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## Commissioners support bridge effort

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Commissioners are supporting an effort to preserve a more than 80-year-old steel bridge.

They're also hoping to learn why INDOT plans to replace instead of repair it.

Jay County Commissioners agreed Monday to send a letter to Indiana Department of Transportation in relation to its planned replacement of the steel truss bridge — colloquially referred to as the blue bridge

### Area residents are seeking to save structure over Salamonie

— on Water Street (Indiana 26) over the Salamonie River on the east edge of Portland. According to INDOT's schedule, Milestone Contractors will

remove the bridge in April and replace it with a new concrete structure.

Jenny Bricker, a rural Portland resident, asked for com-

missioners' support Monday in an effort to preserve the bridge.

"I want you to help us save our local historical treasure," she said.

More than 1,400 people so far have signed a petition against the bridge's removal, Bricker added.

She explained INDOT has been planning the project since 2019. At that time, she said, INDOT estimated it would cost less than \$1 million to repair the bridge. For \$200,000 more,

they decided to build a new bridge allowing it to handle more weight, with a wider path and a sidewalk. In today's figures, she continued, the project is now expected to cost at least \$3.3 million. Restoration is currently priced at \$1.3 million.

She added INDOT did not provide the proper legal notice for its public hearing on the bridge replacement and accused it of being in violation of its own procedures.

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## China clamps down on protests

### Demonstrations oppose 'zero COVID' policy

By LYRIC LI  
The Washington Post

Small protests against China's strict "zero COVID" policy occurred in several cities Monday evening, as citizens defied a police crackdown and threats of reprisal, with Beijing blaming "foreign forces" even as authorities moved to vaccinate more seniors and relax some distancing measures.

From Hangzhou in the east to Kunming in the southwest and Beijing in the north, small groups of people demonstrated by holding up blank paper — a symbol of state censorship — in solidarity with protesters in Shanghai, the first major city where the recent rallies against the zero COVID measures occurred.

The protests were primarily vehicles to vent about lockdowns and commemorate people who had died in a fire in the far northwestern region of Xinjiang last week. Many Chinese believe that the zero COVID policy worsened the tragedy by slowing first responders, an allegation that authorities deny. Frustrations about political oppression have also crept in, with some calling for the ouster of the ruling Communist Party and President Xi Jinping.

Monday evening's demonstrations were relatively small, involving perhaps dozens of protesters. Rallies against alleged local government malfeasance are also not an uncommon sight in China — but prolonged, nationwide protests against central authorities are extremely unusual. Videos of these moments circulated widely online, even as censors made efforts to cut off access.

Local security officials, who appeared to be caught off guard when demonstrations began over the weekend, seemed more proactive in trying to stamp out Monday's protests. In Hangzhou, home to tech giants including Alibaba, police were shown in a widely circulated video cornering a bespectacled young man and trying to grab a bouquet of chrysanthemums, a symbol of mourning, from him.

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## Warm wishes

Dunkirk celebrated the holiday season Monday with its Feel the Warmth of Christmas event. Pictured above, Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins pours hot water in the pot for hot chocolate Monday at city hall. At right, Sawyer McCombs, 4, tells Santa Claus what she wants for Christmas at Fuqua Chrysler Dodge Jeep RAM.



## GOP lays out education priorities

By CASEY SMITH  
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Indiana's top Republican lawmakers said they plan to prioritize school choice and enact a plan to "reinvent" high school education during the next legislative session.

That will largely involve an expansion of work-based learning opportunities available for high schoolers. The goal is to graduate Hoosier students

### Lawmakers plan to 'reinvent' high school

who are better prepared for the workforce — and increase the likelihood they will stay in Indiana — as the state tries to reverse its dismal college-going

rate, as well as other academic impacts following the COVID-19 pandemic.

But Democrats maintain the state needs to invest more in early learning

first. They also emphasized that Indiana should offer a child care tax credit or lower the age for compulsory school attendance from seven to five.

Educators said they have different concerns, too.

While lobbying at the Statehouse last week, Indiana's largest teacher unions lobbied for lawmakers to directly address the ongoing, statewide teacher shortage. They

also called for increased funding to public schools, and implored legislators to focus less on "culture war" issues.

Lawmakers can start filing bills now, but no specific legislation has been submitted yet. Republican leaders said they plan to release their specific priority lists sometime next month, before the 2023 legislative session officially kicks off Jan. 9.

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### Deaths

Larry Loyd, 82, rural Portland  
Mildred Armstrong, 86, Portland  
Dixie Craig, 87, Upland  
Veronica Schwartz, infant, Geneva  
Becky Sitsler, 65, Montpelier  
See page 2 for details.

### Weather

The temperature in Jay County hovered between 41 and 46 degrees Monday. Showers are expected tonight with a thunderstorm possible after 9 p.m. and winds gusting to 40 miles per hour. Temperatures will fall through the day Wednesday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

The City of Portland's water office will be closed Thursday to allow employees to attend a training session. Also, Portland Redevelopment Commission will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. Thursday at Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Results from the JCHS girls basketball game against Northeastern.

**Friday** — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.







# Book emphasizes spirit, resilience

**Herald Bulletin (Anderson)**

Hoosiers often hold dear their inherent values of practicality, resilience and good old common sense.

In 1986, the favorably-received Indiana Way by historian James H. Madison was published by Indiana University Press. In it, Madison showed how a collective spirit tied Hoosiers together over the decades.

Others have done the same, notably in the 1929 sociological study of Middletown, actually Muncie, by husband and wife Roger Staughton Lynd and Helen Merrell Lynd.

They found a distinct difference—a “cleavage,” they called it—between Indiana’s working class and business class that defined one’s entire life and career. While individuals experience economic troubles, the

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texture of Indiana life doesn’t shift.

Now there’s a new look at Hoosier attitudes and adaptability in Climate Change and Resilience in Indiana and Beyond, published this month by Indiana University Press. The book may eventually rank alongside the previous studies.

While its 233 pages are often weighty with scientific and sociological data, the book is ready to become a college textbook and a guide for those interested in tackling climate change.

At the end of each of its 12 chapters, Hoosiers are offered suggestions for ways to join the response to and possible correction of climate change.

Gloom and doom take a back seat to hope.

There is little wonder why IU Press jumped on these timely essays, as it was edited by Janet McCabe, former director of IU’s Environmental Resilience Institute (ERI) and now deputy administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Gabriel Filippelli, earth sciences professor at IU; and IU Professors Kimberly Novick and James Shanahan.

Of late, IU’s ERI has become the state’s leading climate research repository. It administers the Hoosier Life Survey of 2,700 respondents, which found in part that 58% of the population believe that environmen-

tal change is adversely affecting Americans.

However, few Hoosiers anticipate being impacted by a major disease outbreak in the next decade; instead most were concerned about the economy.

ERI has replaced the once-vibrant Purdue Climate Change Research Center, which faded from view after issuing extensive studies on Indiana’s climate challenges. It hasn’t issued an annual report since 2020. Its two chief communicators have moved to other roles.

That absence makes this book crucial in providing direction for units of government, businesses, farmers, urban dwellers and rural residents or, in general, everyone.

There are dozens of positive takeaways.

Emphasizing that diversity leads to stability and

resilience, two essays discuss ways to improve the Indiana landscape. Homeowners can plant prairie grass or wildflowers in their lawns to attract birds and other pollinators. Farmers can use cover crops to prevent wind-eroding sandy soils.

Despite constantly reminding Hoosiers of the dire consequences of climate change—more days of extreme heat, more extreme rain events, increased health risks and reduced agricultural production—the authors remain hopeful that Indiana residents will display a can-do response.

Climate Change and Resilience in Indiana and Beyond is certainly a call to action. It is also a reminder of the community spirit that can unite Hoosiers in saving our environment.

# Young should pay attention

**By JERALD MCNAIR**

Chicago Tribune Tribune News Service

Perhaps the youngest voters in our democracy are beginning to see that they can effect change.

The midterm elections saw historic turnout among this voting bloc ranging in age from 18 to 29. The political party that zooms in on the Zoomers and millennials will likely be the one that leads this country for the foreseeable future.

They see what is happening in a country with a violence epidemic: In 2020, there were more than 45,000 firearm-related deaths in the United States. Members of younger generations are dying in unimaginable numbers. Data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that homicide is the leading cause of death for Black males in their 20s. Suicide also is a leading cause of death among the young.

And the governmental focus on student debt has certainly gotten the attention of Gen Z and millennials, particularly those who are college graduates.

Then there is abortion. The average age of first-time mothers is 26, according to the CDC. Perhaps the Supreme Court’s decision to overturn Roe v. Wade persuaded this age group to come out and vote.

Whatever the motivation, hopefully this trend will continue. A healthy democracy requires participation by its citizenry. Even in presidential elections, less than 65% of Americans generally turn out to vote. In midterm elections, those numbers decrease considerably—often to less than 50%.

Much has been written about the plight of our democracy. The status quo became a target on Jan. 6, 2021, when insurrectionists breached the U.S. Capitol.

Our youths have been watching, listening and paying attention. Political pundits have underestimated our youths and their concern for our nation. So have we. We parents and educators assume they’re more concerned with partying and thinking only of the moment.

We of the older generations often find fault with social media platforms such as TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat. We loathe the fact that our youth spend an inordinate amount of time on them,

Jerald McNair



often at the expense of face-to-face communication and development of personal relationships. On the other hand, social media platforms provide information to our youths, including what’s happening in politics. Apparently, our youths have been paying attention and realize their vote matters.

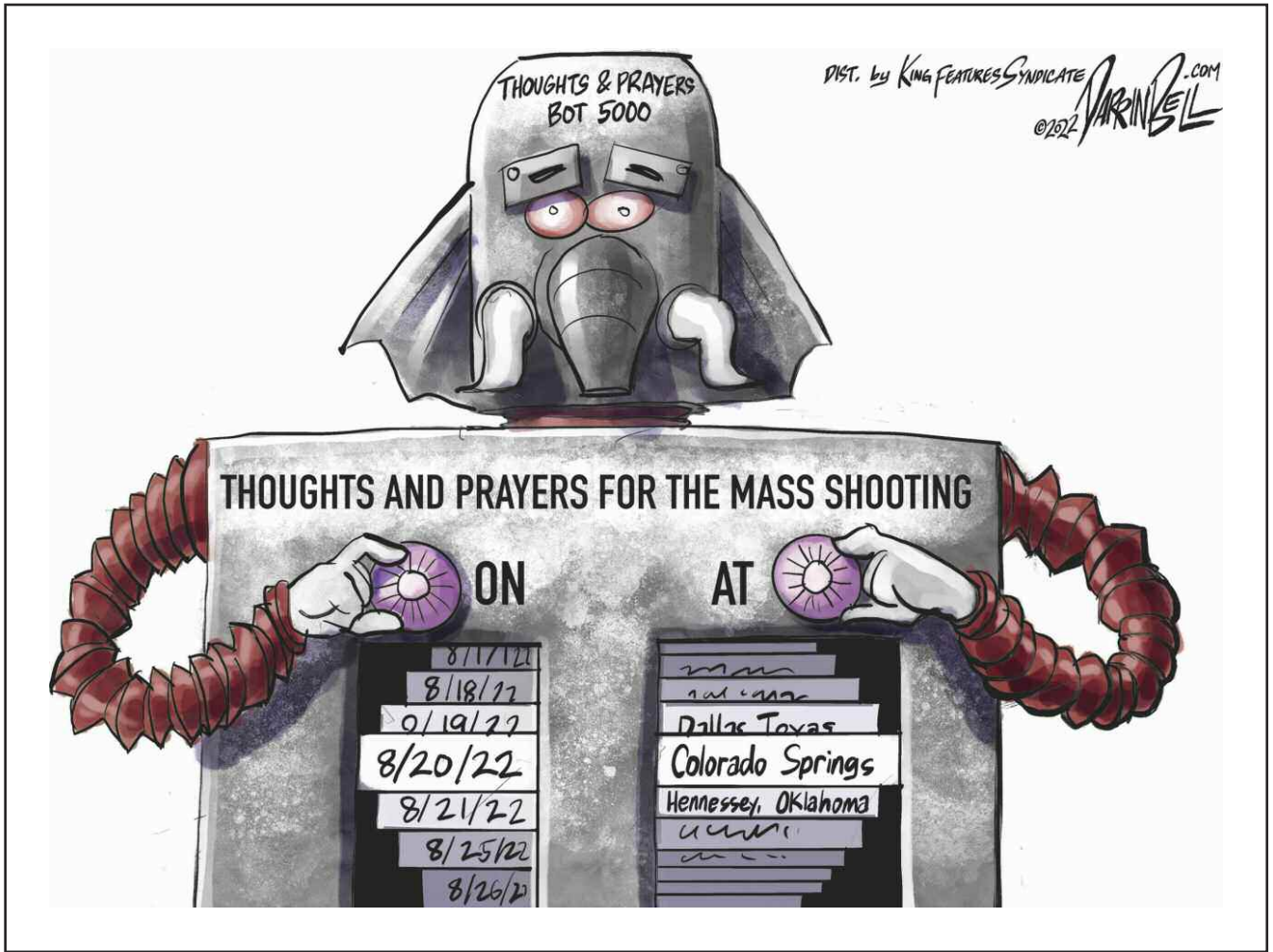
Now, the challenge is convincing many others to participate in our democracy. Certainly, a 30% participation rate is reasonable for this age group compared with that of prior years. However, in absolute terms, that is still a dismal number. Whatever party seizes this moment will have the upper hand in upcoming elections.

One good thing is that our faith has been restored. During his speech in 2008 after winning the presidency, Barack Obama said, “We proved once more that the true strength of our nation comes not from the might of our arms or the scale of our wealth, but from the enduring power of our ideals: democracy, liberty, opportunity and unyielding hope.” Our youths have given us hope that our democracy is alive and well.

Both political parties talk about caring for the future generations. Is that only lip service? Do they truly care? Through their vote, our youths will determine who they believe more. The fact that they care enough to participate is not only inspiring, but it also means the future of our nation may be in good hands. The challenges that our nation will face in the future are real and unrelenting: wars, terrorism, natural disasters and diseases we don’t understand.

Only through engaging in constructive dialogue, exchanging ideas and putting our nation first will we triumph over these obstacles. When our youths vote, they show that they are putting our nation first and that they care.

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# This isn’t Mueller the sequel

**By NOAH FELDMAN**

Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

To no one’s surprise, Attorney General Merrick Garland has appointed a special prosecutor, Jack Smith, to investigate former President Donald Trump. You might think that you’ve seen this movie before. But there’s little reason to think this will be a repeat of the Robert Mueller investigation that declined to bring charges against Trump. Charges are more likely this time around—though that doesn’t guarantee they will stick.

Remember how worried we were about whether special counsel Mueller would be fired? And remember how then-Attorney General William Barr subverted Mueller’s report by misrepresenting its contents in advance of its release?

Garland is no Barr: He will respect the special counsel’s independence. It would be almost impossible for him to insist on prosecution if Smith judged it inappropriate. And it would be astonishing if he blocked charges that Smith wanted to bring. Either method of contravening the special prosecutor would politicize the prosecution decision. Garland’s whole emphasis at the Department of Justice has been to restore the department to its traditional (and desirable) status as nonpartisan.

Smith is by all accounts a straight shooter, free of partisan bias. He won’t be afraid to charge Trump with federal crimes if the evidence supports it. That’s bad news for Trump. Especially because, with respect to the classified documents Trump took from the White House to Mar-a-Lago, it already seems clear there is enough evidence for criminal charges.

Trump could claim that the courts should block criminal charges against him while he’s running for

office. (If elected and sworn in, he could then dismiss federal charges against himself.) While the justices might be sympathetic to that argument, there is no Supreme Court precedent that would definitively win the case for Trump. The court has never held that a sitting president can’t be prosecuted, much less a candidate. His argument would have to focus on the way the court has historically weighed the costs and benefits of civil suits and subpoenas against a sitting president—and would have to extend those concerns to candidates.

To simplify, Trump’s best argument would be that it’s bad for democracy if the sitting president could order criminal prosecution of one of his leading opponents. To see why this isn’t preposterous, run the thought experiment of asking yourself how you would have felt if Trump’s Justice Department had charged Joe Biden with a crime during his 2020 presidential run, say for conspiring with his son, Hunter, in connection with Ukraine. The charge would have been weak; but it would have been extremely difficult for Biden to run for office while defending himself against a criminal charge. Indeed, the very fact of criminal prosecution would no doubt have hurt Biden’s candidacy among some swing voters.

On the other side of the argument is the repeated insistence by the Supreme Court that even the president isn’t above the law. That princi-



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ple permitted the criminal investigation and subpoenas of Richard Nixon while he was in office, and a subpoena of Trump’s financial records by the New York County District Attorney’s office while Trump was president.

If the president isn’t above the law, a presidential candidate shouldn’t be, either. What’s more, even a candidate who has been convicted and gone to prison can still run. Eugene V. Debs, who ran as a Socialist in 1904, 1908 and 1912, ran again in 1920—this time from federal prison after his 1918 conviction under the Espionage Act on charges that today would be rejected as violating the First Amendment. Debs got nearly a million votes in 1920, 3.4% of the votes cast.

The Supreme Court’s conservative majority is far more loyal to its jurisprudential ideology than to Trump personally. It probably wouldn’t act to save Trump from prosecution out of any sense of obligation to him, especially if another Republican candidate, like Ron DeSantis, emerged as a viable alternative.

That said, the conservative justices will take seriously the concern about a president criminally charging the leading challenger. If Trump is at the front of the pack, it’s conceivable that they might suspend charges pending a full consideration by the court. That could delay the criminal process long enough for Trump effectively to be able to run without being required to defend himself in court.

And don’t rule out a surprise along the way: Trump might pull out a piece of paper and say he preemptively pardoned himself secretly while in office.

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Also Monday, commissioners approved an ordinance enacting a hiring freeze — it's also been referred to as an eliminating salary ordinance — for all county offices.

Jay County Council and commissioners agreed to move forward with the process at a meeting Nov. 16.

The legislation requires county department heads to alert the county's personnel committee as soon as they are notified of a full-time employee's departure. The committee, which is made up of the commissioners president and the council president and vice president, would then review the vacated position within five business days, schedule a conference for the department head and commissioners president and alert council about the position, the proposed ordinance reads. If council does not OK the department head to fill the position, the dollars allocated for that position

would be eliminated from the budget 60 days after the date of termination.

A hiring freeze was proposed near the end of the county's budgeting process. Its current 2023 budget pulls from the county's reserves. (Consulting firm Baker Tilly is in the process of creating a comprehensive plan for Jay County's financial outlook.)

Council will review the ordinance for approval next month.

Commissioners also approved a resolution and signed a one-year contract to participate in the fuel budget program through Indiana Bond Bank. The program acts as insurance to protect against fluctuating fuel prices.

Answering a question from McGalliard, Aker confirmed Jay School Corporation also participates in the program.

In other business, commissioners Brian McGalliard, Rex Journey and Chad Aker:

- OK'd McGalliard to reach out to Bill Walters of East Central

Indiana Economic Development and request an intern. The group is providing its members with interns at no cost to the counties. McGalliard noted the extra helper will do research and help Jay County look into applying for federal grant dollars.

- OK'd purchasing three new cameras from Digital Video Solutions and Security of Avilla at a cost of \$2,881. McGalliard suggested earlier this month installing more cameras in Jay County Courthouse, specifically cameras at both east and west entrances as well as a camera facing the voting room.
- Heard from Journey about how surrounding counties handle property owners installing manure pipes underneath roads. County attorney Bill Hinkle suggested commissioners could amend an existing ordinance that refers to property owners installing a new driveway in order to address that issue.
- Reviewed The Portland Foun-

dation's guidelines for grant applications. Commissioners have suggested incorporating a similar method for those requesting usage of incoming dollars, such as economic development funds from wind and solar farms, American Rescue Plan Act dollars or Economic Development Income Tax (EDIT) funds.

- OK'd closing the courthouse from noon to 1 p.m. Dec. 5 for a staff Christmas meal.
- Paid the following claims: \$389,863.79 claim from Milestone Contractors for converting about five miles of State Line Road from stone to hard surface — about 80% or \$1 million of the project's cost was paid for through a Community Crossings grant; \$51.83 for air dusters and \$35.56 for business cards at the highway department
- Paid roughly \$20,000 to B and H Buildings of West Lebanon for the new salt storage building at Jay County Highway Department.

- Agreed to pay up to \$50 for snacks at the annual health fair for county employees.
- Awarded the following bids: \$6,174.05 to NAPA Auto Parts of Portland for a tire changer for the highway department; \$3,811.77 to Progressive Office Products of Portland for three laptops, two monitors, two keyboards, two docks and two monitor stands as well as \$1,850 to Progressive Office Products for an interactive display for Jay County Emergency Management Agency.
- Agreed to host a spring certificate tax sale for 32 properties that were not bought in the September sale.
- Accepted an annual renewal contract with LifeStream Services.
- Sold and signed the title of an old truck from Jay County Surveyor's Office to Joe Johnston for \$1,500.
- Accepted \$400 in donations to Jay County Country Living

Protesters march along a street Monday during a rally for the victims of a deadly fire as well as a protest against China's harsh COVID-19 restrictions. A deadly fire Thursday, in Urumqi, the capital of northwest China's Xinjiang region, has become a fresh catalyst for public anger, with many blaming COVID lockdowns for hampering rescue efforts. Authorities deny the claims.



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# China ...

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"Can't I bring some flowers to the West Lake?" the man asked the officers, referring to a popular destination where some had gathered to demand the lifting of strict anti-coronavirus measures. Security forces attempted to take the man away by force but were stopped by onlookers. The man was eventually let go.

Another clip showed a woman forcibly taken away by police in front of an upscale mall in Hangzhou. As she screamed for help, a crowd of perhaps dozens gathered, with some yelling "free her." Authorities ordered the crowd to disperse, citing social distancing protocols.

The Washington Post was not able to immedi-

ately independently verify the authenticity of the two clips. But a subway station near the West Lake was closed Monday evening, according to Niu, a resident who spoke on the condition that only her last name be used for fear of government reprisal.

Police also stepped up patrols around the lake and conducted identity checks on people in the area, she said. "There were a lot of police cars parked around the lake," she said. "I worry about the people who have been taken away; they were brave to speak their mind and didn't do anything wrong."

In a possible sign that China may eventually relax its zero COVID policy, which includes long

lockdowns, regular mass testing and placing close contacts in centralized quarantine facilities, some local governments started loosening restrictions this week.

Public transportation in Urumqi, the Xinjiang capital where the deadly blaze occurred, partially restarted Monday, while delivery services resumed Tuesday. A district in the economic hub of Guangzhou where there had recently been a spate of COVID infections announced Monday that it would exempt seniors, students and people who worked from home from mass testing unless they need to enter public venues.

In Beijing, officials pledged not to lock down

residential buildings for more than 24 hours at a time. And the southwestern metropolis of Chengdu called off the construction of a massive facility intended to house more than 10,000 people, in a sign that mass centralized quarantine could be on its way out.

Beijing's coronavirus-fighting policies have kept the country's death rate low by international standards, but medical experts are increasingly questioning the sustainability of such measures amid the spread of more transmissible versions of the omicron variant. China said Tuesday that it had logged more than 38,500 infections in the past day — an extremely high number by the country's standards.

# Education ...

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Speaking at a preview event with the Indiana Chamber of Commerce, Republican House Speaker Todd Huston said his chamber will primarily focus on their plan to "reinvent" high school by expanding work- and job-based opportunities that count towards a high school diploma.

"We have to adjust to a new economy," Huston said, adding that Indiana's current high school model puts too much emphasis on traditional higher education.

Huston said details are still being hashed out, but hinted that the plan could involve replacing certain courses, like calculus, with different work-based learning.

Indiana's education leaders are already in the process of revamping the state's academic standards by cutting back current requirements and streamlining the content that teachers are required to cover in a school year. The state's education department was tasked with the standards overhaul by lawmakers earlier this year.

Last month, Indiana's bipartisan interim education committee additionally approved multiple education bills expected to be filed during the 2023 legislative session, including several that emphasize work-based learning experiences.

As the General Assembly enters a new budget

year, Huston said he also expects the legislature to approve an increase in K-12 funding, "while expanding options for kids to attend the school of their choice."

"Indiana has always been a leader in parental choice and empowerment and we are going to build on that success," Huston continued. "Every Hoosier parent should have an opportunity to send their child a school of their choice."

Lawmakers approved a \$1.9 billion increase for schools in 2021 that was meant to help districts increase teacher pay. But school leaders around the state are calling for another funding boost to help educate students in poverty, English language learners, and those with disabilities.

Huston further told reporters he would support another legislative attempt to make school board elections partisan. A bill that would have required ballots to include school board candidates' partisan affiliations died in committee following widespread criticism in the last legislative session.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray was not as supportive: "I'm not sure the system is broken where it is right now."

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## The Commercial Review's 24th Annual Christmas Fiction Contest



Open to residents of Jay, Randolph, Adams, Delaware, Blackford and Wells counties in Indiana, also Mercer and Darke counties in Ohio. Former area residents who are subscribers to The Commercial Review may also enter.

Selected entries will be published in The CR's annual Christmas Greetings special section. The first-place entry will also receive \$250.

Original short stories with a Christmas theme or setting should be emailed to news@thecr.com by Dec. 9. Each entry should bear the writer's name, complete address and telephone number.

**Entry Deadline is Dec. 9, 2022.**

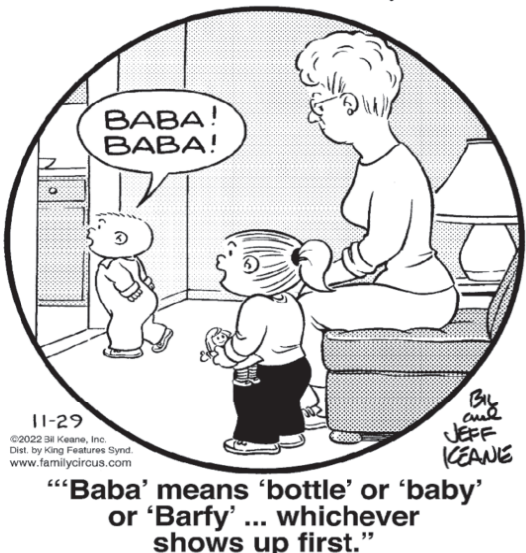


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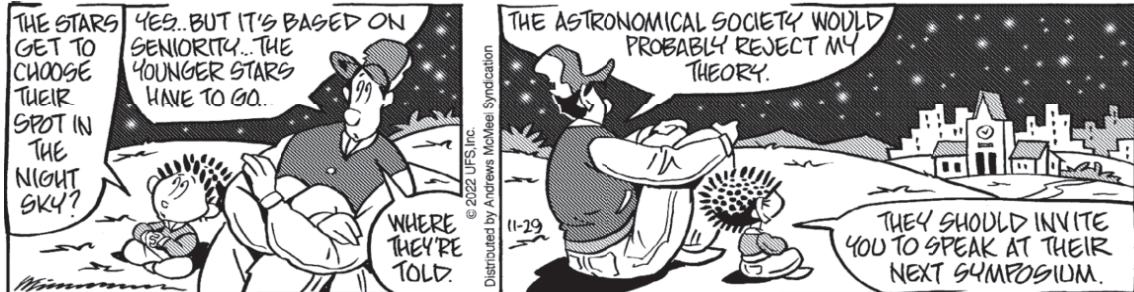
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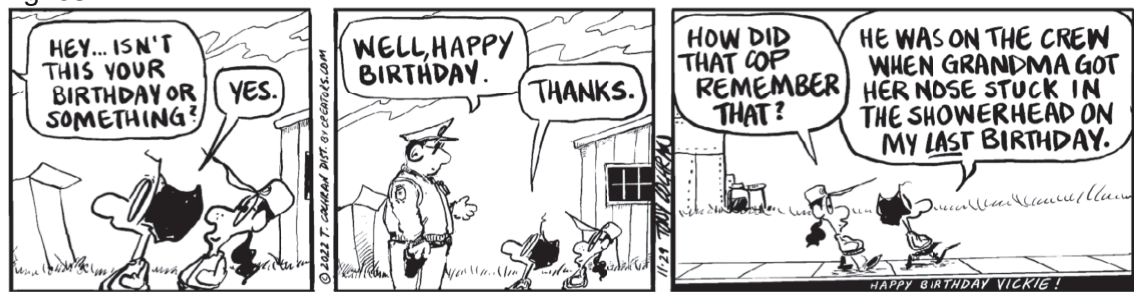
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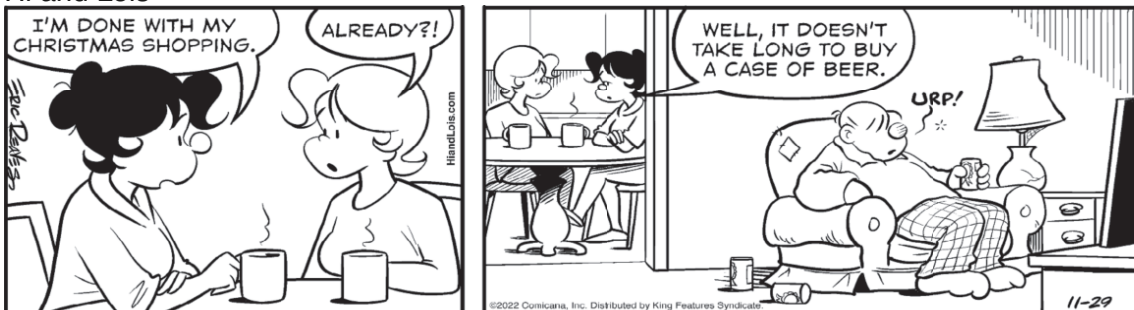
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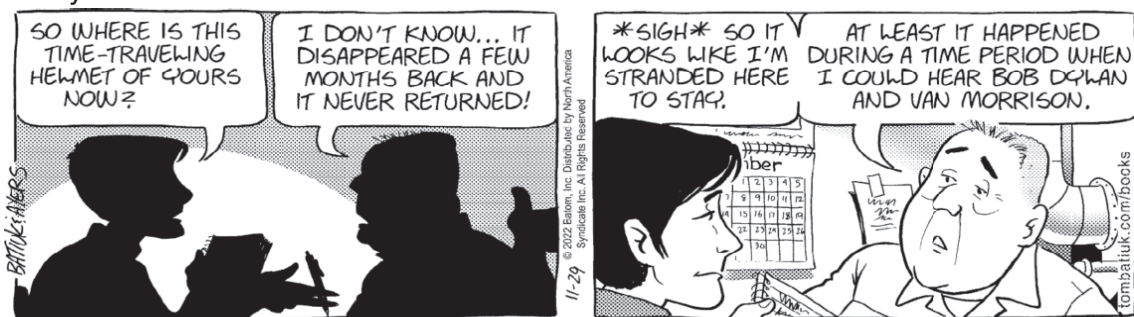
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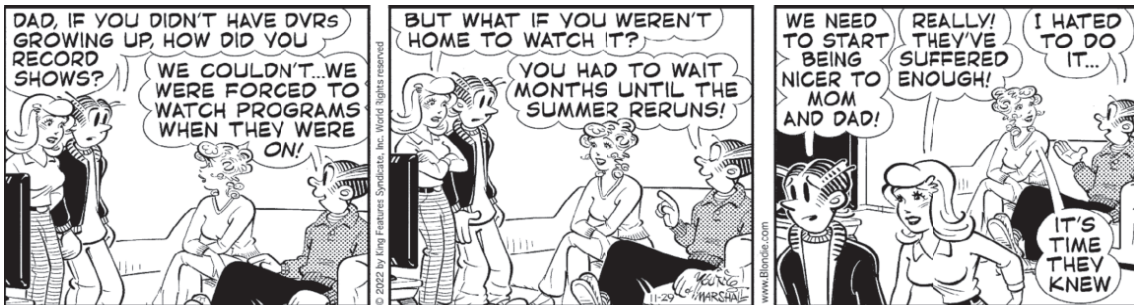
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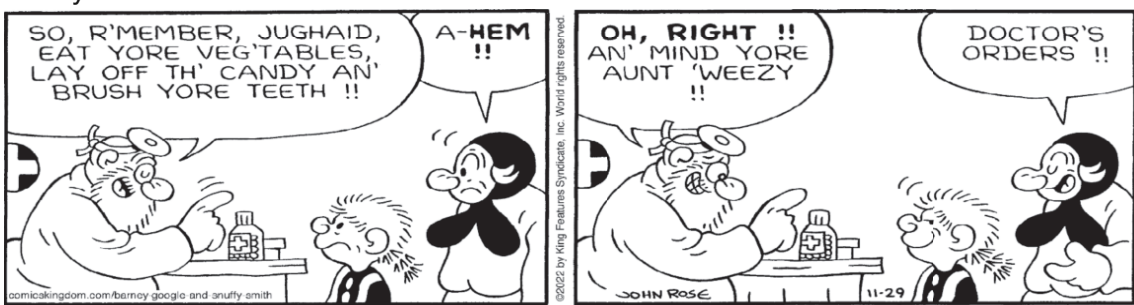
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Go with the flow

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH ♠ Q 10 9 8 5 ♡ 9 3 ♢ K 7 ♣ Q J 7 2 WEST ♠ 6 ♡ K J 8 7 6 4 ♢ A J 5 4 ♣ 10 3 EAST ♠ K J 7 3 2 ♡ 10 ♢ 10 9 8 2 ♣ 8 6 5 SOUTH ♠ A 4 ♡ Q 5 2 ♢ Q 6 3 ♣ A K 9 4

There are some hands where developments force declarer to take an entirely different tack than he had originally planned. These are the hands that test a declarer's resourcefulness and adaptability.

Consider this deal where South got to three notrump and West led a heart. Declarer took East's ten with the queen and, naturally enough, tried to develop dummy's spades. But when he played the ace and another spade and West dis-

carded a club on the second round, South's chances took an immediate turn for the worse. East won the eight of spades with the jack and shifted to the diamond ten. After winning the ten with dummy's king (West could not take the ace without handing South his ninth trick), declarer did not make the mistake of playing another spade. Had he done so, East would have won and returned a diamond to sink the contract.

Instead, South shifted gears at this point and set about laying the groundwork for an endplay. He began by cashing four clubs, reducing all hands to five cards. West had a choice of discards on the clubs, but there was no escape. In practice, he retained the K-J-8 of hearts and A-J of diamonds. Declarer then played the ace and another heart. West was able to take two hearts and the ace of diamonds, but had to concede the game-going trick to the queen of diamonds at the end.

Observe that if West had elected to hold four hearts and the singleton ace of diamonds as his last five cards, South would have countered by leading his low diamond before cashing the ace of hearts. Once declarer adapted to the circumstances he encountered, all roads led to nine tricks.

Tomorrow: Sylvia misapplies a rule.

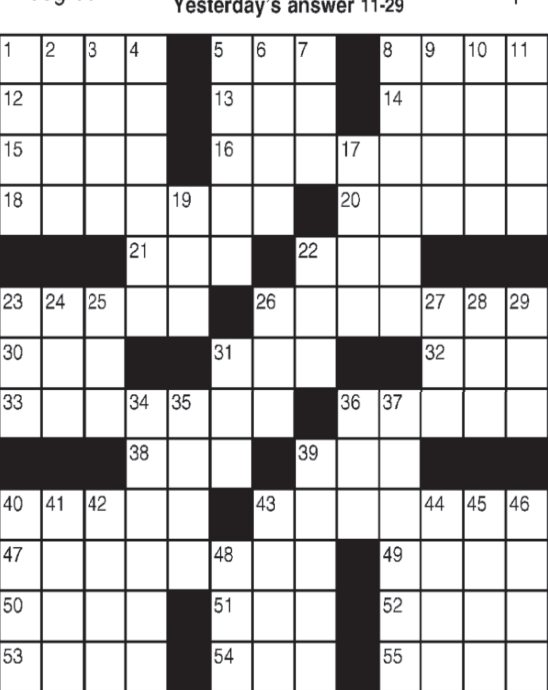
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 40 Maine college town 43 Using a rotary phone 47 A type of musical scale 49 Construction piece 50 Rue the run 51 Pen filler 52 Composer Bartok 53 Thy coll. 54 Some degrees 55 Remain DOWN 1 City district 2 California town 3 Sitarist's music hook 4 Off the hook 5 Failed to city 6 Lose traction 7 Darjeeling, e.g. 8 '50s singing style 9 Florence's river 10 Author Dinesen 11 Only party 12 Trojan War hero 13 Presidential nickname 14 Approximately 15 Fury 16 Bias 18 Precious stone 20 Came to 21 Soup cooker 22 "Alice" waitress 23 "Swell!" 26 Nursery stack 30 On in years 31 Distant 32 Marseilles monarch 33 Journals 36 Bread and pasta, slangily 38 Noshed 39 Prof's degree 23 Silent assent 24 Yale grad 25 Oklahoma city 26 "— Kapital" 27 Blunder 28 Filch 29 Bro's kin 31 Charge 34 One on a tirade 35 Langston Hughes 36 Chinese tea 37 Improvises 39 Chooses 40 Singer Anita 41 Puerto Head locale 42 Diamond 43 Actress Merrill 44 "Yeah, right" 45 "The Lion King" lion 46 Battleship color 48 Pen tip



Yesterday's answer 11-29

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