rather than so readily blame yourself, PLEASE discuss this, too, with your therapist.

DEAR ABBY: I am a middle-

aged man. My girlfriend of nine months is the same age. I have been pretty careful in guarding against COVID over the last two years. Abby, my girlfriend showed up yesterday, obviously sick. The first words out of her mouth were, "I didn't tell you because I know you would have canceled the date." She told me she had tested herself for COVID and it was negative, and she just has "allergies." As the day progressed, her congestion/sickness grew worse. When I discussed this with my adult children (who live at home), they were furious! We were supposed to celebrate Labor Day with a gathering at her place. I canceled it, telling her she has to be 100%. Should I have waited longer to start dating? — CAREFUL IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR CAREFUL: A less self-centered person than your girlfriend would have informed you that she wasn't feeling well and offered to reschedule your date, or left the decision up to you. She would not have shown up and risked exposing you and your family members to COVID. I am not advising that you should have waited longer to start dating. Instead, you should have chosen whom you dated more carefully, because this woman is dangerously selfish and inconsiderate.

Community Calendar

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

Today

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

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 - BRI-

ANNA'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. Creagor 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.

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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

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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The 9/11 hijackers and Osama bin Laden, all deservedly dead, planned a coordinated attack with multiple strikes, killing thousands. They made no distinction between victims at the World Trade Center or at the Pentagon or at the likely target of the Capitol, which was saved when heroic passengers brought down Flight 93 in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

So why does the health program set up by Congress under

Guest Editorial

the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for responders and survivors suffering from serious and too often fatal maladies from exposure to the toxic fallout from the attack — a program that this column has cham-

pioned for years — exclude Department of Defense personnel, civilian and uniform, if they incurred their 9/11 illnesses at the Pentagon and Shanksville?

Be it an oversight or a drafting error, the implications are clear, as Mike McAuliff explains in the Daily News: Military personnel who aided the rescue and recovery at the Pentagon and in Shanksville and were sickened with cancer and other diseases are not eligible to have Uncle Sam pick up their medical treatment. Soldiers and sailors and

Marines and DOD civilians who were exposed downtown are in the program, as are other non-military people, such as firefighters and cops, who were exposed at the Pentagon and Shanksville.

The people spotlighted in the paper, Nate Coward and a former Pentagon employee named Jacqueline, are just two, but there are more and Congress must extend the 9/11 health program to include them. Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney and Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand are already working on the problem,

and Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer must use his considerable clout to get it done this year, along with the full funding of the health program, which is running short of resources.

There are famous images of Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld helping evacuate people from the Pentagon on 9/11. Because of the law's quirk, Rumsfeld, who died last summer from cancer, would not have been allowed to join the 9/11 health program. Fix it.

Longtime writer declares 'no mas'

By **BUD HERRON**
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OK, OK. I'll admit it. I am a quitter. I may not be a big-time, famous quitter like Roberto Duran, but I still think my quitting deserves some recognition.

Duran is the Panamanian boxer famous for screaming, "No mas, No mas" ("No more" in Spanish) in 1980 as he quit in the middle of a fight with Sugar Ray Leonard in front of a packed crowd at the Louisiana Superdome and a television audience in the millions.

Admittedly, I am a small-time quitter compared to Duran, if my accomplishment is measured in terms of worldwide notoriety, but when evaluated based on the number of quits, I am even with the Panamanian.

A couple of weeks ago, I emailed Dave Stafford, the editor of this editorial page, and told him my final Sunday column would be August 28.

Dave was somewhat shocked. (Dave has only been in charge of this page for about a year and likely was not aware this is the third time I have quit writing this column "forever.") Since retirement from full-time newspaper work 15 years ago, I have had a love-hate relationship with writing. Besides the repeated bouts with producing this Sunday column, I wrote articles for a while for the newspaper's various magazine supplements. And, for a long time before the death of my friend Charlie Biggs, who owned the now-defunct Star-Journal weekly in Hope, I wrote columns for that newspaper.

After both Charlie and the newspaper died, I joined a group of residents to launch an electronic version of the paper (HSJ Online) and wrote online columns published there.

Then Chuck Wells, former publisher of The Republic, asked me to write this column each Sunday. I declined at first, then decided, "Why not?"

At times I tired of writing or just felt my enthusiasm for the craft wane, so I quit writing. Then, after a while, I felt the pull to write again and each time The Republic welcomed me back.

A few weeks ago, something inside me screamed, "No mas. No mas." As a peer in the business told me years ago when I was trying to decide when to retire from full-time newspaper work, "That's not something you need to plan. When the time comes, you will know it."

Well, the time has come. I had intended just to quit writing and let the column

Bud Herron



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simply disappear, but Dave told me I needed to write something to let readers know I was quitting again — this time for good.

I told him some readers would miss the column until the Monday after the last one was published. Others wouldn't miss it at all, but would be happy they no longer had to skip it.

In the end, Dave talked me into writing this piece of closure.

After Duran's embarrassing "quit" in the fight with Leonard, the Panamanian continued to keep coming back for one more fight. Finally, at the age of 50, after "quitting" three times and returning to lesser and lesser challengers, Duran hung up his gloves and started selling bottled water.

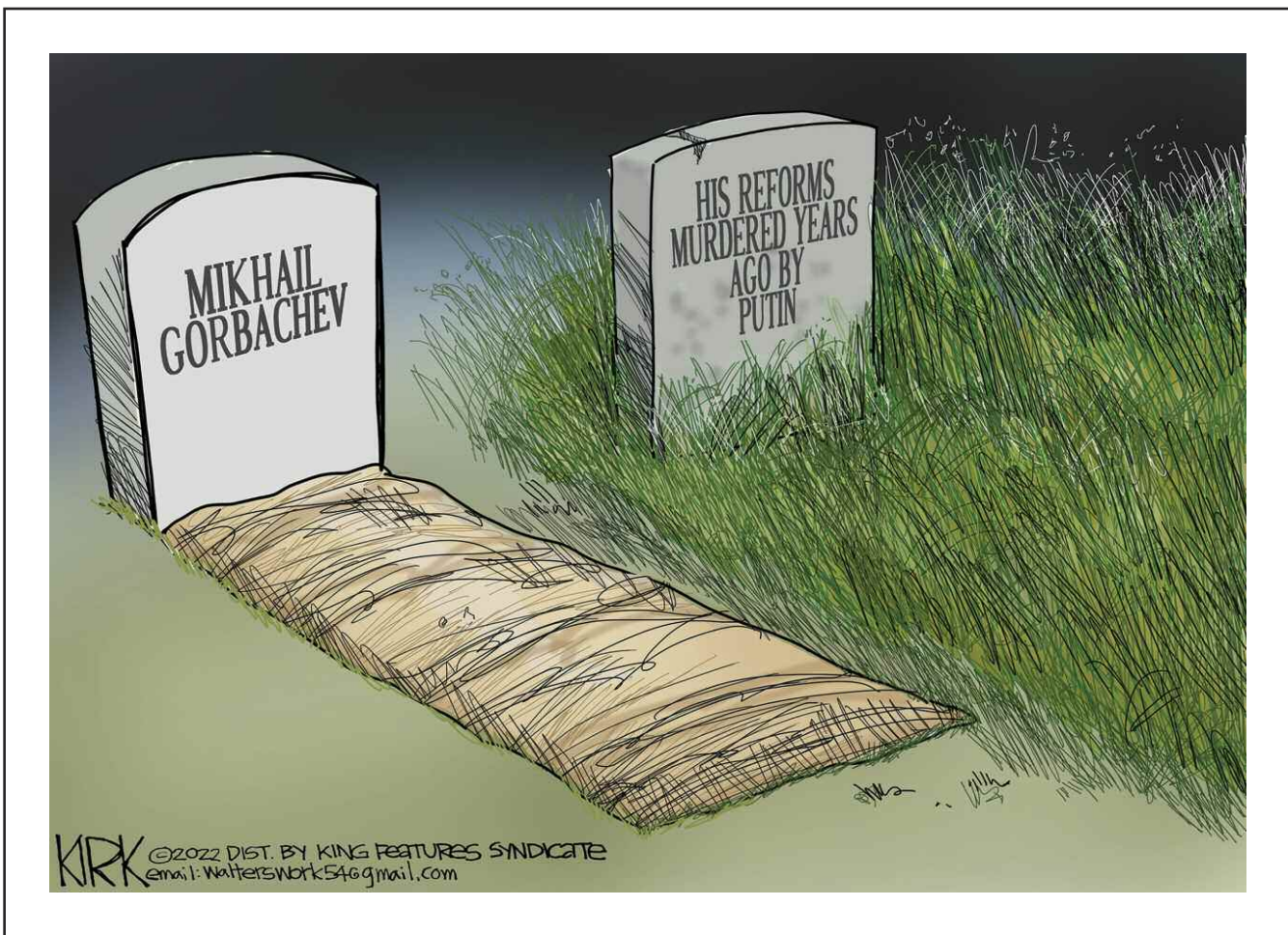
Today Duran is 71 and is the brand ambassador for Panama Blue, his native land's premium bottled water.

As for me, I have no plans to begin promoting "Columbus Brown" bottled water from the Driftwood River. Neither do I have any plans to write columns.

My thanks to those who read my columns and to The Republic for publishing my thoughts. I certainly had a lot of fun.

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Paranoia may cost party

By **JONATHAN BERNSTEIN**
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The terror that mainstream conservative Republican politicians have felt over the threat of being called insufficiently conservative — of being tagged as Republicans in Name Only — has made governing difficult for them since the 1990s. But whenever they were the minority party in Washington, they could correctly assume that there was little electoral cost to mollifying the party's right wing.

This year, that presumption may no longer hold up. With an incumbent president whose approval rating barely tops 40% and plenty of discontent about the economy, Democrats should be facing heavy losses. Instead, there are signs Republicans might only make minor gains in the November midterms. The GOP could even lose seats in the Senate and among governors. And that is all due to Republican fears of being labeled RINO.

From the 2016 presidential campaign through the second impeachment vote in the Senate, Republicans have had plenty of opportunities to rid themselves of Trump. Yet time after time, they chose instead to stick with him, with the party and with party-aligned media, giving Trump, who apparently cares little about public policy or the conservative movement, the ability to decide what counts as orthodoxy.

Given the legal trouble the former president has gotten himself into, being a "true conservative" now includes a requirement to defend Trump's attempt to overthrow the 2020 election as well as his right to classified material, including ultra-sensitive information about human intelligence, and store it willy-nilly at a not-even-close-to-secure location.

Republicans know that the weeks leading up to midterm elections aren't a good time to pick a fight with the party leader, especially one who they believe won't hesitate to turn against anyone who opposes him. That means the next opportu-

Jonathan Bernstein



nity to move away from Trump is probably after the November midterms. Until then, Republicans are probably stuck with whatever he does that disrupts the party's attempts to run coherent campaigns and focus voters on President Joe Biden's weaknesses.

Nominating extremist candidates who perform badly in general elections has occasionally been costly for Republicans. It's getting much worse. To some extent this is a consequence of having Trump around, but the former president's support doesn't carry that much clout.

Instead, the problem has been that the party simply doesn't know how to protect itself from cranks and fraudsters. Republicans lack an effective counterargument against anyone who claims to be a true conservative and denounces everyone else for being RINOs. So inexperienced candidates with unpopular views, such as Arizona Senate nominee Blake Masters, or Pennsylvania gubernatorial nominee Doug Mastriano, often get nominated — or they wind up dragging the eventual nominee so far from the mainstream that the nominee risks losing.

Democrats don't always nominate moderates, and even healthy parties sometimes choose to embrace unpopular positions despite the potential electoral costs. But Republicans too often act as if the only question of any relevance is which candidate is the purest conservative. Relevant experience and appeal to independents is either ignored or actually considered a flaw.

It isn't clear how much the Supreme Court's decision to end the constitutional right to abortions will cost Republicans this fall. But it

sure doesn't appear to be helping. The court itself has become unpopular. Voters appear to be increasingly attached to abortion rights now that those rights have been threatened or eliminated; meanwhile Republican legislatures are passing all sorts of uncompromising bills.

We could chalk up some of this to a normal willingness to push through new policies even at the cost of future electoral loss. But Republican moves following the court ruling, in addition to the court's decision itself, seem reckless. Republican presidents and senators haven't been satisfied with solidly conservative justices such as current Chief Justice John Roberts or former Justice Anthony Kennedy. Trump, in particular, used judicial nominations to secure the support of the hardest-line activists within the Republican coalition, and Republican senators eagerly went along, only to find that if you put extremists on the court you're likely to get extreme decisions that put targets on the politicians who supported them.

The same goes for state legislators and governors who are unwilling to settle for most of a loaf when they can grab the whole thing. Abortion is one of several policy areas, along with guns and climate, in which Republican judges are taking extreme stands that are wildly popular among the most loyal Republican voters but have little backing beyond them.

It's still possible that Biden's unpopularity will swamp everything else once the majority of voters start paying attention. But it's also possible that for perhaps the first time in modern U.S. history, the party out of power will manage to throw away an election that they stood to win.

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Plants will remain open

Move made to combat energy crisis

By ARNE DELFS, ANIA NUSSBAUM and RACHEL MORISON
Bloomberg News
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Germany moved to keep two nuclear plants available this winter in a policy reversal, as European leaders scrambled for emergency fixes to the deepening energy crisis.

Moscow's move to switch off its main gas pipeline to Europe sent gas and power prices surging on Monday, adding urgency to politicians' efforts to stem a crisis that risks turning into an economic, social and financial disaster too.

In a hastily arranged call, German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and French President Emmanuel Macron made an energy pact to help each other through the winter, as they forged a united front ahead of EU negotiations later this week on crisis-fighting tools.

European Union energy ministers are set to meet on Friday, and the proposals on the table so far include power-demand curbs, measures to boost liquidity in the sector as collateral demands skyrocket and a price cap on gas. In a measure of how the bloc is ready to rip up long-hallowed policies, there's even a draft proposal to make it cheaper to pollute to reduce the cost of electricity.

Germany's move to keep two nuclear plants in reserve also marked a poli-

cy shift that was a difficult move for Scholz's coalition government. Economy Minister Robert Habeck insisted that the nuclear exit enacted in the wake of the Fukushima disaster was still in place but two plants will be kept in reserve in case they're needed — for this winter only.

"I will do everything to ensure Germany's energy security," Habeck said. "This way, we can act if worst comes to worst."

Hours earlier, officials and executives predicted that Germany will struggle to meet its targets of filling up gas storage with Nord Stream shut.

With Germany short of gas and France short of electricity as its once mighty nuclear fleet has been hit by a series of issues, the two countries agreed to back each other up through the winter.

France will complete works in the coming weeks to be able to export gas to Germany "each time it's needed" this winter, Macron said. At the same time, Germany will boost power output to be able to export more electricity to France when demand peaks.

French power prices for the start of next year are about 30% higher than in Germany as Electricite de France SA struggles with its nuclear plants. Usually, a major exporter of power at peak times, France is demanding imports this year — one of the reasons European prices are so high.

As Macron called on French citizens to cut their demand by 10%, Habeck said more measures would be needed. Both countries back an EU-wide windfall tax on energy profits, Macron said. Macron also called for oversight of "speculation" on energy prices, and backs calls to sever the link between gas prices and those of power.



The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

Duane Marcum and Tim Ritchie, pictured above, have reopened Crown City Lanes in Dunkirk. The pair of friends started renovating the bowling alley in May.

Lanes ...

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The new shop will offer the same drilling services, along with products including shoes and balls.

Various other updates include new carpet, lights, tables, chairs and TVs. Also purchased were a new sound system, masking unit and lane machine, which conditions and cleans lanes. New pins have been ordered as well, although because of supply chain issues — there is a shortage of the type of resin needed to make them — they aren't expected to arrive until October.

Ritchie and Marcum repainted the chairs located along the approaches, as well as the walls. They also had the business' logo redesigned. It now depicts a crowned bowling ball rolling over a group of pins. Currently, the automated

pinsetter and scoring system are the same ones used by former owners and Ritchie's parents, Don and Phyllis. He said they may look into updates in the future.

Ritchie and Marcum have always enjoyed bowling.

"We've had to be bowling (together) since we were 10," said Marcum, whose mother bowled regularly at Crown City Lanes.

Ritchie remembered their teen years.

"When we got our license(s), we just started bowling in tournaments everywhere that we could physically afford to get to," said Ritchie, generating a chuckle from Marcum. "Many road trips."

Marcum, a Dunkirk native, coached the bowling team at Blackford High School in 2021. Then he and

Ritchie decided to reopen their old stomping grounds.

Don Hamilton originally opened Crown City Lanes in 1961. Don Ritchie purchased the business around '68 and continued operations under the same name.

"He kept the name (then), so we decided to do the same," said Ritchie.

Don and Phyllis Ritchie of Gaston operated Crown City Lanes for more than 50 years until 2020, when the coronavirus pandemic caused non-essential businesses to temporarily shut down.

Tim Ritchie pointed out his parents had planned to retire soon anyhow.

"So when the pandemic hit, it was just kind of time to shut it down," he said.

At that time, Ritchie, a Muncie resident, wasn't

able to take over the business. Ritchie and Marcum both have full-time jobs outside of Crown City Lanes.

But paired together, with help from family and friends, they're ready to open their doors for local residents eager to play.

"We both grew up bowling here, and it's in the family with (Ritchie), so it's kind of a no-brainer," said Marcum.

Plans are to offer tournaments, as well as a league for children, in the near future. Bowling leagues kick off at 6:30 p.m. today, Wednesday and Thursday, with the business tentatively opening around 4 p.m. each day. League spots are limited.

Open bowling begins at 4 p.m. Friday and 1 p.m. Saturday, with the business operating until about 10 p.m. both days.

Grants ...

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"The United States is examining the opinion and will consider appropriate next steps in the ongoing litigation," Justice Department spokesman Anthony Coley said in a Monday statement.

"It is a setback for DOJ," said Richard Serafini, a South Florida lawyer who previously worked for the Justice Department. "The biggest problem for DOJ was the inclusion of executive privilege. That, at least, suggests that former President Trump had a possessory interest in the documents taken from the White House."

Trump issued a statement following the ruling saying "it takes courage and 'guts' to fight a totally corrupt Department of

Justice' and the FBI." The former president has repeatedly attacked the investigation of his retention of government records as politically motivated.

Cannon in the ruling said the exact details of the review process will be decided after both sides submit proposals. She asked the Justice Department and Trump's lawyers to submit candidates for special master by Sept. 9.

Trump "ultimately may not be entitled to return of much of the seized property or to prevail on his anticipated claims of privilege. That inquiry remains for another day," Cannon wrote. "For now, the circumstances surrounding the seizure in this case and the associated need for adequate procedural safeguards

are sufficiently compelling to at least get plaintiff past the courthouse doors."

The government started its search for highly classified White House records that were taken by Trump after he lost the 2020 election to President Joe Biden.

The judge said in her ruling that a neutral search for documents was justified in part by the Justice Department's admission that the investigative team had already inadvertently seen documents potentially covered by attorney-client privilege.

"Those instances alone, even if entirely inadvertent, yield questions about the adequacy of the filter review process," the judge said.

Cannon also questioned the

Justice Department's contention that Trump has no property interest in any of the presidential records seized from his residence because they belong to the government — not him.

"That position calls for an ultimate judgment on the merits as to those documents and their designations," Cannon said, adding that the government had already conceded that the search had resulted in the seizure of more than 500 pages of documents potentially covered by attorney-client privilege.

The case started after Trump voluntarily returned 15 boxes of records in January after months of negotiations with the National Archives. The Archives found highly classi-

fied documents in the trove and referred the matter to the Justice Department, which began a probe to determine if Trump had more such materials in his possession.

The court unsealed the search warrant in the case as well as part of the FBI affidavit that was used to secure it. But the redactions have so far prevented the public from learning how the Justice Department was able to determine that Trump wasn't handing over all the classified records in his possession. The case involves numerous civilian witnesses, according to the Justice Department.

Cannon issued a preliminary order on Aug. 27 indicating she was leaning toward granting Trump's request.

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I'M NERVOUS PERFORMING IN FRONT OF LARGE CROWDS.

Agnes

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WHAT? I COME FOR LUNCH. ANY SMART STUFF I GET WOULD BE ACCIDENTAL.

I LIKE LUNCH WHEN THEY HAVE THIS CREAMY BANANA CRUNCH!

THIS IS MAC AND CHEESE.

Hi and Lois

HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY AT SCHOOL?

BEST EVER!

SOMEBODY HAS A NEW GIRL IN HIS CLASS.

Funky Winkerbean

I REALLY LOVE GETTING TO SEE MY DAD'S OLD 'JOHN DARLING' SHOWS!

I WONDER IF MY MOM KNOWS THEY'RE RUNNING THESE?

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Beetle Bailey

CLAP CLAP

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Look before you leap

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 ♥ K 7
 ♦ A 8 3 2
 ♣ A 5 4

WEST
 ♠ A K Q J 5
 ♥ 10 6 3 2
 ♦ 9 4
 ♣ 8 7

EAST
 ♠ 7 3 2
 ♥ 8 5
 ♦ K 10 7
 ♣ 10 9 6 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ 9
 ♥ A Q J 9 4
 ♦ Q J 6 5
 ♣ K Q J

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1♥ 1♠ 2♦ Pass
 3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
 4♥

Opening lead — king of spades.

and tried a diamond finesse. East took the queen of diamonds with the king and returned a spade to his partner, who cashed two spades for down two.

Had the trumps been divided 3-3, or West had the diamond king, this method of play would have been successful. However, these declarers failed to make allowance for the much more likely 4-2 trump division, and it eventually cost them the contract when East turned up with the king of diamonds.

The proper line of play is relatively simple. In order to guard against a possible 4-2 trump division, South should discard a diamond at trick two. If he does this, he is on much safer ground.

In the actual case, West can do no better than continue with a third round of spades, and South can then afford to ruff with much greater equanimity. When he next plays four rounds of trump and takes the diamond finesse as before, East wins with the king, but this time, since he doesn't have a spade to return, South has the rest of the tricks.

In effect, declarer short-circuits the defense by deliberately conceding a spade at trick two. It is a trick South can easily afford to lose in the interests of safety.

Tomorrow: Pinpoint Bidding.
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CRYPTOQUIP

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Wax-coated cheese
 5 Jug handle
 8 Thinker
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 12 The Big Easy acronym
 13 "No seats" sign
 14 Squad
 15 French perfume brand
 16 Western toppers
 18 Treeless plains
 20 Thoreau piece
 21 Remiss
 22 Boxing legend
 23 Stupefies
 26 Spy's asset
 30 Compass dir.
 31 Actress Tyler
 32 Tic-tac-toe win
 33 Sound systems

DOWN

36 Ridicule
 38 Last (Abbr.)
 39 Airline to Sweden
 40 Ballroom dance
 43 First-rate
 47 Big name in pianos
 49 Architect
 50 Memo
 51 100%
 52 Work on proofs
 53 Hot tubs
 54 Hwy.
 55 Cushions

ACROSS

4 Christie sleuth
 Jane
 5 English county
 6 — and crafts
 7 Shad product
 8 Moscow's land
 9 Son of Seth
 10 Pinta's companion
 11 Online crafts site
 17 Far (Pref.)
 19 — de deux
 22 Off-roader (Abbr.)

DOWN

23 —
 Moines insect
 24 Busy follower
 25 Wye
 26 Bro's sib
 27 Singer
 Rawls
 28 Heavy weight
 29 Sizzling
 31 Parking place
 34 July birthstones
 35 Panache
 36 Menlo Park monogram
 37 In dreamland
 39 Fashion
 40 Taxpayer IDs
 41 Perched on
 42 Self-referential
 43 Popcorn seasoning
 44 Castor's mother
 45 Desertlike
 46 Decays
 48 Series of battles

Solution time: 22 mins.

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Sports

Two-for-two

FR's Brunswick and Heitkamp finish 2nd

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

GREENVILLE, Ohio — Natalie Brunswick is a natural front-of-the-pack runner.

Trevor Heitkamp has had to work to get into that mentality.

Both were there from start to finish Saturday.

Brunswick and Heitkamp, both Fort Recovery High School juniors, never fell out of the top five in their respective races and pushed the leaders at the end as they finished second in the Treaty City Invitational at Greenville City Park.

Brunswick's effort led the Tribe girls to a third-place finish with 111 points as they put seven runners in the top 45 in a field of 223. After finishing behind St. Henry at the Mercer County Meet to start the season, FRHS finished ahead of its Midwest Athletic Conference rival by eight points Saturday. Fort Loramie won the meet with 53 points, and Versailles was second with 90.

"We had a pretty darn good day," said FRHS coach Christy Diller. "Trevor had a fabulous race. He got pushed, which is great. You really benefit from that. And a good time on a really hot, muggy day."

"Natalie looked great. She just missed it right at the end to finish second. She's been coming on really nicely. ... Several of our high school girls really turned it on today. I'm super happy. I can't believe we got third. I'm very happy about that."

The Indian boys were 15th out of 17 scoring teams with 372 points, 18 behind 14th-place Coldwater and 35 ahead of 16th-place Ansonia. Marion



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Fort Recovery High School junior Jenna Hart runs in front of Mya Knapke (in pink) of St. Henry and other competitors during the Treaty City Invitational on Saturday at Greenville City Park. Hart climbed from about 40th position early in the race to post the Indians' No. 2 time of 22:09.4 as she took 20th place.

Local won easily with 82.

Brunswick and Heitkamp ran similar races, both running to the front of the pack in the first 500 yards. (Ellie Will joined Brunswick in the lead pack in the girls race.)

As the girls field thinned out,

Brunswick was in second place and she was battling with Keira Rahm of Versailles for the No. 2 spot at the mile mark. She was solidly second and gaining on leader Camille Borchers of Fort Loramie as the runners made their way back across The

Swinging Bridge over Greenville Creek at the 2.5-mile mark.

Brunswick was unable to reel in Borchers (20 minutes, 2.3 seconds), finishing a strong second in 20:07. Meredith Barga (20:17.7) and Rahm (20:26.9) of Versailles

were third and fourth, respectively.

"I don't think Natalie has to adjust much," said Diller of her running at the head of the pack. "That's just in her DNA to front run."

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Indians 1-2 at St. Henry

ST. HENRY, Ohio — The Indians slipped below .500, pulled even and then fell below again.

Fort Recovery High School's volleyball team went 1-2 Saturday at St. Henry, defeating Russia 25-19, 23-25, 25-19 while falling to Buckeye Central 19-25, 27-25, 25-20 and the hosts 25-22, 25-16.

Kennedy Muhlenkamp led the Indians on the day with 36 assists and five aces while finishing a perfect 36-of-36 from the service line. Mara Pearson also had five aces to go along with a team-best 25 kills and 18 digs. Audra Bubp had 30 digs, Teigen Fortkamp recorded 22 kills and Allysen Fullenkamp notched 10 blocks.

The Indians also lost 25-22, 25-17, 27-25 Thursday to Parkway. Pearson had 10 kills in the defeat, Muhlenkamp finished with 12 assists and 10 digs, and Saige Luethold totaled four blocks.

Thwait's Ks three

FORT WAYNE — Nick Thwait's bounced back from a difficult outing Thursday against the West Michigan Whitecaps to blank them over three innings Sunday. The Fort Wayne TinCaps lost to West Michigan, 9-4.

Thwait's, a 2018 Fort Recovery High School graduate, entered the game with Fort Wayne already trailing

FRHS roundup

6-2 in the third inning and gave the home team a chance to come back. He tossed three scoreless innings, striking out three batters while allowing three hits and two walks.

The outing, which came three days after he allowed two runs to the Whitecaps, dropped his ERA to 3.32. He has a 1.58 ERA over his last 28 1/3 innings dating back to July 1.

Ninth in region

The Fort Recovery High School football team is currently rated as the best of the 1-2 teams in Division VII Region 28, putting it easily in line for a playoff position.

Unofficial computer rankings — official rankings are not released by the OHSAA until after week four — compiled by Joe Eitel have Fort Recovery ninth in Region 28. (The top 16 teams in each region make the playoffs.)

Among the 1-2 squads, Fort Recovery has a 2.67 average to put it just ahead of Midwest Athletic Conference rivals Minster (10th — 2.07) and St. Henry (11th — 1.68).

Week 1 slump lingers for the Colts

By GEORGE BREMER
The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — Take your pick of motivations to fuel the Indianapolis Colts this week.

There's the way last season ended, with an embarrassing 26-11 loss in Jacksonville, Florida, that drained all hope of a postseason run.

There's the eight-game losing streak in season openers that includes an 0-4 record under head coach Frank Reich.

And there's the AFC South championship drought that dates back to 2014 and includes a 10-8 record against division foes since Andrew Luck's sudden retirement three years ago.

Whatever the impetus, there's a clear sense of urgency inside the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center as the Colts prepare for Sunday's Week 1 road matchup against the Houston Texans.

"Listen, I know we're going up against — on the road, a division opponent — against a very good football team that's very well coached and will be very well disciplined," Reich said Monday as the practice week began with a jog-through. "I just think back to our second game against them last year. It was 10-0 at halftime. It's a tough game."

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Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Wels-Del and Yorktown — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer vs. Wapahani — 5 p.m.; Boys tennis at Randolph Southern — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Junior high football at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday
Noon — Tennis: U.S. Open — Quarterfinals (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open — Quarterfinals (ESPN)
7:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Chicago Cubs (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN2)

TV sports
Today
6 p.m. — Soccer: Women's interna-

tional friendly — Nigeria vs. United States (ESPN2)

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