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New procedures have had impact

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

The first eight weeks of the session saw an increase in fights and battery at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

After establishing new procedures in an effort to curb those incidents, school officials held a meeting Wednesday to review progress over the last 30 days.

Jay School Corporation superintendent Jeremy Gulley and junior-senior high school principal Chad Dodd said after the meeting — it included school resource officer Cody Jessee, Dodd, Gulley, other school officials, Jay Schools

Administrators report no incidents since Oct. 7

attorney Josh Atkinson and representatives from the county prosecutor's office and probation department — there have been no incidents of fights or battery at the school since Oct. 7, shortly after the new policies were put in place.

"It seems to be making a difference in what I'm seeing in the numbers," said Gulley following Wednesday's meeting. "People are talking and working together on things."

"I appreciate the cooperation we've gotten from the prosecu-

tion and probation office," added Dodd. "It helps when multiple groups are working to solve a problem."

Dodd had notified students, parents and staff via email of the new policies Oct. 3. They included that fights on school property would result in suspension from school, a police report being filed and information turned over to the county prosecutor's office.

That came in response to an increase in fights/battery, which Dodd said were up about 50% from the average from the last several years.

Statistics shared with The

Commercial Review on Wednesday showed 20 students received "referrals" for fighting/battery in the first eight weeks of school this year.

Of those, 16 received out-of-school suspensions and three received in-school suspensions.

Dodd noted that there was an incident shortly after the new policies were put in place that resulted in an arrest.

"That sent a message," he said. "We also communicated with the students and parents our expectations ...

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Sheller fire

Firefighters work Wednesday in the aftermath of a fire at the Sheller-Globe south property, 510 S. Bridge St., Portland. The fire started about 12:30 p.m. Wednesday. Firefighter Chad Aker explained this morning that while a crew was cutting a pipe in the paint booth area of the building it ignited, likely due to paint thinner getting into the gas line. There were no injuries. Portland Fire Department put the fire out in a little less than 30 minutes.

Suspect requests public defender

Allen charged with 2017 Delphi murders

By **RON WILKINS**

Journal and Courier (Lafayette)

The accused killer of Libby German and Abby Williams now wants a public defender, according to a letter filed with Carroll Circuit Court on Wednesday.

"I, Richard M. Allen, hereby throw myself at the mercy of the court. I am begging to be provided with legal assistance in a public defender or whatever help is available."

Indiana State Police arrested Allen on Oct. 26 and did not announce his arrest until Oct. 31.

Allen is charged with two counts of murder. He is accused of killing Libby, 14, and Abby, 13, the afternoon of Feb. 13, 2017, about a quarter of a mile east of the Monon High Bridge on the walking trails east of Delphi.

"At my initial hearing on Oct. 28, 2022 I asked to find representation for myself," Allen wrote in the letter that was post-marked Nov. 7 with a return address of the White County Jail. "However, at the time I had no clue how expensive it would be just to talk to someone.

"I also did not realize what my wife and I's immediate financial situation was going to be," he continued. "We have both been forced to immediately abandon employment, myself due to incarceration and my wife for her personal safety.

"She has had to abandon our house for her own safety," Allen wrote. "What little reserve there is will fail to even maintain the original residence.

"Again, I throw myself at the mercy of the court. Please provide me whatever assistance you may.

"Thank you for your time in this most urgent matter," Allen wrote in a salutation.

Prosecutors sealed the probable cause affidavit, so the public is forced to rely on the word of the prosecutor and police.

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Georgia race is headed to runoff

Walker, Warnock could decide control of Senate

By **SHANNON MCCAFFREY** and **GREG BLUESTEIN**

The Atlanta Journal-Constitution Tribune News Service

ATLANTA — Georgia's U.S. Senate race will be decided in a runoff between Democratic U.S. Sen. Raphael Warnock and Republican Herschel Walker in a race that could determine control of the Senate.

Neither candidate will garner the 50% of the vote

needed to clinch the seat outright under state rules. The two Senate hopefuls now head to a Dec. 6 runoff.

With nearly all results in, neither Warnock nor Walker had earned the majority vote.

Less than a percentage point separated the two candidates — slightly more than 35,000 votes out of 3.9 million cast. Libertarian Chase Oliver netted about 2% of the vote. Elections officials said Wednesday that fewer than 20,000 ballots were left to be counted.

Interim Deputy Secretary of State Gabriel Sterling said that while votes still need to be counted, "we feel it is safe to say there will be a runoff for the U.S. Senate here in Georgia slated for Dec. 6."

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Honoring veterans

Local schools will welcome those who have served in the military for Veterans Day programs Friday. The schedule is as follows:

Bloomfield
8:10 a.m.
(breakfast at 7:35 a.m.)

Redkey
8:10 a.m.

East Jay
9 a.m.

West Jay
9 a.m.



Deaths

Jack Houck, 95, Greene Township
Carolyn Rector, 76, Portland
Jon Study, 87, Gaylord, Michigan
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Weather

Jay County's high temperature climbed to 75 degrees Wednesday. The low was 37.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 40s. Rain is expected Friday morning. Skies will be cloudy with a high of 58 and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Delta Theta Tau sorority will hold its annual craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's JCHS girls basketball game at South Side.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meet.



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“We also had ... an increased police presence at lunch. Those were some of the things that have occurred that have helped deter these things from happening.”

The email from Dodd also included ideas for how students could avoid such altercations, such as walking away from an area and going to the guidance or attendance office, refraining

from negative comments that can lead to fights, telling a friend or adult about potentially dangerous situations and using the Say Something app to anonymously report issues.

Gulley and Dodd also discussed bullying incidents Wednesday. Between Aug. 1 and Tuesday, there were 45 reports of bullying involving junior-senior high school students. Of those, 13 were substantiated,

with the students involved being disciplined. (That included three expulsions.) Twenty-five reports were deemed unfounded and 18 situations are being monitored.

Dodd explained that “monitoring” a situation can involve asking lunch supervisors to keep a close eye on certain situations, having teachers watch interactions between students and regular check-ins with deans and/or counselors.

“Any time those reports are received, we are investigating ...” he said. “Our actions could be anything from a mediation between the two students to a separation like a no-contact contract to suspension or expulsion from school. And we’ve done all of those things.”

Gulley added that the Jay School Corporation website — jayschoolcorp.org — has extensive information about policies

and procedures regarding bullying as well as multiple options (direct and anonymous) for reporting bullying.

“Whether it’s conflict or bullying, we’re dealing with it,” he said. “We often hear that things get swept under the rug or don’t get dealt with on bullying and the facts just don’t show that. ... Every single one of them, allegations get investigated and addressed.”

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Friday 11/11	Saturday 11/12	Sunday 11/13	Monday 11/14	Tuesday 11/15
58/29	40/25	40/21	42/25	39/24
There's a 60% chance of showers on Veterans Day under cloudy skies. The high will be around 58.	Partly sunny skies are in the forecast, with the high dipping to 40 degrees.	Skies will be mostly sunny with temperatures dipping to the low 20s at night.	Another day of mostly sunny skies Monday, with snow possible at night.	There's a slight chance of rain and snow Tuesday under mostly cloudy skies.

Lotteries

Powerball 7-14-24-30-56 Power Ball: 7 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$47 million	57-59-61-65-73-75-76 Cash 5: 14-21-37-39-40 Hoosier Lotto: 19-21-22-26-32-42 Estimated jackpot: \$4.4 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$189 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-2-0 Pick 4: 0-3-9-3 Pick 5: 7-0-1-6-3 Evening Pick 3: 9-2-8 Pick 4: 6-9-4-1 Pick 5: 8-6-7-3-9 Rolling Cash: 2-6-9-10-12 Classic Lotto: 3-16-21-33-36-47 Kicker: 7-2-8-3-3-9 Estimated jackpot: \$1.2 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-0-3 Daily Four: 0-8-7-7 Quick Draw: 2-4-5-7-8-9-12-14-17-22-24-26-34-37-46-47-48-52-69-72 Evening Daily Three: 2-3-4 Daily Four: 4-3-3-7 Quick Draw: 2-5-9-11-17-18-22-24-28-44-47-52-53-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.68 Dec. corn.....6.74 Wheat6.55	Wheat 7.45 Nov. wheat 8.18
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.67 Dec. corn.....6.72 Jan. corn.....6.70	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.47 Late Nov. corn6.47 Beans14.24 Late Nov. beans.....14.24 Wheat8.17
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.47 Dec. corn6.52 Beans14.08 Dec. beans14.28	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.17 Dec. corn6.27 Beans14.04 Dec. beans14.09 Wheat7.64

Today in history

In 1775, the U.S. Marine Corps was founded as the Continental Congress ordered two battalions to be raised for serves in the Revolutionary War.
In 1865, Confederate prison commander Henry Wirz was hanged in Washington, D.C. The leader of the infamous prison in Andersonville, Georgia, he was the only Confederate officer executed as a war criminal.
In 1871, Henry Stanley of the New York Herald greeted explorer David Livingstone with “Dr. Livingstone, I presume?” upon finding him in Africa. Living-

stone had gone on various government-backed missions explorer in the headwaters of the Nile, Congo and Zambezi rivers and often disappeared from European view for months at a time.
In 1972, 136 pints were collected from 143 donors during a Fort Wayne Red Cross Bloodmobile visit to Portland.
In 2021, Jay County Council approved economic development agreements and tax abatements with Lee-ward Renewable Energy and Scout Clean Energy for their planned solar farms.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.	5 p.m. — Jay County School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Tuesday 6 p.m. — Portland City Council work session, council chamber, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	

Obituaries

Jack Houck

June 20, 1927-Nov. 8, 2022

Jack Jay Houck, age 95, a resident of Greene Township, Pennville, passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

Jack was born on June 20, 1927, in Fort Wayne, the son of Fred and Nellie (Carey) Houck. He graduated from Pennville High School in 1945. He married Marijane Sipe on July 11, 1951.



Houck

Jack was a well-known farmer in Jay County and a U.S. Army veteran serving during the Korean Conflict from 1951 to 1952. He was a member of the Pennville United Methodist Church where he served as a lay leader and a Sunday School teacher. He was a founding member of Jay County Gideon's Camp where he was passionate about getting God's word out in many countries. Other memberships include Pennville Masonic Lodge, Pennville Odd Fellows Lodge, Pennville Lions Club and Portland Morning Optimist Club. He was a former Jay School Board member.

Jack loved his family and was blessed to be a part of God's plan. He was always thankful to God for his family and many friends.

Survivors include:
His wife of 71 years — Marijane Houck, rural Pennville, Indiana
His children — Kay Wieser (husband: Jim), Arcanum, Ohio, Shane Houck (wife: Jackie), Knightstown, Indiana, Kelly Moser (husband: Brian), Linn Grove, Indiana, Sherry Decker (husband: Mike), Fort Wayne, Indiana, Scot Houck (wife: Heidi), Hagerstown, Indiana, and Jack Houck (wife: Dora), Portland, Indiana

Twenty-two grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren

Visitation will be held on Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at Pennville United Methodist Church in Pennville. Pastor Darrell Borders and Pastor Gary Newton will officiate the services. Burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hills Cemetery in Pennville. American Legion Post #211 of Portland will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be directed to Gideons International or EverHeart Hospice.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Carolyn Rector

Jan. 5, 1946-Nov. 5, 2022

Carolyn “Sue” Ann Rector, age 76, of Portland passed away on Saturday, Nov. 5, 2022, in Albany Healthcare and Rehabilitation.



Rector

She was born in Portland on Jan. 5, 1946, the daughter of Hiram and Marjorie (Yarrington) Penrod. She was married to John D. Rector and he passed away in 2014.

Sue was a pharmacy tech working at Hanlin Drugs and retiring from CVS in 2014. She was a 1964 Portland High School graduate. Sue enjoyed sitting on the porch, work-

ing in the garden and spending time with her family.

Surviving are one son, John Paul Rector of Portland; three daughters, Angie Elmore (husband: Steve) of Portland, Brenda Taylor of Celina, Ohio, and April Limbert of Portland; one brother, Dave Penrod (wife: Madeline) of Texas; sister-in-law Charlotte Penrod of Marion, Indiana; eight grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Jim Penrod; and son-in-law Mike Limbert.

Funeral services will be Saturday, Nov. 12, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Hugh Kelly presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Saturday from 9 to 11 a.m.

Memorials can be made to Alzheimer's Association.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Jon Study

Sept. 16, 1935-Nov. 6, 2022

Jon Study, 87, of Gaylord (Michigan), Michigan, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning Nov. 6, 2022, at McLaren Hospital with his wife and daughters by his side.

Jon was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) on July 13, 2021. He fell in his home on Oct. 31, breaking some bones which led to an earlier death.



Study

Jon was born on Sept. 16, 1935, to his parents John and Ruth (DeBolt) Study. He was the seventh son and 12th of 13 children. Being raised on a farm, he always had an interest in agriculture. He was a member of 4-H and FFA and was especially interested in trees. He enjoyed watching his seeds grow into beautiful flowers and tasty vegetables. This lifelong hobby eventually led to purchasing the Valley Nursery of Livonia where he and his wife worked for 20 years.

Jon was married for 67 years to his high school sweetheart Carolyn (Jack) Study. They raised three children together; Myla (Tom Jewett), Melinda (Jim Pawloski) and Michael (deceased). Carolyn was the domestic engineer, and all of the children and spouses were science and engineering professionals. Grandson Ian Schechter is a business professional.

Jon was a proud father and grandfather; always keeping in touch with his family. He was preceded in death by his son Michael; his parents John and Ruth; his seven brothers, Robert, Jean, Bill, Jack, Ken, Earl and Larry; and his four sisters, Betty, Ona and twins Ila and Ina.

His sister Joyce of Ukiah, California, age 92, is the sole survivor of the 13 children. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Jan Study, Marilyn Peterson, Melanie Clark (and Gregory), and many nieces and nephews.

After graduating from Portland High School, Jon entered Purdue University, graduated with his bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering and began a career in the aircraft and space industry. His big dream in high school was to be the

first man on the moon. This he did not fulfill, but his work on the LEM (lunar excursion module) and installing Titan 1 missiles in northern California kept him "in touch" with his love of airplanes, rockets and outer space.

After graduating from Purdue, his career began with Bendix Corp. of Hamilton, Ohio. He was transferred by Bendix to St. Joe, Michigan. The next step in his career moved his family to Paradise, California, where he joined AMF working to install Titan One missiles many stories underground. When that work was completed, the next move was to Dayton, Ohio, and then to Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, working in the aircraft industry. He finished his career with Ford Motor Co. and retired after 20 years in the light truck division in 1998.

After retirement, he sold the nursery and moved to their new home in Gaylord, Michigan. He began volunteering, became a master gardener and a leader with 4-H, and stayed active with the United Methodist Church. He was a member of EAA (Experimental Aircraft Association) and helped to remodel their airplane hangar at the Gaylord Airport. With his daughter and many close friends, he restored a Victorian home, an old farmhouse with barns, constructed greenhouses and built a log home. He was very inventive and enjoyed working with his hands, tinkering and small engine repair. He enjoyed his life to the fullest. ALS slowed him down, but he continued to be involved, especially working in many gardens.

A memorial service for Jon will be held on Saturday, Nov. 19, 2022, at 11 a.m. at First United Methodist Church at 215 S. Center Ave., Gaylord, Michigan, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. prior to the service officiated by Pastor Paul Gruenberg and the Rev. John Naile. After the service, his cremated remains will be buried in the church memorial gardens followed by a Thanksgiving meal at the church fellowship hall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials for Jon may be made to First United Methodist Church Memorial Garden Fund, Munson Healthcare-OMH Foundation or to Michigan Medicine University of Michigan ALS Center of Excellence. We will be forever grateful to Sandy Lemkin, Dr. Goutman and the team of doctors at the Michigan Medicine ALS Center of Excellence. Also, many thanks to Dr. Li and Dr. Bobish for their professional care and friendship. The family is indebted to ComForCare of Gaylord and its caregivers Alesia, Ashley, Carla, Jackson, Jill, Laura, Maria, Sham, Theresa and Tammy for their tender loving care of Jon.

The family is being served by Gaylord Community Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

Please share your memories and personal messages with the family at gaylordfuneralhome.com.

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

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

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The Journal & Courier filed a complaint with the Indiana Public Access Counselor because within 24 hours of an arrest, Indiana law requires police to release the names, age, address, as well as factual circumstances, for anyone arrested. The Indiana State Police ignored requests for this information until a press conference on Oct. 31.

Carroll County Sheriff Tobe Leazenby on Nov. 3 filed a motion requesting that Allen, 50, be transferred from the county jail to a state prison “for safekeeping.”

Allen was then moved an Indiana Department of Correction facility.

SERVICES

Today
Youngblood, Veda: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Saturday
Houck, Jack: 11 a.m., Pennville United Methodist Church, 190 W. Main St., Pennville.
Rector, Carolyn: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Nov. 19
Study, Jon: 11 a.m., First United Methodist Church, 215 S. Center Ave., Gaylord, Michigan.

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Queer couple plan their life together

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 30-something bisexual man who is in a relationship with a bisexual woman the same age. We both lived different lives and dated a variety of people before we met, but now I am pretty certain she is The One. The issue arises when it comes to how others, particularly my parents and their friends, perceive us.

To us, we are two queer people who have identified as some form of queer or bisexual since we were teenagers. We have repeatedly faced backlash from conservative family members and family friends about those we are attracted to. One of my mother's best friends is extremely homophobic. She has, at various holiday parties my parents have hosted, loudly voiced her homophobic views, including how proud she was to vote against same-sex marriage.

How can I kindly explain to my mother that my girlfriend and I are NOT STRAIGHT, and it's wrong to attach the straight label to us when we don't identify that way? Also, I want to say that I don't feel comfortable around her friend. A

Dear Abby



lot of what she talks about involves denigrating the sexuality of folks I have deep affection for.

My mother is extremely defensive about her friend. She didn't take it kindly when I told her I deserve an apology for having to sit through this woman's homophobic diatribes given that I am LGBTQ myself. We would like to be married in the next couple of years and make it a homophobia-free wedding. Can you help? — UN-STRAIGHT IN MICHIGAN

DEAR UN-STRAIGHT: The way to explain to your mother that you and your soon-to-be fiancée are not straight would be to tell her that in plain English.

If you want to ensure that you and the woman you love have a homophobia-free wedding, plan it yourselves and control the guest list.

50th anniversary



Nick and Carol Simos

Nick and Carol Simos

Nick and Carol Simos are celebrating 50 years of marriage today.

Carol (Botts) and Nick Simos wed Nov. 10, 1972, in Redkey. Nick Simos is a retired electrician. Carol Simos is retired from Jay School Corporation.

Their children are Jeremy and Jessi Simos of Ridgeville, Josh and Toni Simos of Dominican Republic and Justin and Amber Simos of Upland. They have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way.

Watch for lung conditions

By JAMIE HOMAN

Although the act of breathing may seem simple, it is actually a very complex process that helps the body function properly.

Many people do not think about the health of their lungs until there are symptoms, but it is important to take care of them before issues arise. The best ways to keep your lungs healthy are to exercise, avoid or quit smoking, avoid air pollutants and see your doctor.

What are some common lung conditions?

According to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is the second most common cancer in the United States and the leading cause of cancer death. Lung cancer screenings are available to help detect lung cancer at an early stage when it is most treatable.

Some other common lung disorders include asthma, bronchitis, chronic cough, pneumonia, interstitial lung diseases such as fibrosis, lung nodules, pleural effusions, sleep apnea and COPD.

COPD ... what is it?

COPD is Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease, which affects the

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way you breathe. This includes chronic bronchitis and emphysema. Most cases of COPD are caused by cigarette smoking. Once a person has COPD, it is important to learn about how to maintain good lung function and what can be done to prevent their disease from worsening.

How is COPD diagnosed?

COPD is diagnosed through a pulmonary function test. This will assess how well your lungs hold air, how quickly you can force air out of your lungs and how much air your lungs can hold. Other tools that help with diagnosis are computer tomography scans, lung scans, chest x-rays and pulse oximetry.

What is the treatment plan for COPD?

Depending on what is causing

your COPD, there are many different types of treatment plans. A pulmonologist, with the help of a respiratory therapist, can provide personalized treatment plans for their patients along with inpatient COPD education.

Pulmonary rehabilitation is another high-quality treatment plan that will help educate you about your COPD. Inhalers may be ordered, such as bronchodilators and corticosteroids. Oxygen therapy is another treatment that some COPD patients may need, along with more extensive therapy such as bronchial thermoplasty, lung volume reduction surgery and lung transplant.

What to do if you think you suffer from COPD?

If you think you might have COPD, the first thing to do is to quit smoking if you currently smoke. Smoking cessation or calling (800) QUIT-NOW is a great starting point.

Schedule an appointment with your primary care provider to discuss your lung health or any other health and wellness concerns.

Jamie Homan is a respiratory supervisor at IU Health Jay.

Sudoku

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		4		8				

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

Community Calendar

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

Today

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at Pizza Hut in Portland.

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

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY POST 211 — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 10, at the post at 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7

p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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

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Stats show state is not all that hot

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Our state cheerleaders, quite naturally, are proclaiming Indiana is hot.

They mean we're attractive to firms wanting to locate facilities for future production.

We cannot verify their statements. All we can do is look at the evidence at hand.

Nationally, we hear California is dead-in-the-water with citizens and businesses fleeing for Texas and Idaho. Likewise, if Illinois is a rotting ship, are those rats moving to Indiana?

There are so many ways of examining evidence looking for "the truth." Let's try GDP (gross domestic product), our imperfect measure of economic activity.

How have the states fared,

Eye on the Pie



jumping the gap between 2019 and 2021?

Nationally, GDP, adjusted for inflation, grew by 3% between 2019 and 2021. This was the result of a decline of 2.8% in 2020, but a growth of 5.9% in 2021.

What? Real GDP fell by just 2.8% in 2020? Yeah. While we cut back on spending for services (down 6.6% in 2020), we needed bigger TVs, faster computers and

more "stuff" (spending on durable goods up 10%). Our efforts to fight the bad contributed to more economic activity.

That's what it is about GDP. It measures what we do. It does not judge whether we are enjoying what we do. GDP is morally and ethically neutral. We buy cigarettes this year and medical services later.

California alone contributed 25% of the nation's growth in Real GDP between 2019 and 2021. Indiana accounted for only 1.5% of the nation's growth in Real GDP.

California had a growth rate of 5.3%, well above the nation's 3% and more than double Indiana's 2.5% increase (27th in the nation, comfortably mediocre). Our Hoosier leaders, howev-

er, would have us check the most recent data.

OK. Real GDP for the U.S. from mid-2021 to mid-2022 advanced by 1.8% and heavy-breathing Indiana grew by 1.7%.

Across the nation, social commentators are declaring the coronavirus pandemic transformed our lives. To-your-door delivery is the death of retail trade as we knew it. Work from home is forever embedded in our work environment. The malls and office buildings will all be converted to housing. The resulting higher density will bring back public transit.

But that's not all. Less commuting and the agglomeration of economic functions (whatever that means) will be complemented

by tiny electric cars which end congestion and makes parking painless. More likely, it will be many years before we understand what happened in 2020 and thereafter. Which changes are permanent and which transitory? Among the many damaged relationships, personal and commercial, which possess resiliency and which will perish?

To this point, the Indiana recovery has been dominated by motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, and parts manufacturing. And 29 of our 65 sub-sectors have yet to achieve their pre-COVID output levels.

Is this the shape of our brave new world?

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Accountability needed on labor

St. Louis Post-Dispatch
Tribune News Service

Various prominent U.S. corporations, including Walmart and Intel, might be shying away from principled stances condemning foreign uses of slavery and child labor for the production of cheap consumer goods.

An importation rule change proposes to eliminate declarations on imported goods that offer insights into where goods come from and whether abusive labor practices were at play. The net effect would be to help countries of origin hide their abuses from their American customers.

The existing U.S. Customs and Border Protection rules require statements of origin on shipping manifests, which offer significant clues about the labor conditions behind certain products. Consumers, of course, want access to cheap goods. But is it really worth saving a few cents to purchase goods in which slavery, forced abortion, torture or child exploitation were part of the production process?

Consider the situation of Uyghurs in China. They are a primarily Muslim ethnic minority targeted by the Chinese government for "reeducation" because they are deemed too independent of Communist Party control. More than 1 million have been detained and sent to reeducation camps since 2017. They are subjected to torture, forced labor, involuntary sterilizations and forced abortions, the State Department says. Children have been taken from their parents. In the Xinjiang region of northwestern China, forced labor yields products that China then tries to export, including cotton fabric and components of microchips.

As the Post-Dispatch's Dan Neman reported last week, Intel declared in December that no components of its products came from Xinjiang, prompting such harsh pushback from the Chinese government that Intel backed down and apologized. Apologized, that is, for taking a stand against slave labor.

The Commercial Customs Operations Advisory Committee — executives from 20 top corporations and organizations that include Walmart, Intel

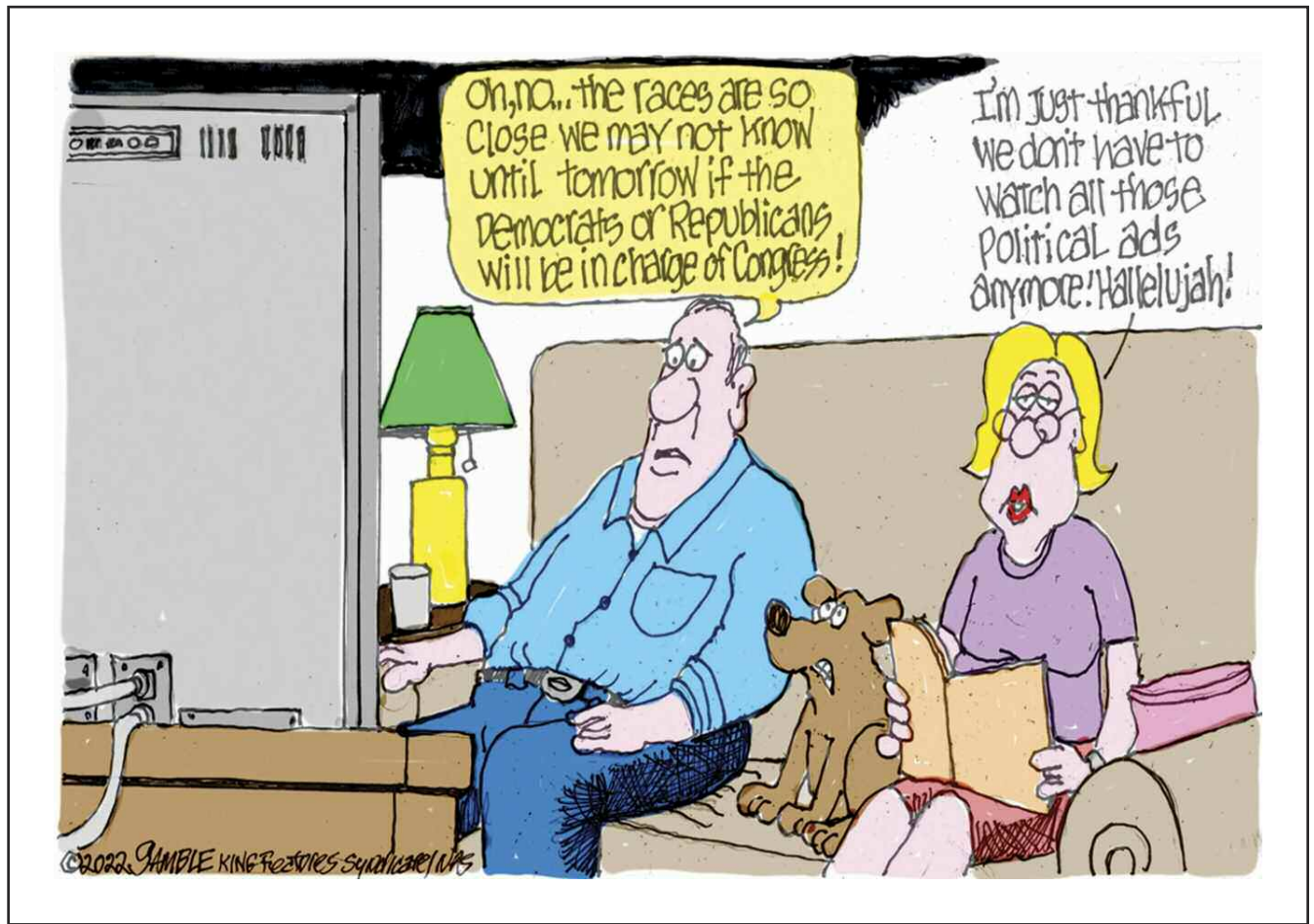
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and General Motors — has floated a rule change to streamline importation procedures. Shipping manifests would be treated as confidential, which means the public would have a much harder time tracing the origins of the products they're buying.

There are 41 countries whose labor practices warrant scrutiny because they use slavery or impose abusive labor conditions, including child labor. The situation involving Uyghurs is the poster child for global condemnation and consumer boycotts, but it's far from the only example. In August alone, Fortune magazine reported, Customs and Border Patrol targeted shipments valued at more than \$266 million for inspection due to suspected use of forced labor, including goods from Xinjiang as well as from Brazil, Zimbabwe and India where suspected child or forced labor were used in production.

The advisory committee's rule-change proposal deserves a swift and unceremonious rejection. As long as American consumers blindly purchase products without knowing their origins, countries like China will feel minimal pressure to halt their egregiously abusive labor practices.



Alaska has a voting solution

By KATHERINE GEHL

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

For a nation torn apart politically, a cure is emerging, of all places, in Alaska.

On Nov. 8, voters in the 49th state will elect a U.S. senator and representative in a new way. The system, called "final four voting," is aimed at choosing public officials — of any party — who will focus not on tearing down their opponents but on getting things done.

Alaska's system, approved by the electorate in 2020, directly targets America's greatest political challenges: how to get government to produce real solutions and, at the same time, mitigate unprecedented threats to the survival of our democracy.

The root cause of our crisis is that most November elections for Congress are meaningless. According to Unite America, so far only 8% of eligible voters this year "cast ballots in primaries that effectively decided 84.8% of Congress." The Cook Political Report concludes that 80% of House and 63% of Senate seats are already safely in the hands of one party or the other. In those races, whoever wins the primary — before most voters come to the polls — is guaranteed to win in November. Districts — and, more and more, entire states — are either Republican or Democrat.

Just as employees answer to whoever signs their paychecks, public officials answer to who elects them. Their bosses are primary, not general election, voters, and primary voters tend to be driven by what political scientists call "negative partisanship." They cast their ballots for one major party because they hate the other one so much.

As a result, Stanford University scholar Larry Diamond writes in CNN opinion piece, candidates that emerge from the primary process "are the most uncompromising." In

Katherine Gehl



office, senators and representatives must continue to woo these same voters to get reelected. Compromise becomes a dirty word, and America suffers gridlock. The inability to address our worst problems, in turn, shakes faith in democracy as a whole.

The best solution to this crisis is not exhorting politicians to get along but to change their incentives through structural reform. The Constitution, in Article I, Section 4, grants each state the authority to make the rules for its congressional elections, and Alaska changed those rules for the better.

On Aug. 16, the state held what's called a top-four primary, the first round of its final-four voting process. In the Senate race, 19 candidates, including three Democrats and eight Republicans, participated. The top four finishers, regardless of party, advance to the general election. As it happened, Republican incumbent Sen. Lisa Murkowski is competing in the general against two other Republicans and one Democrat. In the top-four primary for Alaska's sole House seat, one Democrat, two Republicans and a Libertarian qualified for the general.

That general election is decided by an instant runoff. It's exactly like a series of runoff elections, but instead of having to keep coming back multiple times, voters cast all their votes at once using a ranked ballot. The winner is the candidate with a majority.

Final four voting ensures that party primary voters aren't the bosses anymore. General election voters

are, and that changes incentives for campaigning and governing.

Barriers to cooperation fall. Senators and representatives are liberated from the constraints of negative partisanship. They are free to enact solutions to complex problems by reaching across the aisle, innovating and negotiating. They can make deals while still maintaining the ability to advocate for their preferred policies. Final four voting makes bipartisan leadership and problem solving possible.

For this reason, I became a founder of a national campaign for final five voting, a system that I proposed in 2017. It's the same as Alaska's system except that more candidates advance from the primary to the general. Final five voting is the subject of a ballot initiative Nov. 8 in Nevada.

A Quinnipiac poll, released Aug. 31, found that 69% of Democrats and 69% of Republicans believe that "the nation's democracy is in danger of collapse." And no wonder. Partisan hostility has reached the boiling point. A Pew Research Center survey in August, for instance, found that large majorities of both parties think members of the other party are more "immoral," "dishonest," "closed-minded" and "unintelligent" than other Americans.

Such attitudes are generated, in part, by politicians themselves, who recognize that to get elected under our current system, they have to proclaim loudly that the other party is a danger to the American way of life.

But the real danger emanates from how we structure our elections. That's something we can change. Alaska — and soon, I hope, Nevada and other states — will show us how.

Gehl, former CEO of a major food manufacturer, is the originator of the final-five voting concept and founder and chairwoman of the Chicago-based Institute for Political Innovation.

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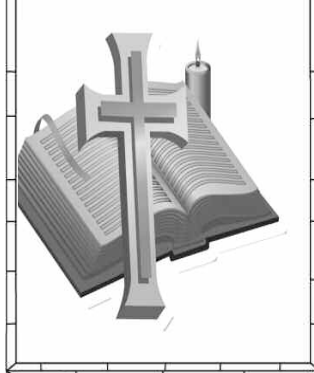


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nanybell@yahoo.com

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(260) 251-5254
Services: 10 a.m.

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200 E. Elder St., Portland
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(260) 726-4844
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Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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pastorkelly@fbc-portland.com

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7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant
Fr. Peter Logsdon
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churchofthemoostholytrinity.com

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County road 200 South, 2 miles east of Indiana 1
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Stuart Phillips
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216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
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County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
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4017 W. 200 South
Randy Smith
(260) 251-2406
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1238 W. 450 South
Chuck Myers
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415 S. Helen St., Portland
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Aaron Huey
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829 S. Indiana 1
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Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.
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County road 900 North (Jay-Wells county line)
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Walnut Corner
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

Westchester United Methodist
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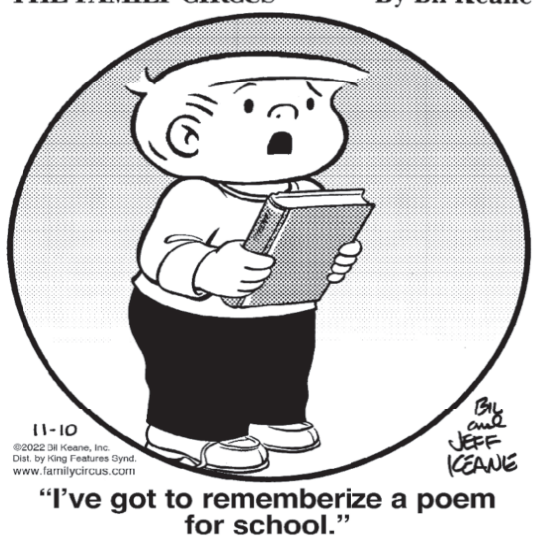
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The Blackwood convention

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠ 9 8 3, ♥ A J 4, ♦ A 7, ♣ A J 9 8 3. WEST: ♠ 6 4, ♥ Q 7 3, ♦ K Q 10 6 3, ♣ 6 5 2. EAST: ♠ 5, ♥ K 9 8 6 5 2, ♦ 9 8 4 2, ♣ 10 7. SOUTH: ♠ A K Q J 10 7 2, ♥ 10, ♦ J 5, ♣ K Q 4.

directly to four spades, indicating a self-sufficient suit. North had the values to bid six spades straight-away, but to test the possibility of a potential grand slam, he decided to use Blackwood. After South showed one ace by bidding five diamonds, North bid five notrump, ostensibly asking for kings. By logic as well as universal agreement, this bid guaranteed that the partnership had all four aces. South then showed two kings, and North signed off in six spades, which South passed. Thus, the lay-down grand slam was missed. The fault in not reaching seven can be attributed to South, who should have bid seven spades over five notrump. He should have counted how many tricks he was apt to make rather than telling partner how many kings he had.

Opening lead—king of diamonds. Blackwood is one of the best conventions ever devised, but it should not be abused or it might defeat its very purpose. There are several delicate nuances connected with Blackwood that its users must be aware of for the convention to be fully effective. Consider this case, which shows how too rigid an application of Blackwood can do more harm than good. After South opened one spade, North quite naturally bid two clubs, whereupon South went

When North bid five notrump, indicating no aces were missing, South could count seven spade winners, at least three clubs and the two red aces for a total of 12 tricks. But because North had bid clubs, there was an excellent chance that the club suit would provide a 13th trick — just A-J-x-x or A-x-x-x-x was all North needed to have. Even in the sequence shown, South had a chance to recover. After North bid six spades, South could still have carried on to seven at his next turn.

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11-10 CRYPTOQUIP

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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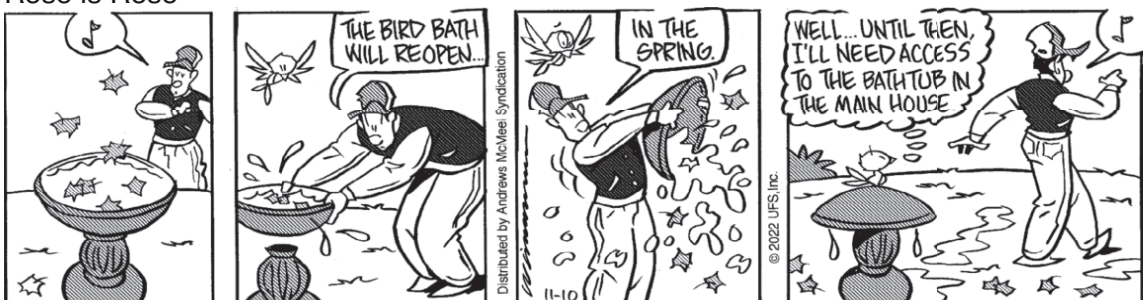


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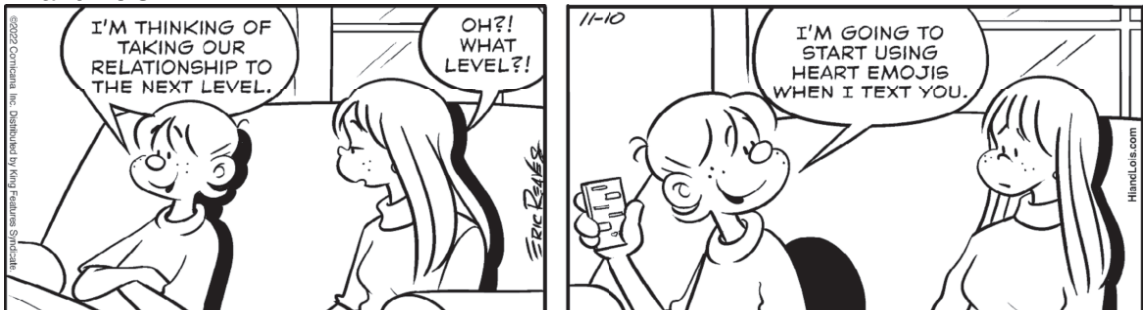
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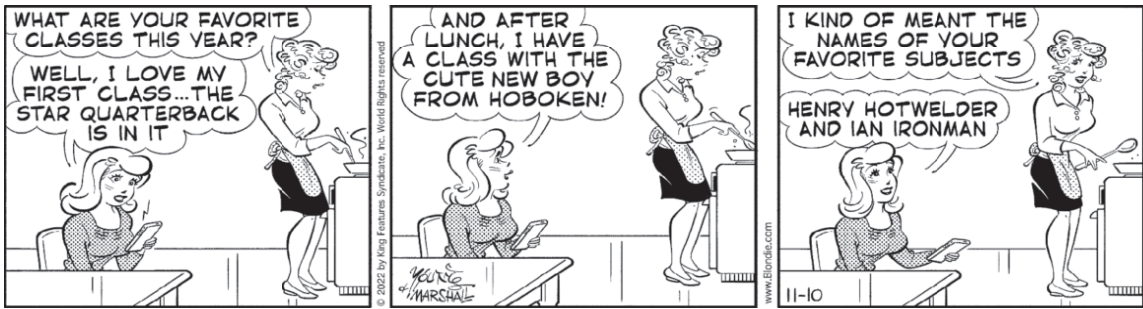
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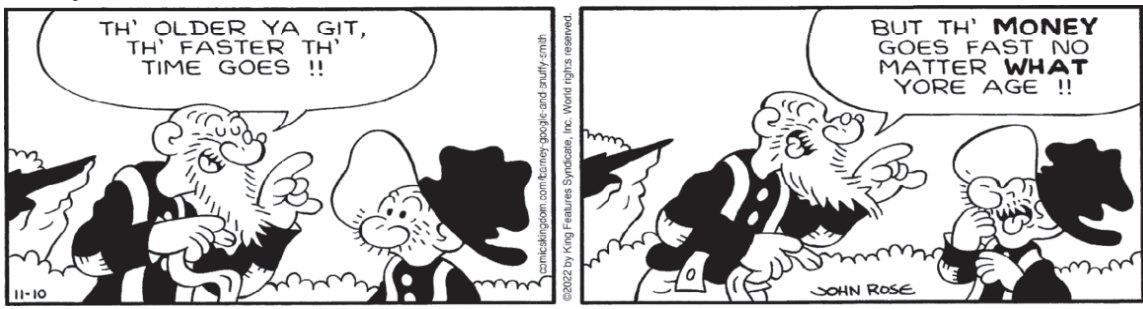
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Republican U.S. Senate candidate Herschel Walker speaks to his supporters during an election night watch party in Atlanta on Tuesday. Walker and Democrat Rafael Warnock are headed to a runoff for the senate seat after neither reached the 50% threshold in Tuesday's election. With 99% of precincts reporting, Warnock had 49.4% of the vote compared to 48.5% for Walker and 2.1% for Libertarian Chase Oliver. (In Georgia, if no candidate receives at least 50% of the vote, the top two vote-getters move on to a runoff. It will be held Dec. 6.)



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Nicole makes landfall in Florida

Hurricane has faded to tropical storm

By ALEX HARRIS
Miami Herald
Tribune News Service

MIAMI — Hurricane Nicole made landfall just south of Vero Beach early this morning with much of its worst damage already done along a Florida coastline battered by high surf and storm surge that undermined pool decks and at least a few buildings. Nicole came ashore as a Category 1 hurricane with 75 mph winds but almost immediately weakened to tropical storm strength as it moved inland. But its massive wind field and bands of powerful thunderstorms extended hundreds of miles to the north, bringing gusts up to 60

mph and drenching rains across much of the upper half of the state — from Tampa to Cocoa Beach.

Conditions quickly improved in its southern wake. By mid-morning, there were no storm watches or warnings for Miami-Dade, Broward or Palm Beach. With the worst of the winds over, Miami-Dade planned to reopen schools today, while dozens of other districts across the state remained closed.

In a 3 a.m. advisory, the National Hurricane Center put Nicole's official landfall on North Hutchinson Island. By 7 a.m. it had begun degrading and weakened to a tropical storm with 60 mph winds as it swept inland with its center about 30 miles southwest of Orlando, which was recording tropical storm gusts and drenching rains.

It was far too early to take full stock of Nicole's damage but hours before dawn, some 127,000 people were already without power across Florida.

Runoff ...

Continued from page 1 Georgia's contest is one of three U.S. Senate races — along with Arizona and Nevada — that remained too close to call Wednesday morning and which could ultimately determine the balance of power on Capitol Hill. That sets up a potential replay of 2021 when a pair of runoff races in the state became the center of political gravity, becoming the most expensive congressional contests in U.S. history and ultimately handing control of the Senate to Democrats. The runoff will generate a fresh round of spend-

ing — and even more ads — in an election season that's already smashed midterm records. It will also bring bracing new attacks in an already bitter rivalry.

The top aides to both candidates gave a taste of what's to come during some online sparring. Warnock campaign manager Quentin Folks shot first by saying Walker "significantly underperformed" in a political climate that benefited Republicans.

Walker campaign manager Scott Paradise swung back: "More than 50% of Georgians voted against

the incumbent that spent more than \$100 million."

The runoff will be a very different affair than it was during the 2020 campaign cycle. Since then, Georgia law has changed to shorten the overtime phase from nine weeks to four weeks.

The condensed cycle forces the candidates to more quickly rev up their efforts to raise cash, mobilize voters and hit the campaign trail. But the biggest factor — whether the race will determine control of the Senate — is still up in the air.

If Georgia winds up deciding which party rules the Senate, Walker's

chances could get a boost. President Joe Biden's approval ratings remain below 40% in Georgia, and polls indicate many GOP voters are open to looking past their concerns with Walker to vote to flip control of the chamber.

But if control of the Senate is clearly decided for either party, it could better Warnock's chances. Republicans would no longer be able to frame the race as a check on Democratic control, and GOP voters concerned about Walker's personal issues may have less of a reason to turn out to vote, especially without Kemp on the ballot.

Collegiate ...

Continued from page 8 Fortkamp finished with 10 kills while teammates Haidyn Carrico and Addison Shafer followed with seven apiece. She also had two blocks.

Eliza Bader Jay County - 2021

Turned in a fifth-place finish for the Ball State University women's swim team Saturday in its 159-138 loss to Akron.

Bader's top effort of the day came in the 100-yard butterfly. She finished

fifth overall and second on the Cardinal squad in 59.06 seconds.

The sophomore also teamed with Gracey Payne, Lilia Newkirk and Kenzie Pierce for fourth in the 200-yard medley relay in 1 minute, 48.45 seconds, and joined Emma Horton, Makayla Miller and Alyssa Messenger for sixth in the 400 freestyle relay with a time of 3:42.84.

Alli Vaughn Fort Recovery - 2021

Led the Huntington University

women's basketball team in offensive rebounds Saturday in its 56-40 win over Indiana University - Kokomo.

Vaughn, who is starting for the Foresters (2-3), grabbed six rebounds including four on the offensive end. She also had two points, two assists and two steals.

The sophomore also recorded four points, three rebounds, two assists, two steals and a block in Tuesday's 71-63 loss to Indiana University - South Bend.

Felony arrests

Battery

Two Portland residents were arrested Tuesday on battery related charges.

Kenneth E. Lundberg, 29, 128 W. Third St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for domestic battery. He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Kayla E. Hart, 31, 102 N. Hickory Court, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for battery against a public safety official, a Level 6 felony for resisting law enforcement and a Class B misdemeanor for public

intoxication. She's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$14,000 bond.

Probation violation

A Portland man was arrested Tuesday for violating his probation.

Ernest Martinez Jr., 29, 115 S. Wayne St., was charged in Jay Superior Court with theft, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced Aug. 2021 to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended.

Martinez was released on a \$150 bond from Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

A Bryant woman crashed her vehicle into a deer along county road 200 East about 6:53 a.m. Wednesday.

Madison M. Evans, 21, was driving south on the

road when a deer ran into the path of her 2013 Nissan Pathfinder. She wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

Her vehicle was towed.

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Located 3976 W SR 28 Ridgeville IN
Sunday Afternoon
NOVEMBER 13th, 2022
12:30 P.M.

OLD & COLLECTORS ITEMS - HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Sellers cabinet with bin; Pine cabinet with glass doors; wood rocker; drying rack; GE refrigerator; GE electric range; Whirlpool gas stove; Frigidaire and Amana small chest type freezers; lift chair; cast iron wagon and horse hitch; cider press; and other items not listed.
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Located: 214 East Arch St.
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NOVEMBER 12, 2022
10 A.M.

REAL ESTATE

3 Bedroom, 2 full bath, 2 story home containing 1773 sq. ft. of finished living area. Privacy fence, detached 22x22 ft. garage. Open house is Sunday October 30th from 1-3pm or for private showing phone auctioneers.

ANTIQUES-FURNITURE-APPLIANCES
Childs roll top desk, antique blower, antique roller, Cuckoo clock, wall clock, kerosene lanterns, spinning wheel, crock butter churn, 6 and 4 gal crocks, Kenmore upright freezer (nice), Kenmore washer and dryer..

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Located: 4057 South 1000 West Redkey IN (just south of 400 south on 1000 west)
NOVEMBER 19, 2022
10 A.M.

REAL ESTATE
3 bedroom, 2 bathroom ranch style home containing 1,704 sq. ft. of finished living area.

24'x24' attached garage. 24'x22' attached work area. 32'x42' pole building. 28'x32' shop, above ground pool.

Open house will take place on November 6th from 1-3pm. or for private showing phone auctioneers.

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Fort Recovery High School's Jenna Hart (left), Alexis Wendel (center) and Megan Diller (right) run together amidst a group of fellow competitors Saturday during the OHSAA Division III Cross Country State Finals at Fortress Obetz and Memorial Park. The Indians finished 13th in their third consecutive trip to the state finals.

Kunkler earns victory for Bethel

A former Patriot is continuing her strong season in the pool.

Vivienne Kunkler, a 2019 Jay County High School graduate, picked up another win Saturday in leading the Bethel University women's swim team to a 2-1 record in a four-team meet at Rose-Hulman.

The Pilots defeated the host Fightin' Engineers and Hanover while losing to third-ranked Cumberlands.

Kunkler's victory came in her top event — the breaststroke — as she posted a time of

Collegiate Check-up

1 minute, 7.97 seconds, in the 100-meter race. She was more than a quarter of a second ahead of runner-up Abbey Richardson of Cumberlands.

She was also the runner-up in the 200 breaststroke, finishing just five hundredths of a sec-

ond behind Richardson in 2:29 flat.

The senior teamed with Kayla Logeais, Mikaela Vanasdale and Isabela Nuet for fifth in the 400 freestyle relay. She was also eighth in the 50 freestyle.

Chloe Will Audrey Guggenbiller Fort Recovery – 2019

Competed for the Tiffin University women's cross country team Saturday as it finished 10th out of 13 teams in the Great Midwest Athletic Conference Championships.

Will was the No. 2 runner for the Dragons, finishing 61st overall. She recorded a time of 24 minutes, 28.4 seconds, in the 6K event.

Guggenbiller finished in 27:49.9 for 124th place but did not factor in the team score.

Lindy Wood Jay County – 2022

Finished off the team scoring for the University of St. Francis women's cross country team as it finished sixth Friday in the Crossroads League Championships hosted by Marian in Shelbyville.

Wood placed 70th overall and was the No. 5 runner for the Cougars. She crossed the finish line in 21 minutes, 15.2 seconds in the 5K race.

Paige Fortkamp Fort Recovery – 2021

Led the University of St. Francis women's volleyball team in kills Saturday as its season came to an end with a 25-18, 25-22, 25-19 loss to No. 9 Indiana Wesleyan in the opening round of the Crossroads League Tournament.

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T hurts Pacers late

Indiana drops below .500 as Murray foul shots help Nuggets to hold on

INDIANAPOLIS — After Benedict Mathurin was called for a foul with 22.2 seconds left, the Nuggets were going to have their opportunity to extend their slim lead to two possessions.

A technical foul call allowed them to push it even further.

Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carlisle was called for a technical for arguing about Mathurin's foul and Jamal Murray proceeded to make three of four free-throw attempts as Denver held on for a 122-119 victory.

The game was tied at 117 before two-time defending NBA MVP Nikola Jokic hit a long jumper off of a Murray assist with 35.2 seconds to play. Tyrese Haliburton missed a 3-pointer on the ensuing possession for the Pacers and Math-

urin was called for the foul after Murray grabbed the rebound.

Murray split the technical free throws and then sank both of his tries stemming from the original foul for a 122-117 advantage.

Haliburton responded with a lay-up and Indiana got the ball back after a Jokic miss with 8.6 seconds to go.

Had they been trailing by just two, the playbook would have been opened up for the Pacers. But down three thanks to the technical foul they were forced to get a 3-point look and Turner's shot from about 27 feet missed at the buzzer.

Jokic, who played less than 21 minutes after picking up four fouls in the first quarter and a half, scored 11 of his team-high 24 points for Denver in the fourth quarter. Murray and Aaron Gordon followed with 18 points apiece, with Gordon pulling down a career-high 16 rebounds. Jokic and Gordon each had six assists as Denver (8-3) earned its fourth straight victory.

Those efforts were enough to overcome a huge game from Mathurin, who poured in 30 points. The rookie out of Arizona was 10-of-17 from the field and hit six of his nine 3-point attempts.

Haliburton added 21 points and a dozen assists for Indiana. Isaiah Jackson, who played just 17-plus minutes, and Buddy Hield added 17 points apiece, and Turner added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The loss dropped the Pacers to 5-6. They will be at home again Saturday to take on Toronto.



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