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Families have sparked business growth

Series of new ventures have opened in the last several years

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review
An entrepreneurial mindset has swept through Portland in the last two years, resulting in a broad range of businesses opening their doors to the public.

Several are owned by the members of the same families.

That go-getter attitude is demonstrated in folks like Vanessa Diaz, who teamed with family to offer rental units and an ice cream shop, and also plans to open her own shoe store.

Or in grocery store owner Valvina Gutierrez, who inspired daughter Mariana Gutierrez to start her own barber shop.

It's also evident in Jorge and Dilcia Ruiz, who have been building a small empire in Portland with their rental properties and other business ventures for decades.

"I'm in awe of what they've done," said Portland Mayor John Boggs. "It's like they have no fear to go in business."

"I think it's been good for the community to see these folks invest in some previously vacant buildings," added Travis Richards, executive director at Jay County Development Corporation.

Vanessa Diaz co-owns Tutti Frutti, an ice cream shop and restaurant on High Street, with sister-in-law Maricruz Estrada, who owns Vivi's Boutique on Meridian Street.

See **Sparked** page 5

Sweets from Santa

Evalynn Emshwiller, 4, takes a large candy cane from Santa Claus during his visit Friday to the gazebo in Redkey. Old Saint Nick will also be stopping through Dunkirk for its Feel the Warmth of Christmas festival Monday.



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Avian flu outbreak is worst on record

By MICHAEL HIRTZER

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

The American outbreak of avian influenza is officially the worst on record with 50.54 million dead birds, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The highly pathogenic virus was found at a commercial turkey farm in South Dakota this week, resulting in tens of thousands of birds being killed to avoid further spread. That pushed the 2022 total depopulation figures above 2015 when

50.5 million birds were killed, USDA data shows.

The virus has mostly impacted turkey and egg operations, sending prices to all-time highs and contributing to soaring food inflation. While the spread slowed during the warmer months, it contin-

ued to fester and now risks further spread as cooling temperatures prompt more birds to migrate.

In addition to the turkey farms, bird flu has also been detected in recent days at a Utah petting zoo and Missouri chicken

farm. The virus has been confirmed in over 630 flocks in 46 U.S. states. The risk to humans is low but people should avoid unprotected contact with wild or domestic birds that look sick, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Retrospect

Students participated in inaugural ICE



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Students enrolled in Jay County High School's ICE program in 1997. Pictured are Missy Landon, Lisa Lanning, Adam Voght, Eric Collins, Adam Manor, Randy McAbee, Jason Suman, Eric Miller, Angie Poore, Cindy Nicklay, Amanda Renner, Jeremy Bupp, Matt Caster, Michelle Neukam, Mindy Hopkins, Israel Denton and Ty Myers.

Twenty-five years ago this week, local high school students were involved in the first full year of a new program.

The Nov. 26, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the inaugural year of the Interdisciplinary Cooperative Education (ICE) program at Jay County High School.

The vocational program launched to combine classroom instruction with paid on-the-job learning experiences focused on career objectives. The goal of the program was to prepare students for the world of work and provide training directly related to their chosen career path.

About 30 students applied for the first year of the program with 20 selected to participate via an interview process.

Participants spent about half of their day in regular classes at school before leaving for jobs at 12:45 p.m. each day.

For Michelle Neukam, the program meant an opportunity to get a taste of a career in the medical field. She was working at Community Care Center West in Portland.

"I would like to (go) into nursing, and this way I can see if I'd like it," she said, adding that she hoped to become a licensed practical nurse and then pursue a career in registered nursing.

Jason Bihn, a senior, was the only student involved for a second year after participating in a pilot program as a junior. He worked at Mark's Construction in Fort Recovery and hoped to continue into a con-

struction career after graduation.

Students received work experience in a variety of fields, including maintenance, farming, secretarial work, accounting, banking, telephone service, bookkeeping, landscaping, machine operation, lumber, welding and auto mechanics.

The goal was to prepare them for the workforce in general.

"We are finding that when many students come out of school, they don't have employable skills and they can't find a job," said Poole. "They haven't been trained in what the work world expects of them. This gives them self-esteem. We don't need them to all be academic. They need to know how to be good employees."

Deaths

Sheri Goforth, 74, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 50 degrees Friday.

Today's high will be in the mid 50s under sunny skies. The low tonight will be 40 with rain expected after midnight. More rain is in the forecast for Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Dunkirk's Feel the Warmth of Christmas celebration is scheduled for Monday. It will run from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. with Santa arriving at 5:30 p.m. at Fuqua Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM and a tree-lighting ceremony at 6 p.m. in the green space in front of the mural.

Coming up

Tuesday — Photos from Dunkirk's Feel the Warmth of Christmas celebration Monday.

Wednesday — Results from Tuesday's JCHS girls basketball game against Northeastern.



Obituaries

Sheri Goforth

Nov. 20, 1948-Nov. 20, 2022
Sheri Goforth overcame her battle with cancer on Nov. 20, 2022, and now rests in the arms of her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



Goforth

Sheri was born in New Castle, Indiana, on Nov. 20, 1948. She per-

severed through humble beginnings and her life's tribulations, earning her bachelor of science in nursing and then master of healthcare administration from Ball State University.

After a rewarding nursing career, she pivoted into a nurse executive, serving as the CEO of Jay County Hospital.

While extremely successful in her career, it is the love she

had for her family that will be forever memorialized. This love, her strong Christian faith, work ethic and tenacity in the face of life's extreme challenges that changed the trajectory of her family for generations to come. She will be forever remembered as mother, nana, friend, nurse, and her family's spiritual leader.

She is survived by her two

children, son Scott Frankfield (Jennifer) of Nashville, Tennessee, and daughter Cati Grauel (Luke) of Kansas City, Missouri; seven grandchildren, Gabe, Noah, Eli, Seth and Jack Frankfield, and Veralyn and Nikolas Grauel.

Her family and friends will hold a celebration of her life on Dec. 17, 2022, in Nashville, Tennessee.

Donations in her memory

may be made to the Ball State University School of Nursing.

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 from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Sunday 11/26	Monday 11/27	Tuesday 11/28	Wednesday 11/29	Thursday 11/30
54/37	45/33	56/41	55/23	36/26
Sunday will be rainy with wind gusts up to 30 mph. Up to half an inch of precipitation is possible.	Partly sunny skies are in the forecast for Monday with highs in the mid to upper 40s.	There's a chance of rain in the afternoon. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	Wednesday has a 50% chance of showers before 1 p.m. under partly sunny skies.	Mostly sunny skies, with lows in the mid to upper 20s.

Lotteries

Hoosier Rolling Cash 5: 4-19-23-31-36
Daily Three: 5-1-8
Daily Four: 3-2-0-5
Quick Draw: 2-3-5-10-13-22-24-27-28-34-42-44-53-56-58-66-67-70-78-80
Estimated jackpot: \$100,000

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$48 million

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 2-5-7
Pick 4: 6-4-5-1
Pick 5: 3-0-6-5-5
Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$284 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Wheat 7.37
Dec. wheat.....7.37
Corn.....6.85
Dec. corn.....6.86
Wheat6.26

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....6.58
Jan. corn.....6.63
Beans.....14.21
Jan. beans.....14.23
Wheat.....7.85

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....6.33
Dec. corn.....6.38
Beans.....14.06
Dec. beans.....14.09
Wheat.....7.35

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....6.88
Dec. corn.....6.88
Jan. corn.....6.78

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn.....6.68
Dec. corn.....6.73
Beans.....14.26
Dec. beans.....14.26

Today in history

In 579, Pelagius II followed Benedict I as pope.
In 1789, President George Washington declared a Day of National Thanksgiving in his first presidential proclamation.
In 1883, Sojourner Truth died in Battle Creek, Michigan. Truth was a preacher, abolitionist and women's rights advocate who also organized supplies for Black volunteer troops during the Civil War.
In 1917, the National Hockey League was founded. It featured four Canadian teams — Montreal Canadiens, Montreal Wanderers, Ottawa Senators and Toronto Arenas. It grew to 10 teams and then dropped to six (now known as the "Original Six") — the Boston Bruins, Chicago Blackhawks, Detroit Red Wings, Montreal Canadiens and Toronto Maple Leafs — from 1942 to 1967.
In 1939, singer Tina Turner was born Anna Mae Bullock in Brownsville, Tennessee. She won the first of her eight Grammy Awards in 1972, taking best R&B vocal performance by a group for "Proud Mary."
In 1942, the movie "Casablanca" featuring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman opened in New York. Set during the ongoing World War II, it won the Academy Award for best picture and Michael Curtiz was named best director.
In 2008, a group of gunmen believed to be connected to Lashkar-e-Taiba, a Pakistan-based terrorist organization started a series of attacks in Mumbai.
In 2015, the annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland celebrated its 25th year. The event provides a meal at the church as well as delivery for those who are homebound.
In 2020, Indiana State Department of Agriculture announced \$4 million in grants to 41 meat processing businesses, including \$150,000 to Portland's Fisher Packing, through the Indiana Meat Processing Expansion & Development Grant Program.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Portland and Jay County economic development income tax advisory committees joint meeting, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., 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.



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Karnival craft

Two-year-old Hattie Spoonmore works on some painting Nov. 19 during Jay County Chamber of Commerce's Winterfest Kids Karnival and Breakfast at East Jay Elementary School.

Russia shells Kherson, killing 10

By TIM BALK
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service
Escalated Russian shelling of the recently liberated Ukrainian city of Kherson killed 10 people, wounded dozens more and forced hospital evacuations, the Ukrainian government said Friday.

Kherson, the only regional capital captured by Russia in its nine-month-old war on its neighbor, has faced President Vladimir Putin's wrath since Ukrainian soldiers recovered the city two weeks ago.

The intensified shelling in recent days has taken a growing toll on the southern Ukrainian city, forcing officials to relocate children from a pediatric medical facility to the nearby city of Mykolaiv, said Yaroslav Yanushevych, governor of Kherson.

On Friday, Yanushevych said on Telegram that two residential Kherson neighborhoods faced "massive enemy artillery fire" and that 54 people were wounded in Russian attacks during the previous day.

Authorities were also in the process of evacuating 100 people from a psychiatric care facility, Yanushevych said. Those patients were headed to another city in Ukraine's south, Odessa.

Lilia Kristenko, 38, whose parents died when their Kherson home came under fire Thursday evening, told The Associated Press that "Russians took the two most precious people from me."

Videos published by the AP showed health care workers in Kherson working without power in a hospital. "Almost every hour, I receive reports of strikes by the occupiers at Kherson," President Volodymyr Zelenskyy of Ukraine said in a Thursday address to his nation.

"This is the revenge of those who lost," he said. "They do not know how to fight. The only thing they can still do is terrorize." Zelenskyy spoke Friday with the European Commission's president, Ursula von der Leyen, who issued a statement expressing "full solidarity with Ukraine as it suffers at the hands of Putin's deliberate and barbaric bombing."

"Russia must be held accountable for what constitute war crimes," she said in the statement. "We are intensifying our efforts to provide the emergency support Ukraine needs." Residents in Kherson, which had a prewar population of around 280,000, proved defiant after the Russian Army seized the area on March 2, less than a week into Europe's largest military conflict since World War II.

Locals there took to the streets to protest the Russian occupation, and unnerved occupying troops were said to have mostly stayed on the city's edges. A Russian propaganda campaign aimed at assimilating the city failed.

In September, Putin signed sham treaties nominally annexing four provinces in southern and eastern Ukraine, an area that included Kherson.

Putin backed the move through bogus referendums overseen by Russian soldiers, and paired the illegal annexation with thinly veiled threats about a nuclear response to efforts to battle for the region.

Undeterred, the Ukrainian military swept into Kherson on Nov. 11. The loss of the prized city came as a humbling blow for Putin, who has sought to establish a bridge of Kremlin-controlled territory connecting Russia with Crimea, the peninsula on Ukraine's south that Russia seized in 2014.

The Russian retreat crucially came ahead of the winter months, when battle lines are expected to be cemented by snowy weather. Russian forces have lost about half of the territory they claimed after launching the invasion on Feb. 24. Putin, who had designs last winter for a swift capture of the capital of Kyiv, in the north, instead has seen his army suffer one battlefield rout after another from Ukrainian forces.

Unable to take out Ukraine's military — which is aided by arms from the U.S. and other nations — the Russian Army has resorted to pummeling Ukrainian cities through the air. A Wednesday wave of missiles decimated Ukraine's electrical grid, plunging Kyiv and other cities into darkness.

Two-thirds of the homes in chilly, snow-coated Kyiv still lacked heat on Friday, and half lacked electricity, said Mayor Vitali Klitschko. Citizens there have headed into the chilly subway system to charge their phones.

Klitschko said the city had opened 400 heating spaces, stationing them in schools and similar spaces. Running water, which had been stalled by the attacks, was back, the mayor added.

"If there is no electricity supply in your house for more than a day," Klitschko wrote on Telegram, "you can come to the heating station to charge your gadgets or flashlights, have some tea, and find out information about the nearby water pumping stations and open shops and pharmacies."

SERVICES

Saturday

McIntire, Lena: noon, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Earhart, Frankie: 8 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Monday

Dues, Ted: 10:30 a.m., Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 120 E. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio.

Michael, Thomas: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Tuesday

Rudrow, Ronald: 10 a.m., IOOF Cemetery, Pennville.

Robbins, Lisa: noon, Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Little Miss Winterfest

Twenty one girls participated in the Little Miss Winterfest pageant Nov. 19 at Fellowship Baptist Church. Pictured, from left, are second runner-up Claire Schmiesing, Little Miss Winterfest 2023 Aria Barnett and first runner-up Bella Barnett.

Antiviral drug may treat long COVID-19

By LISA KRIEGER

The Mercury News
Tribune News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Could Paxlovid solve one of the pandemic's biggest puzzles? A new study at Stanford University aims to find out.

In the nation's first medical trial of an antiviral strategy to treat long COVID, scientists are testing the drug to see if it helps ease the misery of fatigue, brain fog, shortness of breath, body aches, digestive symptoms and heart problems.

"It is important to gain further understanding whether this could be effective therapy," said principal investigator Dr. Linda Geng, clinical assistant professor at Stanford Medicine and co-director of Stanford's Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome Clinic.

Currently, Paxlovid is only given immediately after infection, before the virus gains a firm foothold in the body. It is proven to reduce the risk of long COVID, hospitalization and death.

It has not yet been tested in those with chronic illness, months or years after infection. The Stanford study is recruiting 200 participants to learn whether people treated with a 15-day regimen of Paxlovid feel better than those treated with a placebo. Both groups will be monitored over 4.5 months to see if symptoms improve.

To date, no established treatments exist for long COVID, which affects millions of Americans.

Wife feels unappreciated in home

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for five years. My husband and I are both past middle age and have been married before (me twice; three times for him). For much of our early marriage, my husband was ill. He required several surgeries and a lot of care. I never complained or felt burdened, yet the smallest ache or pain I have is, apparently, a "pain" for him.

As time has gone on, there are some things in our marriage that I frankly don't understand. We celebrate Father's Day and his birthday, but never Mother's Day or my birthday.

My husband is sweet and

Dear Abby



they say disrespectful things about me, citing the fact that he "doesn't want to lose old friends."

He believes that whatever is said by others — friends, family, etc. — is my problem and I should just accept it.

We have seen a marriage counselor and it has not helped us. Help me understand, please. — UNDERVALUED IN NEBRASKA

DEAR UNDERVALUED: From your description, your husband is selfish, self-centered, lacks the ability to empathize or nurture and would rather allow his

"friends" to disrespect the woman he married than confront them. (What a prize!)

I hope you felt some psychic gratification from taking care of him when he so badly needed it, because it appears that is all you are going to get from this relationship.

My question for you is: How long are you willing to tolerate being treated this way? Many women would prefer to be alone than living the life you are.

You deserve better than what you have been getting, and I sincerely hope you will have the courage to go for it.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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

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

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

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

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30

to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

Tuesday

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
For Jay County Schools
Nov. 28 - Dec. 2

Monday: Main Entrees: Whole grain pancake bites, turkey sausage link, syrup **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread and cucumber Bento box, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Tater tots

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Pepperoni pizza pasta bake, breadstick **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread and cucumber Bento box, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned Zucchini

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Classic chicken sandwich **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread and cucumber Bento box, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Smile potatoes

Thursday: Main Entrees: Beef nachos **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread and cucumber Bento box, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Mexican style refried beans

Friday: Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza **Alternate Entrees:** Turkey, cheese, flatbread and cucumber Bento box, turkey and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned peas and carrots

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Pence's memoir misses the moment

The Republic (Columbus)

So Help Me God, the title of Mike Pence's memoir released last week, can be interpreted in a few different ways.

You could say it's a testament to his Christian faith. Placed at the center of his political ambitions, his faith has helped take him from Congress to the Indiana Statehouse as governor and to the White House as vice president.

Or, you might say his book's title alludes to the oath that Pence swore, which ends with those four words, and includes a solemn vow to uphold the Constitution and faithfully execute the nation's laws.

Pence lived up to that oath on Jan. 6, 2021, when he presided over the joint session of Congress that declared Joe Biden the president-elect. It would have and

Hoosier Editorial

should have been routine, except that a mob of would-be seditionists whipped up by former President Donald Trump had rioted outside and then marauded through the Capitol, some chanting "Hang Mike Pence!"

But you certainly couldn't interpret the title as one taken slightly in vain by someone so fed up with an untenable situation that finally, after much reflection, he set himself to bold purpose. Pence, with his book, certainly is not saying, "So help me God, I am

going to tell the full truth about Donald Trump."

Anyone seeking revelations in Pence's book will be disappointed. Instead, we get typical partisan spin, plus a bit of confirmation of what we already knew about the darkest day in recent American history, where Pence, his family and members of Congress were in imminent danger. After more than 500 pages, Pence's book largely fails to look back honestly and dispassionately at the chaos that reigned during most of what he likes to call "The Trump-Pence administration."

"For four years, we had a close working relationship," Pence writes of his time with Trump, and in perhaps the understatement of this young century, concludes, "It did not end well."

Pence, like Trump, has never really stopped campaigning, and his book is an extension of that. Unlike Trump, Pence hasn't formally announced a Republican presidential bid in 2024, but most observers believe it's a foregone conclusion that he's running.

That said, Pence missed an opportunity in his book to step out of Trump's dark shadow by casting light on the former president's transgressions. Pence was in a unique position to do so. But after everything, he remains more loyal to Trump than to a clear, true telling of his time in the White House. Pence's forthrightness is essential to ensure something like Jan. 6 never happens again, but he declines.

The Atlantic book reviewer

Tim Alberta wrote, "Even now, with the full benefit of hindsight, nearly two years after fleeing for his very life, Pence refuses to consider the connection between the manipulative propaganda of Trump's administration and the people wearing Make America Great Again hats who wanted to murder him for doing his constitutional duty."

We lived through traumatic, tumultuous times during the Trump-Pence administration. Given the mood of the nation, it feels like we simply wish to turn the page and move on.

Yet Tuesday night, the evening that Pence's book was released, Trump announced he was running for president again. Pence probably will do likewise in time.

So help us God.

Study committees are just pointless

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

A recent prosecutorial oversight committee could be the poster child for why Indiana doesn't need Legislative Interim Study Committees.

The group held one meeting. It lasted one hour. No member of the public testified. The group came up with no recommendations.

And that isn't an aberration. Unfortunately, it is a rarity when these committees actually get something done. Over my 20-plus years covering them I have seen that happen only a handful of times.

These committees — which used to be called summer study committees — are made up of lawmakers from the House and Senate and sometimes other stakeholders with expertise in a subject area. This could include judges, mayors, and teachers. They now largely don't occur until what could charitably be called late summer or early fall.

There are two thoughts behind the process.

The first is when a topic truly is complicated and could use additional time and expertise to delve into solutions that the expedited session process doesn't allow.

The second is when a controversial proposal is dividing legislators, leadership assigns the topic to a study committee to get it off the table and out of view — to kill it.

But the committees do cost money — largely through per diem for members to attend and mileage reimbursement.

Most of the final reports have no recommendations for or against legislation. They simply say what they were assigned to do, how many meetings and who spoke. A few have recommendations that are very vague.

And here's the kicker: nothing they do or say is binding, so anything can happen in the upcoming session regardless of their work product.

Here are a few examples from this year, all of which can be found here:

•The Interim Study Committee on Courts and the Judiciary was supposed to review weighted caseload study and requests for new judges and magistrates. It met once and "The Committee did not have a sufficient number of members present to make findings, rec-

Niki Kelly



ommendations, or adopt this report."

•The Interim Study Committee on Pension Management Oversight had four specific charges, including reviewing the 1977 Fund, pension foreign investment and a public defenders' retirement fund. It met twice and recommended "that the legislature continue to consider the issue of public defenders' retirement benefits."

•The Interim Study Committee on Energy, Utilities and Telecommunications was supposed to study the securitization of costs for retired electric utility assets. It met once and issued no findings or recommendations.

•The Interim Study Committee on Fiscal Policy had four different charges, including looking at the complexity index in the school funding formula. It met once and did not make any findings or recommendations.

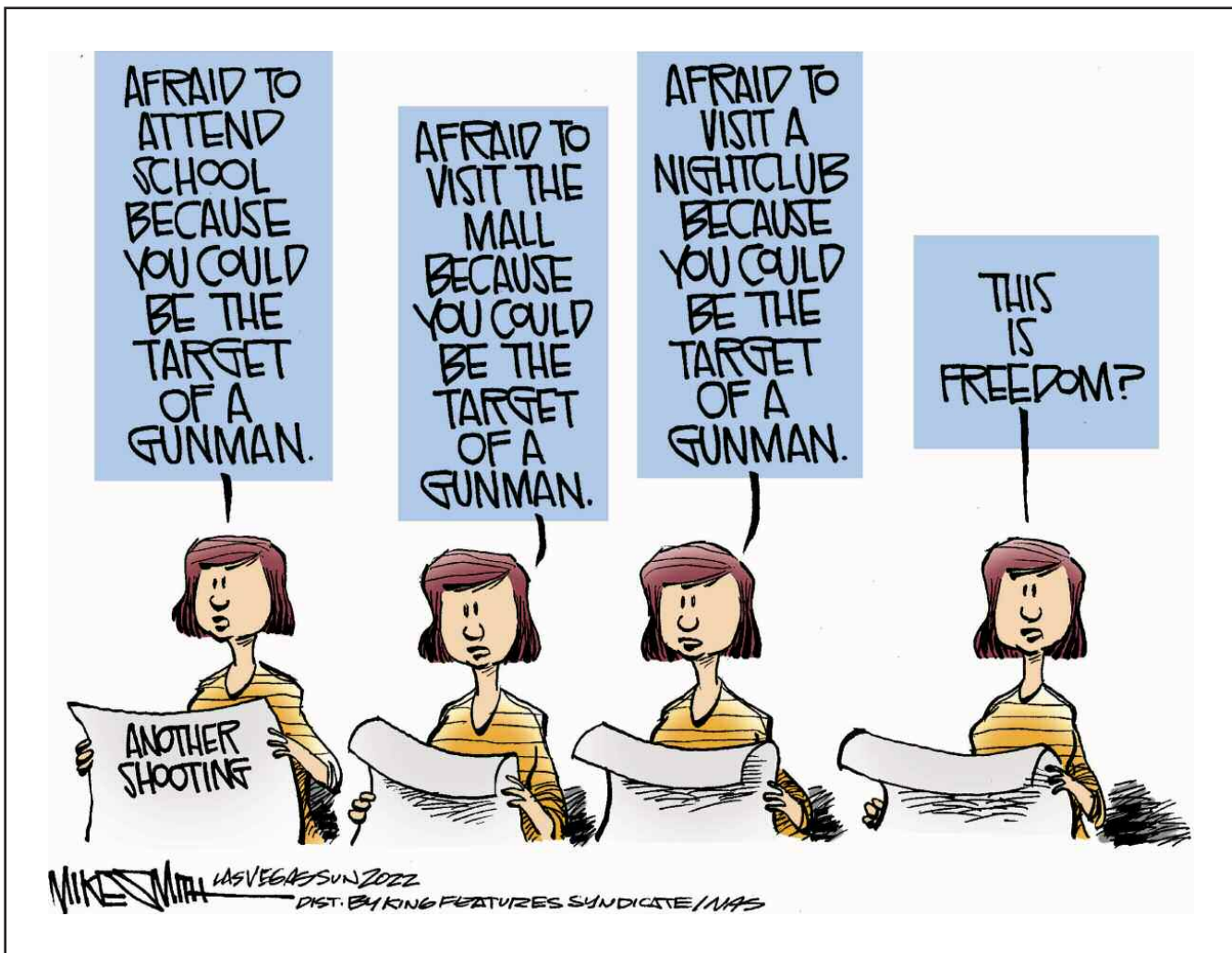
There is promise in these meetings.

For instance, the Interim Study Committee on Public Health, Behavioral Health and Human Services heard a fascinating report on market concentration of the health insurance industry, and how it leads to higher costs for Hoosiers. But it issued no findings or recommendations. Same for a discussion on the health benefits and legalization of THC-related products.

After all, who wants to take controversial votes only weeks before Election Day?

There are a few groups that have gotten things done recently. For instance, the Housing Task Force met three times and delved into the nitty-gritty of the housing shortage, what is making housing expensive and possible solutions. They passed 16 recommendations — some more specific than others — with a clear blueprint for how to address the problem in the 2023 session.

In government, Republicans talk a lot about return on investment, running government like a business and being accountable with taxpayer dollars. I would like to see what legislative leaders think Indiana is getting from these often pointless meetings.



Democrats are making a mistake

By JONATHAN BERNSTEIN

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Fresh off an unexpectedly resilient performance in the midterms, the Democrats appear to be bungling things right off the block by making a major political miscalculation on how to handle the debt ceiling.

Democratic leaders have signaled that they don't intend to address the borrowing limit in the current lame-duck session of Congress, when their majorities in the House and the Senate would theoretically give them a shot at raising or even eliminating the cap entirely without the help of Republican votes.

Democrats also seem to have convinced themselves that should the issue come to a head in early 2023, pushing the nation once again to the brink of a default and economic crisis, Republicans will take the blame.

"Although there is grave risk to the economy, the gun is in Republicans' hands," a Biden adviser told Politico last week. "And there is little question as to who will get blamed for this."

Rarely have I seen more misguided thinking from Joe Biden's White House.

If there is a debt crisis or, even worse, a government default caused by breaching the borrowing cap, the blame should indeed fall on Republicans. But Democrats are kidding themselves if they think that they won't be held responsible for the eventual economic fallout.

It's not that Republicans actually oppose raising the limit, a superfluous and unnecessary law that only allows the Treasury to borrow money Congress has

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already obligated it to borrow. But Republicans believe that they can withhold their votes in order to extract concessions on yet-to-be-revealed policy goals. And they're willing to risk creating havoc in financial markets and undermining faith in US credit in the process. It's the political equivalent of a bratty kid threatening to hold his breath until he turns blue.

The economic mayhem that would likely result from a debt crisis should spur Democrats to do whatever it takes to raise the limit now. Ideally, they would jettison the cap entirely so that we could bring an end to these showdowns, which do no good for anyone.

But doing so would likely involve using the budget reconciliation process in the Senate to avoid a Republican filibuster and would require the support of Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia. The White House might not have the appetite or the ability to secure his support.

Manchin is facing a potentially tough re-election battle in 2024, so he has strong reasons for preferring bipartisan solutions when they are available. But he is making a mistake: He probably wouldn't like any deal that Republicans offered. If Manchin can't be won over, Democrats simply won't have the votes.

Still, Biden and Senate Democratic leaders should be trying to

bring him on board. The problem is the White House might sincerely believe Republicans alone will pay the price for blocking action on the debt ceiling. That's just wrong.

Whatever voters might claim they feel about who is responsible, if the economy tanks, Biden will take the blame. We just had a perfect example of how this works. After Russia's invasion of Ukraine, polling indicated that voters would blame Russia, not Biden, if gasoline prices jumped. Indeed, a solid majority of voters said that they were willing to pay more at the pump if that's what it took to push back against Russian President Vladimir Putin.

Yet as soon as gas prices surged, so did Biden's disapproval numbers.

If the U.S. did default on its debt, there is little doubt that a majority of voters, and perhaps an overwhelming majority, would tell pollsters that Republicans in Congress were primarily at fault. But if the economy is damaged, Biden's standing will suffer. That might not be fair, but that's the way things work.

And when November 2024 rolls around, voters won't let Democrats off the hook. That should be strong incentive for Biden and congressional Democrats to put an end to debt limit dramas right now. As a side benefit, they can know that they are making good public policy by doing so.

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Several local families have opened a series of new businesses in Portland in the last couple of years. Pictured above is Sacred Cuts barber shop owned by Mariana Gutierrez. Her mom, Valvina Gutierrez, owns Jalisco Mexican Store. At right is ice cream shop Tutti-Frutti, which is owned by sisters-in-law Maricruz Estrada and Vanessa Diaz. Estrada owns Vivi's Boutique and Diaz plans to open shoe store VD Glam.



Sparked ...

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Diaz grew up in Torreón, a city in the Mexican state of Coahuila. She met her husband, Portland native Tomas Marentes, about 15 years ago through a mutual friend.

Prior to moving to the United States with Marentes, Diaz received her accounting and administration degree from Escuela Comercial Administrativa, a business school in Coahuila. The couple lived in Texas for two years before returning to Portland.

Like the Ruiz couple, they own and rent several properties in Jay County. Marentes also operates MCH Poultry of Portland.

Diaz explained she stayed at home with their three children for a few years before she decided to pursue her own business. She had noticed some needs in the community and wanted to fill them.

That's why she launched Tutti Fruitti with Estrada, to offer Portland a year-round ice cream shop. It's also why she's planning to open a shoe store, VD Glam, along Meridian Street in the next few weeks.

"I decided to start doing something for myself," she said. "So I (brought) in something new to the town."

Valvina Gutierrez and her

children came from Jalisco, Mexico, and lived in Greenville, Ohio, and North Carolina before settling in Portland.

Her daughter, Mariana Gutierrez, translated for her during an interview.

Valvina previously worked in a metal factory and at Cookout, a chain restaurant. But as a single mother, she wanted to spend more time with her children. Thanks to help from her family and husband, Leonel Loreda, she opened Jalisco Mexican Store in 2006. The shop — it offers a variety of Mexican products and now stocks Guatemalan items — had been operated by her husband's brother as La Hoya prior to the change in hands. She noted the business had been abandoned and was in severe debt when she took ownership of it.

"Her first three years were very tough, but after, it's been fine," said Mariana.

After running the store for more than 15 years, Valvina encouraged her daughter to start her own barber shop. Mariana pursued her barber's license in 2020 and opened Sacred Cuts along Meridian Street in May.

"It's my kid's turn," said Valvina with a smile.

Dilcia and Jorge Ruiz have built Ruiz Enterprises, a multi-

faceted business employing workers in seven states. The company's reach includes about 70 rental properties in Portland and two local businesses.

Jorge Ruiz came to Jay County from Mexico about 38 years ago through the American Chick Sexers Association and worked for Heartland Hatchery. In the mid 1990s, he founded United Chick Sexing, which employs about 60 chicken sexers working for the poultry industry in Virginia, Pennsylvania, Iowa and Nebraska.

He launched Ruiz Poultry in 2000. The company provides work crews for growers with barns in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois and employs 130.

Dilcia Ruiz, a Honduras native with a business administration degree, moved to Portland at the turn of the century. She met Jorge Ruiz in 2004. They married two years later, combining their rental properties in Portland under Ruiz Rentals.

"We started getting really busy and busy, and we started growing more and more," she recalled.

As they bought more Portland properties, ideas popped into their heads. They opened Sapphires, a reception hall and mini-convention center in the former Portland Moose Lodge, and Around the World, an interna-

tional candy shop, in the last two years.

"The buildings were there, and I just thought, you know, we're doing something good for the community," said Dilcia Ruiz.

Business success doesn't come without sacrifice, she explained. She recalled holidays she or Jorge have had to work through, as well as many hours of personal time they've put into their companies.

"(It's taken) a lot of arguments," she said, laughing. "A lot of understanding, time ... sometimes we had to sacrifice some of those moments to become successful."

They've learned from their business ventures. The Ruizes opened Taqueria El Agave Azul in 2019, and it closed during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Portland storefront located at the southeast corner of Votaw and Meridian streets has since been rented to Cuervos Tacos II, a restaurant specializing in Mexican food. (It is a branch of Winchester's Cuervos Tacos owned by Michel Cuervo's family.)

Finding employees can be challenging as well, with the Ruizes sometimes struggling to be able to pick up the slack and work on rental properties.

"The more we know, the more we will grow," Dilcia said.

Although business has gone well for the Gutierrezes, Mariana said, it hasn't always been smooth sailing. The language barrier challenges Valvina, who speaks mainly Spanish.

Health problems have also impacted them in the past.

Born with a birth defect, Mariana was a regular patient at hospitals and took medication into her late teenage years.

Valvina is a two-time cancer survivor, having battled stage four bladder cancer and later breast cancer.

"I was running (the store) basically by myself whenever she was going through all that," recalled Mariana.

Maintaining a business requires support. Diaz recognized members of the community as key proponents in her business success.

"Jay County is really supportive, (has) very, very supportive people," she said. "I feel so grateful with Jay County because they show us a lot of love."

It also helps to love what you do.

"If you have an open mind, and you're willing to be successful, everything is possible," said Dilcia Ruiz. "It's the best thing you can do, is work for yourself. It is hard, but it is absolutely the best thing you can do."

US bans Huawei, ZTE

By TODD SHIELDS
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Huawei Technologies Co. and ZTE Corp. were banned from selling electronics in the US by regulators who say they pose a security risk, continuing a years-long effort to limit the reach of Chinese telecommunications companies into US networks.

The Federal Communications Commission, in an order released Friday, also named connected-camera providers Hangzhou Hikvision Digital Technology Co. and Dahua Technology Co., as well as two-way radio maker Hytera Communications Corp.

"The FCC is committed to protecting our national security by ensuring that untrustworthy communications equipment is not authorized for use within our borders, and we are continuing that work here," Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel said in a

news release. "These new rules are an important part of our ongoing actions to protect the American people from national security threats involving telecommunications."

In the 4-0 vote, the FCC concluded the products pose a risk to data security. Past efforts to curb Chinese access include export controls to cut off key, sophisticated equipment and software. Recently US officials have weighed restrictions on TikTok over fears Chinese authorities could access US user data via the video sharing app.

"This is a culminating action," said Klon Kitchen, a senior fellow at the Washington-based American Enterprise Institute, a public-policy think tank. "Things that began under Trump are now being carried out. The Biden administration is continuing to turn the screws on these companies because the

threat isn't changing."

Huawei declined to comment, while Hikvision didn't immediately supply a comment after being contacted. Dahua, Hytera and ZTE didn't respond to emails sent outside normal business hours in China.

The looming FCC move didn't come up in the bilateral meeting between US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping in Indonesia last week, a U.S. official said, speaking on condition of anonymity. Biden did discuss technology issues more broadly with Xi and was clear that the US will continue to take action to protect its national security, the official said.

"This is the death knell for all of them for their US operations," said Conor Healy, director of government research for the Bethlehem, Pennsylvania-based surveillance research group IPVM.



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11-26 CRYPTOQUIP

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EW EBFXCW MCNG? RCN

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SEGMENT OF A
FIREWORKS DISPLAY THAT PLAYS WEIRD TRICKS
ON SPECTATORS' EYES: THE GRAND FINAGLE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals N

Trivial Review (Answers are printed below, upside down.)
Thankful for thought
1) What three countries other than the United States and Canada celebrate a Thanksgiving?
2) What was the first video game character to be featured in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade?

11-28 CRYPTOQUIP

UH GL MLQOLUGJZO HGBR UE
JAFMDKR RF ZUDKR UL EFPO
HGUAT RGZO, RKGR BFMZQ JO
G DAUPP AOGZURT.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHY MIGHT SOMEBODY
HAVE TO USE A REGULAR NOUN AS AN ACTION
WORD? FOR VERBIFICATION PURPOSES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: H equals F

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to diabetes.
Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 4 = E)
A. 21 16 1 9 5 19 4
Clue: Sugar
B. 15 10 19 1 16 15 10
Clue: Regulates sugar
C. 16 4 8 4 16 19
Clue: Measurements
D. 11 15 4 6
Clue: Foods you eat

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to diabetes.
OBDLO
Answers: Blood

Guess Who?
I am a singer born in Tennessee on November 26, 1939. I picked cotton as a kid and worked as a nurse's aide. A 1971 single helped propel my music career, and I am considered the Queen of Rock and Roll.
Answer: Tina Turner

kids' corner
THIS FOOD IS NOT REALLY A NUT, DESPITE ITS NAME. IT IS A LEGUME CROP GROWN FOR ITS EDIBLE SEEDS.

FOOD FACT!
THIS FOOD IS NOT REALLY A NUT, DESPITE ITS NAME. IT IS A LEGUME CROP GROWN FOR ITS EDIBLE SEEDS.

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?



Answers: 1. Knife is shorter 2. Sandwich has a bite taken out of it 3. Stain on table 4. Missing bread slice

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
21
• 164 BCE: JUDAS MACCABEUS RESTORES THE TEMPLE IN JERUSALEM. THIS IS THE BASIS OF CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS.
• 1789: NORTH CAROLINA BECOMES THE 12TH U.S. STATE.
• 1905: ALBERT EINSTEIN PUBLISHES HIS PAPER THAT LEADS TO THE FORMULA: E=MC².

New Word
CREAMY
smooth and rich; resembling cream

DIABETES WORD SEARCH

M P I P Y M C Y I M N M C B F E E T S P
V R Y I G C U N E E P C E K E L F K A T
H U A R Y C K N V K A A A C Y Y I N I R
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S A N E R V E S R B O O G L U C O S E T

- WORDS
ACIDOSIS
ADRENAL
ADVERSE
ALBUMINURIA
ASYMPTOMATIC
BASAL RATE
BETA
BLOOD
CARBOHYDRATE
CARDIOVASCULAR
CONTROL
DEHYDRATION
DIABETIC
DIETICIAN
ENDOCRINE
FEET
GLUCOSE
INSULIN
KETONES
MONITOR
NERVES
ONSET
PANCREAS
STRIP

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

How they SAY that in...
ENGLISH: Grind
SPANISH: Pulverizar
ITALIAN: Polverizzare
FRENCH: Mouder
GERMAN: Etwas zermahlen

Did You Know?
CHOCOLATE-COVERED PEANUT BUTTER IS A FAVORITE TREAT FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS ALIKE.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: PEANUT BUTTER

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 38 Telly network
1 Potential tulips
6 Mass leader
12 Len of "Blue Bloods"
13 Surgeon's stitch
14 Re-nounce
15 Conforms
16 Baseball's Musial
17 Social appointment
19 Stetson, e.g.
20 Go to sea
22 Pi follower
24 Spa sounds
27 Dealer's foe
29 Scraps
32 "Things couldn't be better!"
35 NYC gallery
36 Epi-dermis
37 Chowd down
3 They have their pride
4 Gift topper
5 Old timers?
6 Jr.-year exam
7 Less polite
8 "Give — whirl!"
9 Bliss
10 Madrid miss (Abbr.)
11 Try out
12 LPs' successors
18 "Today" weather-caster
21 Mandala's org.
23 Sweetie
24 Goal
25 Med. plan
26 Tijuana hat
28 Cooking styles
30 Blasting stick
31 Observe
33 Catch red-handed
34 "CSI" evidence
39 "True Colors" singer
41 Ill-deserved
42 Hammett pooch
43 "— you not!"
45 Applications
47 Staffer
48 Belgian river
49 Norm, for short
51 Author Fleming
53 Last (Abbr.)

Solution time: 26 mins.
T N D S A N G P A L S
N E E A W O L O H I O
C A M P F I R E L A Z Y
A R I S E S E P A
A S H F I R E U P
T B O L T J U G A L E
H E L M D E L F R E E
E R A B E T L A P E L
O N F I R E S O L
R A P I N C O M E
A M O K F I R E O P A L
C O D E R V E R E T A
H E E D Y E N S C A N

Yesterday's answer 11-26

Grid for crossword puzzle 11-26

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A lucky grand slam

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
J9
K9853
K108742
WEST
7652
10743
1074
J6
EAST
AKQ83
AKQ8652
6
6
3
SOUTH
A104
J9
AQJ2
AQ95
The bidding:
South West North East
1 Pass 5 Pass 5
6 Pass 6 Pass 7
Opening lead — three of hearts.
This deal occurred in a club duplicate game, and the bidding is recorded as it took place. Perhaps you wouldn't have bid six hearts with West's hand, but in a sense, West was right. South would have made six clubs, scoring 1,370 points, whereas East would have gone down only three — 500 points — at six hearts doubled.
North's seven-club bid is certainly questionable. He could have passed and left the decision to South, who was probably in a better position to

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
Q62
1098742
J85
WEST
K1087
QJ3
43
KQ108
EAST
AJ9543
AK5
1092
2
SOUTH
6
AKQ76
AJ96543
The bidding:
South West North East
1 Pass 1 Pass 2 Pass
3 Pass 4 Pass 5 Pass
4 NT Pass 5 Dble
Opening lead — seven of spades.
There is no unanimity about who is the best player in the world, but there's also no doubt that one of the leading candidates for this honor would be Bob Hamman. His long string of successes in national and world championships has been truly remarkable, and today's hand from a tournament some years ago is a good indicator of how and why he has achieved that status.
Hamman was East and doubled five diamonds after the sequence shown. His partner, Bobby Wolff, led the spade seven, and declarer ruffed Hamman's jack. South then played the ace and another club,

Tomorrow: Go with the flow.

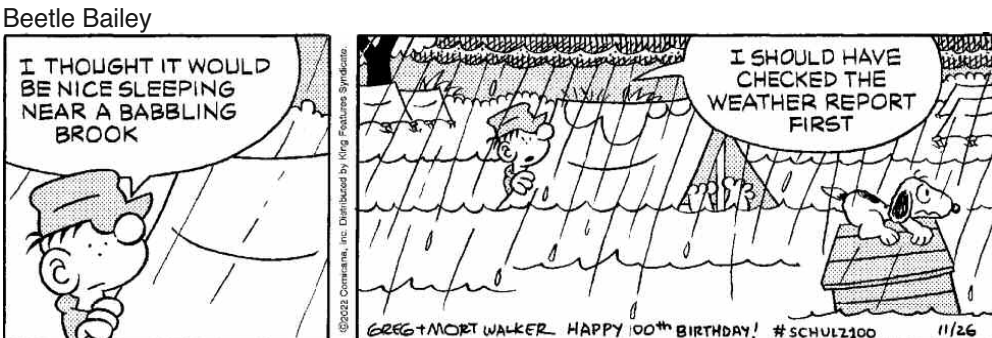
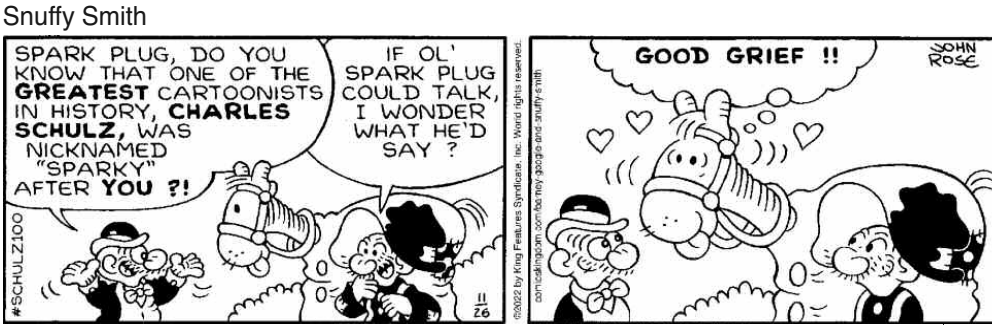
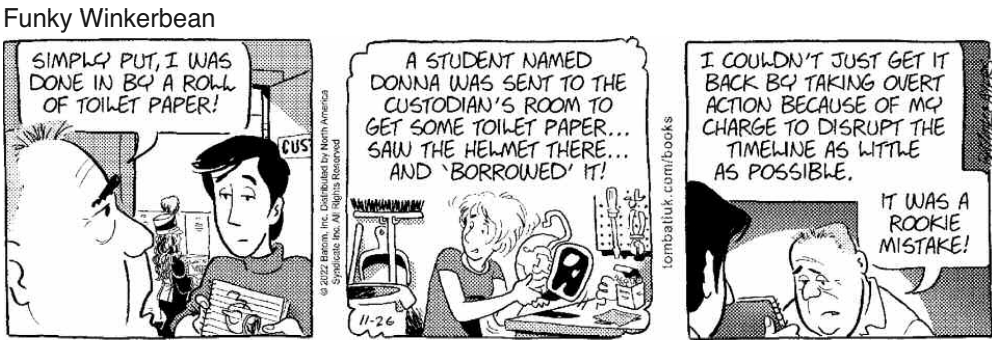
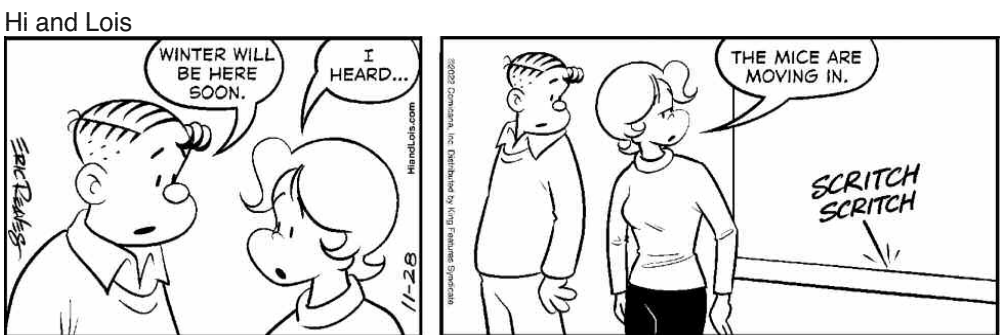
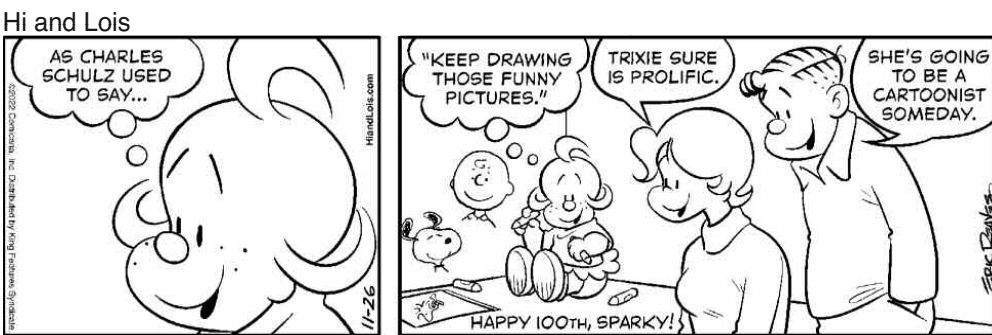
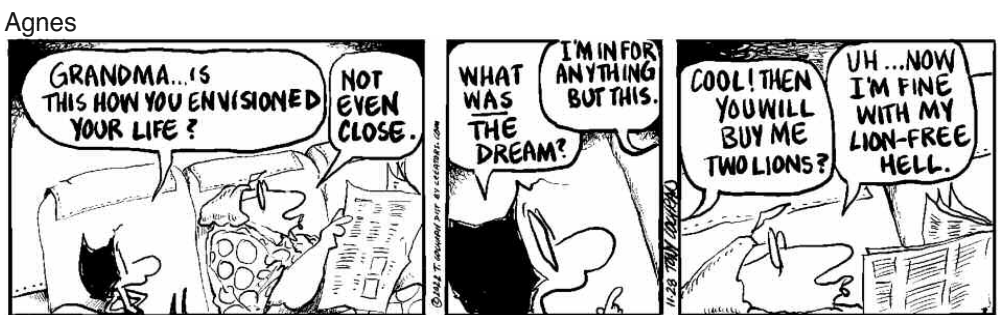
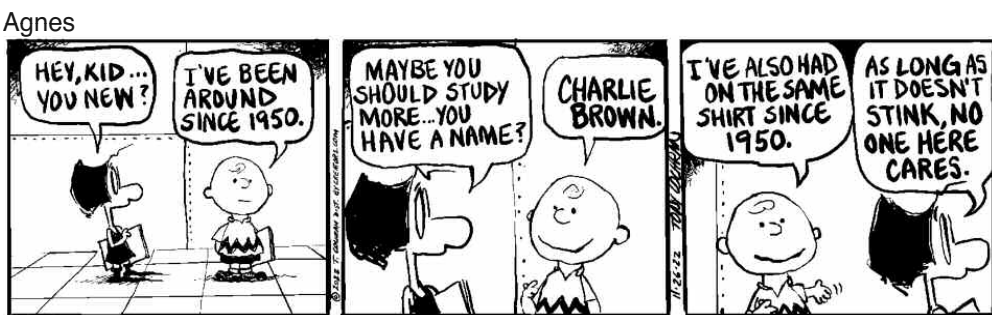
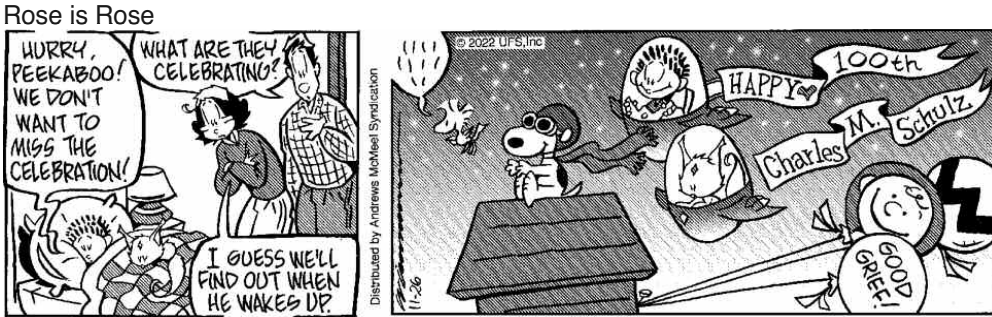
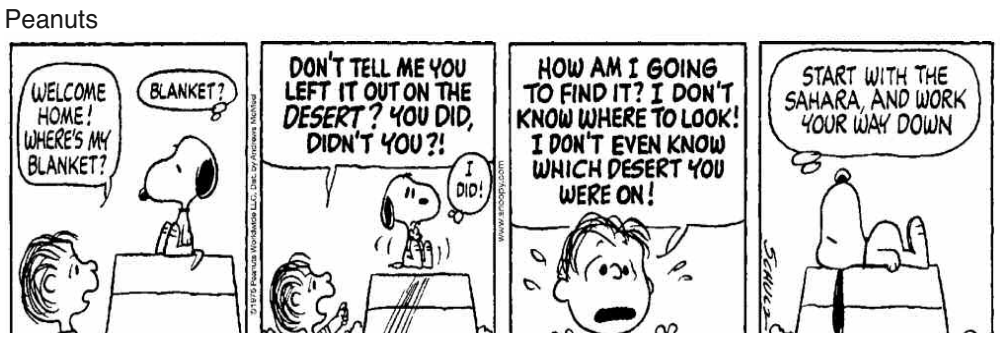
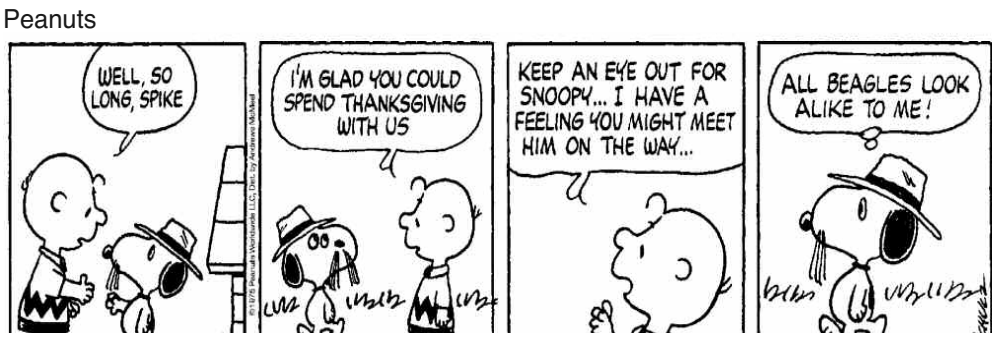
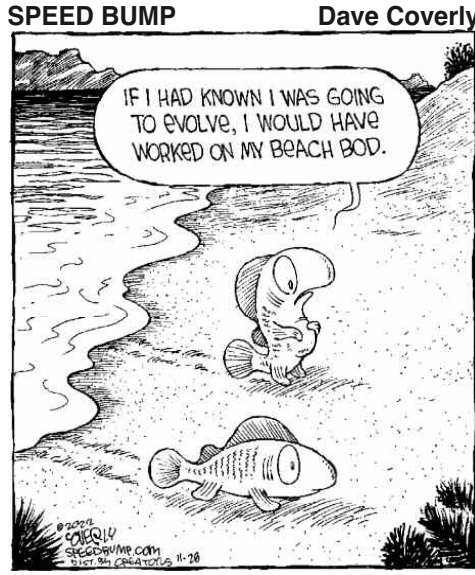
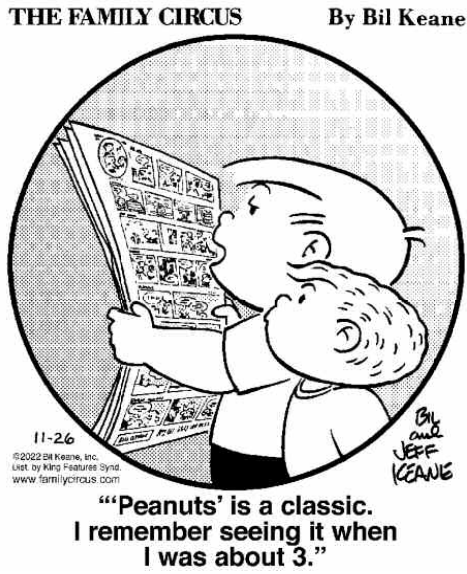
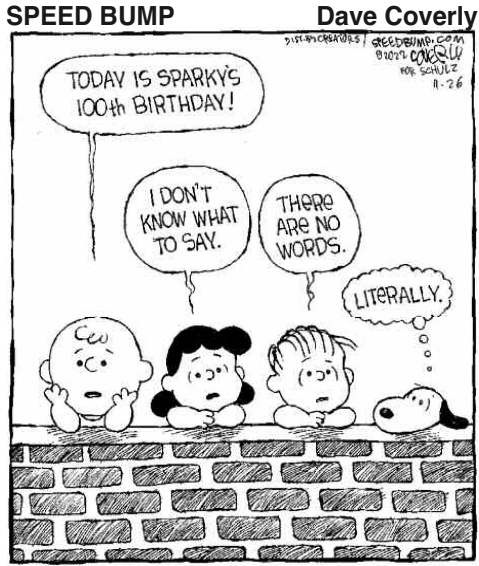
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 35 "Forrest —"
1 Soother
5 Hill dweller
8 Flightless birds
12 Duel tool
13 "The Crying Game" actor
14 Merit badge holder
15 Starring role
16 Nautical
18 Home of St. Francis
20 Sports venues
21 Kid's plea
23 Hanoi holiday
24 Tenderizing sauce
28 Stallion's mate
31 "Life — cabaret ..."
32 Fear greatly
34 Charged bit
35 "Forrest —"
37 Singer Faithfull
39 Luau bowlful
41 Swizzle
42 Actress Plummer
45 Offered clues
49 Style of Mexican music
51 Rice-shaped pasta
52 Diminutive suffix
53 Haw preceder
54 Entice
55 Lip
56 Blunder
57 Beloved
17 NYC subway line
1 Com-poser Bartok
19 Hour-glass fill
22 Concepts
24 Russian jet
25 Tempe sch.
26 Bulwarks
27 More coarse
29 Harry Potter pal
30 Away from WSW
33 503, in old Rome
36 Shet-lands, e.g.
38 Golf's Palmer
40 Journalist Tarbell
42 Iowa city
43 — Hari
44 Sore spot
46 Verifiable
47 Poet Pound
48 Active sort
50 Grammy-winning "Fight for You" singer

Solution time: 21 mins.
B U L B S P R I E S T
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We Deliver

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

Laughter

The Commercial Review We Deliver

Stifle ...

Continued from page 10
Three second-chance hoops — JCHS out-rebounded the Warriors 33-24 — keyed 7-0 run as the home team led 15-1 at the quarter break. The Patriots forced eight Woodlan turnovers in the first period while holding it without a field goal on 10 attempts.

The Warriors never threatened the rest of the way, with Jay County putting the game out of reach with a 10-0 run over a two-minute span late in the first half. The Patriots were up by 28 at halftime and then scored the first eight points of the second half.

Schwieterman led three JCHS players in double figures, shooting 7-of-12 for 19 points. Muhlenkamp and Bilbrey followed with 14 points apiece.

"Having three in double figures, Molly just keeps growing with confidence," said Comer.

"(Molly) has just really grown with confidence. The more confidence she gets, the more she is willing to try things. And the more she's going to try things, the more she sees how much ability she has. ..."

"We had Gabi for a double-double ... She's just soaring with confidence as well. ..."

"Confidence is everything with everybody and right now we're playing with a lot of confidence."

Bilbrey had her double-double at the intermission as she had 10 points and all but two of her team-high 12 rebounds in the first 16 minutes. Muhlenkamp followed with seven boards.

Woodlan struggled to get anything going against the Patriots, finishing at 25% from the field with 24 turnovers. It didn't score consecutive baskets until the 5:15 mark of the final period.

"One of the things I told the girls after the game tonight is we played our game," said Comer. "A lot of times in the past when you

Countdown to the record

111

Renna Schwieterman is 111 points away from breaking Jay County High School's all-time scoring record of 1,458 points held by 1986 graduate Shannon Freeman. At her current scoring pace, she would break the record Dec. 17 at South Adams.

don't have the mental toughness, you play to the opponent's level. I didn't feel like we did that at all tonight, which shows me that we're really maturing as a team and growing in our mental toughness."

Kneubuhler's team-high seven points for the Warriors, whose only previous loss came to a Belmont squad that was ranked in the top 10 in Class 3A at the time, came on just 2-15 shooting.

Junior varsity

Jay County opened a double-digit lead in the second quarter on the way to a 32-25 victory.

The game was tied after the opening quarter before the Patriots outscored Woodlan 32-25. The Warriors closed the gap in the third quarter but JCHS was able to stay in control for the seven-points win.

Bella Denton led the Patriots with a dozen points, all in the first half. Mya Kunkler added five points, and Angel Clairday and Danielle May each had four.

Kamryn Jarvis (12) and Ella Franze (11) handled the bulk of the scoring for Woodlan.



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Jay County High School senior Gabi Bilbrey puts up a shot during the first half of Friday's 60-22 victory over Woodlan. Bilbrey had 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Class 3A No. 7 Patriots.

Box score

Class 3A No. 7
Jay County Patriots
vs. Woodlan Warriors

Girls varsity summary

Woodlan (2-5, 0-1 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Widenhoefer	0-1	0-0	0
Klopfenstein	1-5	0-0	2
Smith	3-5	0-0	6
Crosby	2-5	0-1	5
Goheen	1-3	0-0	2
Kneubuhler	2-15	1-2	7
Elwood	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	9-36	1-3	22
	.250	.333	

Jay County (5-1, 1-0 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Muhlenkamp	6-9	2-4	14
Saxman	0-3	1-6	1
McIntire	1-3	0-0	3
MDirksen	1-1	0-0	2
Bilbrey	7-12	0-0	14
Denton	1-1	0-0	2
Schwieterman	7-12	3-5	19
BDirksen	2-6	0-1	4
May	0-0	0-0	0
Petro	0-1	1-2	1
Totals	25-48	7-18	60
	.521	.389	

Def. rebound percentage: .689

Score by quarters:
Woodlan 1 11 5 — 22
Jay Co. 15 25 12 8 — 60

3-point shooting: Woodlan 3-15 (Kneubuhler 2-5, Crosby 1-3, Roney 0-3, Goheen 0-2, Widenhoefer 0-1, Smith 0-1). Jay County 3-9 (Schwieterman 2-6, McIntire 1-3).

Rebounds: Woodlan 24 (Smith 7, team 6, Widenhoefer 3, Kneubuhler 3, Klopfenstein 2, Crosby 2, Goheen). Jay County 33 (Bilbrey 12, Muhlenkamp 7, Schwieterman 4, Saxman 3, BDirksen 2, team 2, McIntire, Denton, Petro).

Assists: Woodlan 4 (Roney 2, Widenhoefer, Kneubuhler). Jay County 7 (Muhlenkamp 2, Bilbrey 2, Schwieterman 2, BDirksen).

Blocks: Woodlan 2 (Smith, Crosby). Jay County 2 (Muhlenkamp, Saxman).

Personal fouls: Woodlan 13 (Roney 4, Smith 3, Klopfenstein 2, Goheen 2, Kneubuhler 2). Jay County 6 (Muhlenkamp 2, Bilbrey 2, McIntire, Schwieterman).

Turnovers: Woodlan 24. Jay County 12.

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Sports

No. 7 Patriots stifle Woodlan

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
The Warriors arrived Friday night with a 5-1 record. They had averaged 61 points over their last three games, all victories. The Patriots stifled any hopes for a fourth in a row in a hurry. Jay County High School's Class 3A No. 7 girls basketball

team forced turnovers on each of visiting Woodlan's first four possessions, led by 14 at the end of the first quarter and dominated its way to a 60-22 victory. The strong start to the game came despite the Patriots taking time off to enjoy the holiday. "I was pleased with the way we came out," said JCHS coach Kirk Comer. "We took Thanks-

giving off for the first time since I've been here. Because we play on Friday, we always practice on Thanksgiving. But the girls wanted to take Thanksgiving off. We worked really hard Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, had a good weekend last weekend, so we took it off. "You never know when you do that how you're going to come

out. But I thought we showed great maturity in coming out ready to go, not flat. I was really pleased with the way we got off to a good start." There were no field goals from either team in the first two minutes, but the Patriots (5-1, 1-0 Allen County Athletic Conference) got going after Gabi Bilibrey scored consecutive hoops

on assists from Molly Muhlenkamp and Renna Schwieterman. A 3-pointer by Schwieterman made it 8-0 before Woodlan's Taylor Kneubuhler got her team on the board by splitting a pair of free throws with 4:05 on the clock. It was the only point the Warriors (5-2, 0-1 ACAC) would get in the quarter. See Stifle page 9

US, England play to a tie

By JONATHAN TANNENWALD
The Philadelphia Inquirer Tribune News Service
The U.S. men's soccer team played England to a scoreless tie at the World Cup on Friday, and the most remarkable thing about it was how easily it could have been an even better result for the Americans. Led by Tyler Adams and Christian Pulisic, the Americans out-shot England by a 10-8 margin at Al Bayt Stadium in Al Khor, Qatar. For long stretches of the game, they were so clearly the better team that

even the millions of soccer novices who watched after their Black Friday shopping could have understood which team should be winning. But they did not win, which means a victory in Tuesday's group stage finale against Iran is required to advance. U.S. manager Gregg Berhalter made three big gambles with his starting lineup: putting in Haji Wright over Josh Sargent at striker, and leaving in Weston McKennie in midfield and Sergiño Dest at right back.

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Local schedule
Today
Jay County — Boys basketball (including freshmen) at Richmond — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at Ansonia — 10 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball vs. Driver — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Driver — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Mississinawa Valley — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Middle school girls basketball vs. New Knoxville — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Northeastern — 6 p.m.; Swimming at Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Wrestling at Centerville — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Bellmont — 5 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball vs. Bellmont — 6 p.m.

TV sports
Today
5 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Australia vs. Tunisia (FS1)
8 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Saudi Arabia vs. Poland (FS1)
11 a.m. — High school football: Class 1A state championship — Adams Central vs. Indianapolis Lutheran (Bally Indiana)
11 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Denmark vs. France (FS1)
Noon — College football: Michigan at Ohio State (FOX); Georgia Tech at Georgia (ESPN); South Carolina at Clemson (ABC); West Virginia at Oklahoma State (ESPN2); Rutgers at Maryland (BTN)
2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Mexico vs. Argentina (FS1)
2 p.m. — College football: Grambling at Southern (NBC)
3 p.m. — High school football: Class 3A state championship — Bishop Chatard vs. Lawrenceburg (Bally Indiana)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Auburn at Alabama (CBS); Oregon at Oregon State (ABC); Minnesota at Wisconsin (ESPN); Purdue at Indiana (BTN); Memphis at SMU (ESPN2)
4 p.m. — College football: Iowa State at TCU (FOX); Michigan State at Penn State (FS1)
7 p.m. — High school football: Class 5A state championship — Valparaiso vs. Whiteland (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — College football: Central Florida at South Florida (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Notre Dame at USC (ABC); Oklahoma at Texas Tech (FS1)
8 p.m. — College football: Kansas at Kansas State (FOX)
10 p.m. — College football: Washington at Washington State (ESPN)
11 p.m. — College football: BYU at Stanford (FS1)

Sunday
5 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Costa Rica vs. Japan (FS1)
8 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Morocco vs. Belgium (FX1)
11 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Canada vs. Croatia (FS1)
1 p.m. — NFL football: Cincinnati Bengals at Tennessee Titans (CBS); Chicago Bears at New York Jets (FOX)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Oregon at Michigan State (ESPN2)
2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Germany vs. Spain (FS1)
4 p.m. — NFL football: Los Angeles Rams at Kansas City Chiefs (FOX)
4 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Los Angeles Clippers (Bally Indiana)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Green Bay Packers at Philadelphia Eagles (NBC)

Monday
5 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Serbia vs. Cameroon (FS1)
8 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Ghana vs. South Korea (FS1)
11 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Switzerland vs. Brazil (FOX)
2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Uruguay vs. Portugal (FOX)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: Pittsburgh Steelers at Indianapolis Colts (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Los Angeles Lakers (Bally Indiana)

Tuesday
10 a.m. — Soccer: World Cup — Qatar vs. Netherlands (FOX); Senegal vs. Ecuador (FS1)
2 p.m. — Soccer: World Cup — United States vs. Iran (FOX); England vs. Wales (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Long Island vs. St. John's (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors vs. Dallas Mavericks (TNT)



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