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## Board moving toward a full season

*Members discuss water park manager, lifeguards*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review  
Focus is continuing to be placed on preparing for a full season at Portland Water Park.

Portland Park Board members discussed various park issues, mostly involving the water park, at their meeting Tuesday.

(Beyond talking about the parks, no official action could be taken because of the lack of a quorum.)

Park board president Brian Ison — he was in attendance with John McFarland, while Michael Brewster and Shauna Runkle were absent — reported at the meeting that Portland City Council approved a change to the city's salary ordinance to set the pay range for the Portland Water Park manager at between \$17 and \$19 per hour. The previous rate had been \$16.89 per hour.

"Last meeting we discussed we wanted to lean toward \$18 an hour," he said, adding that the range provides flexibility for the hiring process.

He said now that the salary range has been set the job will be posted in an effort to get a water park manager in place well in advance of the planned opening of the facility on Memorial Day weekend.

Ison and McFarland also continued to discuss recruiting lifeguards, noting that the pay range has been set between \$13 and \$14. Ison again noted that the board was previously leaning toward \$14 per hour. (They also noted plans to keep concession stand worker pay at \$13 per hour.)

McFarland added that March is the target date for lifeguard training courses at Jay County High School. The park board previously approved reimbursing guards for the cost of training if they are hired at Portland Water Park.

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## Tourney tumble

Jay County High School freshman cheerleader tumbles down the court during a timeout in the Patriot girls basketball team's Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament opener Tuesday against Heritage. JCHS, which is ranked fourth in the state, rolled to a 46-point win and will host South Adams in the semifinal Friday at 7:30 p.m. (Heritage and Adams Central will play in the boys semifinal at 6 p.m.) For more on Tuesday's games, see page 8.

## Biden surprised about documents

By JOSH WINGROVE, JUSTIN SINK and JENNIFER JACOBS

Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden said he was surprised that classified documents were discovered in an office he used before he was elected.

Biden said he doesn't know what's in the documents, but that he believed they were handled properly by his lawyers. "We're cooperating fully," he said Tuesday at a news conference in Mexico City with Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

"People know I take classified documents, classified information seriously," he said. "I was briefed about this discov-

*President says his administration is cooperating fully after items were found in his former office*

ery, and surprised to learn that there are any government records that were taken there to that office."

Congressional Republicans have promised an investigation of the episode at the Penn Biden Center for Democracy & Global Engagement in Washington, where the president's lawyers say a small number of classified documents were discovered Nov. 2 in a locked closet. The records were

reported to the National Archives the same day, which took possession of them the next morning, according to the White House.

"They did what they should have done: They immediately called the archives — immediately call the archives, turned them over to the archives," Biden said on Tuesday.

Attorney General Merrick Garland has asked

the Trump-appointed U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, John Lausch, to review the incident. Biden said he hopes the review "will be finished soon."

Biden criticized former President Donald Trump as "totally irresponsible" after the FBI searched Mar-a-Lago, his Palm Beach, Florida, estate, last August and seized about 20 boxes of government documents that included

11 sets of classified materials, according to an unsealed affidavit.

Rep. Mike Turner, the Ohio Republican who leads the House Intelligence Committee, on Tuesday wrote to the Director of National Intelligence requesting an immediate damage assessment of the Biden records and a briefing for lawmakers on any sensitive secrets that may have been put at risk. The documents included briefing materials on foreign countries from Biden's time as vice president, the New York Times reported Tuesday.

"Those entrusted with access to classified information have a duty and an obligation to protect it," Turner said. "This issue demands a full and thorough review."

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## Indiana is strong

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ  
Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb praised Indiana's economic "position of strength" in his annual State of the State address Tuesday evening — and argued the state can afford to invest in "needs" like economic development, public health, schools and public safety.

The Republican also unveiled a \$30 million grant for what would be Indiana's longest trail. He spoke in front of a joint convention of the Republican-dominated Indiana General Assembly.

*Governor praises economic position in State of the State address*

"Because our revenue and population are both growing, we have the ability — rather, the obligation — to fuel that growth and utilize reserves for one-time projects, even while we maintain a healthy surplus," Holcomb said, "while protect-

ing our state's AAA credit rating."

"We have the financial wherewithal to do so, unlike some other states that balance their books with high taxes and debt," Holcomb added, to applause and laughter.

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Indiana Capital Chronicle/Monroe Bush

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb gives his State of the State Address Tuesday in the Indiana House of Representatives chamber.

### Deaths

- Alexis Thomas, 21, Pennington
  - Anne Husmann, 90, Portland
  - Carl Hardymon, 88, Portland
  - Ron Barron, 71, Hartford City
- Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 49 degrees Tuesday. The low was 36.  
Tonight's low will be 43 with rain expected after midnight. The forecast calls for more rain Thursday with a high of 47 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

A public hearing regarding the declaration of The Greazy Pickle, 211 W. Main St., Portland, as an unsafe building has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Jan. 25 in council chambers at the fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

### Coming up

**Thursday** — Coverage of tonight's Jay County Council meeting.

**Saturday** — Results from the semifinal of the ACAC girls basketball tournament.



# Capsule Reports

## Crossed line

Three people were injured after an Ohio woman's vehicle crossed the center line and struck a Portland woman's car on U.S. 27 in Jay County about 6:20 a.m. Saturday. Zayra Delatorre, 19, Union City, was driving a 2007 Ford Fusion south on the highway just south of county road 200 South. Elizabeth D. Byrum, 40, was driving her 2007 Honda CR-V north on the same road. According to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report, Delatorre's vehicle crossed the center line of the road and struck Byrum's vehicle, causing it to spin and flip onto its top along the east side of the highway. Byrum complained of chest pain and her passenger, 15-year-old Griffin Byrum, complained of

neck pain. Delatorre also complained of neck pain. They refused treatment at the scene, according to the report. Delatorre was cited for driving without a valid license. Damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000. **Intersection crash** A Redkey woman suffered a head injury after a Portland man drove into her vehicle at the intersection of county roads 700 South and 1000 West about 12:55 p.m. Sunday. Donald E. Ervin, 63, told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was stopped in his 2001 Ford F-150 on county road 1000 West and continued south into the intersection with county road 700 South.

(John Blanton of Redkey, a witness, told police Ervin did not stop at the intersection.) Ervin didn't see the oncoming westbound 2020 Chrysler Pacifica driven by 45-year-old Chastity A. Bland, and he crashed into the van, causing Bland's vehicle to spin into a nearby field. Bland complained of head pain and was transported to the hospital for her injuries. Ervin was cited with an infraction for failing to yield the right-of-way, according to the report. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Bland's vehicle was towed. **Failed to yield** A Portland woman failed to yield to oncoming traffic, causing

cars to collide at the intersection of Wayne and High streets in Portland about 5 p.m. Friday. Halley N. Clark, 28, was driving a 2013 Honda Civic east on High Street. At the same time, 36-year-old Andrew A. Wilhelm of Portland was driving his 2002 Chevrolet Silverado north on Wayne Street. Clark failed to yield to Wilhelm, according to a Portland police report, and the vehicle she was driving crashed into the rear driver's side of Wilhelm's truck. His Chevrolet spun counterclockwise and crashed into the side of a southbound 1999 Ford F-150, driven by 53-year-old Jerry A. Boles of Portland. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. The vehicle Clark was driving is registered to

Partheepan D. Rajaratnam of Marion. **Walmart accident** A Ridgeville teen accidentally drove into a Portland man's car in the Walmart parking lot about 5 p.m. Dec. 30. Cash L. Hollowell, 16, attempted to put the 2007 Ford Mustang she was driving in reverse in the lot at 950 W. Votaw St., Portland. Instead, she put it into drive, hitting a 2013 Ford Edge in front of him, according to a Portland Police Department report. Damage to the 2013 Ford Edge — it's registered to 66-year-old Stephen D. McBride — is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Hollowell's vehicle is registered to Amy McNelis.

## CR almanac

Thursday 1/12	Friday 1/13	Saturday 1/14	Sunday 1/15	Monday 1/16
<b>47/30</b>	<b>34/21</b>	<b>34/24</b>	<b>42/35</b>	<b>47/41</b>
Rain is likely Thursday with a 90% chance of showers and possibly a thunderstorm.	Precipitation may continue into Friday with a 30% chance of snow in the morning.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Saturday with a low around 24 degrees.	Sunday's weather looks to be mostly cloudy, with highs in the low 40s.	Martin Luther King Jr. Day has a 60% chance of rain under cloudy skies.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$360 million	Quick Draw: 2-5-13-17-18-21-26-29-36-38-44-46-49-50-57-60-62-65-74-80 Cash 5: 4-10-23-24-27 Estimated jackpot: \$215,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> 7-13-14-15-18 Mega Ball: 9 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$1.35 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 7-6-0 Pick 4: 7-4-9-0 Pick 5: 1-3-8-1-0 Evening Pick 3: 2-6-2 Pick 4: 9-0-0-1 Pick 5: 7-0-5-2-1 Rolling Cash: 8-12-27-32-36 Estimated jackpot: \$154,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-1-5 Daily Four: 2-2-3-0 Quick Draw: 1-2-6-18-19-23-25-27-28-30-38-46-53-58-59-62-67-75-79-80 Evening Daily Three: 1-1-1 Daily Four: 9-1-5-3	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.67 Feb. corn .....6.67 Wheat .....6.64	Wheat ..... 6.71 July wheat .....7.19
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.71 Feb. corn .....6.72 March corn .....6.74	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.53 March corn .....6.55 Beans .....14.78 Feb. beans .....14.81 Wheat .....7.19
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn .....6.55 Feb. corn .....6.55 Beans .....14.81 Feb. beans .....14.86	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.25 Feb. corn .....6.27 Beans .....14.64 Feb. beans .....14.70 Wheat .....6.87

## Today in history

In 347, Roman emperor Theodosius I was born in Mediolanum (now Milan, Italy). He led the eastern Roman empire from 379 to 392 and then led both the east and west for the next three years. In 1755 (or 1757), the first United States treasury secretary, Alexander Hamilton, was born on the Caribbean island of Nevis. In 1878, milk was delivered in glass bottles for the first time in New York City. In 1935, aviator Amelia Earhart made the first successful solo flight from Hawaii to California — 2,408 miles. The flight took her 17 hours, 7 minutes. In 2001, the Federal Communications Commission improved the merger of Time Warner and American online. After suffering significant financial losses, the entities split again in 2009. In 2013, Kyle Cook was announced as the new executive director of Jay Community Center. Cook is a 2006 graduate of Ball State University who then also worked at (and now co-owns) Cook's Nursery in Portland. In 2022, Raven Myers of Portland was arrested for attempted murder after she allegedly cut her 2-year-old daughter's wrists. Myers pleaded guilty in September 2022 to a Level 3 felony for serious bodily injury and will serve up to nine years in prison. —The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
5:45 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
**Monday**  
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.

## Obituaries

### Alexis Thomas

April 17, 2001-Jan. 9, 2023  
Alexis Thomas, 21, Pennville, died Monday in Muncie. Services are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

### Anne Husmann

Aug. 3, 1932-Jan. 9, 2023  
Anne I. Husmann, age 90, of Portland passed away Monday, Jan. 9, 2023, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland. She was born in Ibbenburen, Germany, on Aug. 3, 1932, the daughter of August and Margaret (Dekker) Vogeler. She was married on Jan. 20, 1955, to Henry W. Husmann and he passed away on Sept. 13, 2006.



Husmann

Anne was a homemaker and member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church. She enjoyed gardening. Surviving are one son, Heiner Husmann (wife: Billie) of Fort Myers, Florida; two daughters, Cecelia Johnston (husband: Gary) of Portland and Elizabeth Grote (husband: Dale) of Decatur; one sister in Germany; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Henry; and a daughter, Monika Husmann. Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 13, 2023, at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Logsdon presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home. Memorials can be made to the Cerebral Palsy Foundation or Alzheimers Foundation. Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

### Carl Hardymon

June 27, 1934-Jan. 3, 2023  
Carl Hardymon, age 88, a resident of Portland, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2023, in Portland. Carl was born June 27, 1934, in Burtonville, Kentucky, the son of Roy and Helen (White) Hardymon. He married Nancy Bretz on Nov. 8, 1952, and she passed away on March 7, 2021. Carl drove a truck for Haynes Milling in the 1950s then went to AA Curry where he pulled a tanker. Carl then worked as a maintenance welder for Portland Forge. He then went back driving a truck transporting glass containers for Kerr Glass in Dunkirk and drove for Lill Leasing where he transported produce to Toronto, Canada. Carl farmed in Jay County for many years and had rental houses in Jay County. He loved classic cars and pulling antique tractors. Memberships include Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association, a lifetime member of NRA, a life member of North American Hunting Club and a member of Farm Bureau since 1958.



Hardymon

Survivors include: His children — Susan Jones (husband: Rick), Land O'Lakes, Florida, Randy Hardymon (wife: Jewel), Portland, Indiana, Mike Hardymon, Zephyrhills, Florida, and Kevin Hardymon, Portland, Indiana. Siblings — Josephine Warstler, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Howard Hardymon, Sarasota, Florida, Rita Mangas, Union City, Indiana, Jack Hardymon — Homosassa, Florida, and Debbie Williams (husband: Lee), Land O'Lakes, Florida. Several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held Friday from noon to 2 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 2

p.m. on Friday. Burial will follow at Gravel Hill Cemetery, west of Bryant.

### Ronald Barron

May 4, 1951-Jan. 9, 2023  
Ronald "Ron" Wayne Barron of Hartford City, Indiana, passed away on Jan. 9, 2023, at his home. He was born on May 4, 1951, to the late Raymond Barron and Geneva (Sims) Davis. Ron enjoyed fishing, working on cars, playing virtual golf, watching golf, as well as wheel of fortune. Survivors include his children, Tamera (Chris) Branum of Muncie, Indiana, Raymond Barron of Daleville, Indiana, Ronnie (Roxie) Barron of Goshen, Indiana, George (Candace) Barron of Winchester, Indiana, and Krista (Aaron) Metzger of Hartford City, Indiana; siblings Dan, Fred, Timmy, Tressie, Pam, Kathy and Jason; grandchildren Dustin, Brittany, Triston, Caleb, Isabella, Braylee, Christian, Cameron, Lillie, Haylie, Peyton and Leland; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his brother Vincent; and a grandson Damon. Visitation will take place on Sunday, Jan. 15, 2023, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Reichard Funeral Home 400 W. Deerfield Road, Union City, Indiana. A funeral service to follow at 4 p.m. Burial will take place at a later date at the convenience of the family. Memories may be expressed at reichardfh.com.



Barron

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

## SERVICES

**Thursday**  
Vore, Janice: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.  
Garr, Leslie: 1 p.m., Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 2905 Carson Ave., Indianapolis.  
Smith, Michael: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.  
Lawson, Sylvia: 2 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

**Friday**  
Husmann, Anne: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.  
Hardymon, Carl: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Saturday**  
Theurer, Donald: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Sunday**  
Gerson, Janice: 2 p.m., Myers Mortuary, 1502 N. Lebanon St., Lebanon.  
Wayne, Ronald: 4 p.m., Reichard Funeral Home, 400 W. Deerfield Road, Union City.

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## Board ...

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Half of the funds — about \$100 per student — will be reimbursed upon hiring with the other half paid if a lifeguard works at least a 10-week summer schedule. Other water park items addressed included making sure to have someone ServSafe certified for the concession stand, getting all safety equipment inspected before the summer and having an assistant manager/head guard for when the water park manager is not working. Ison also confirmed with street and parks superintendent Tom Leonhard that the capital projects budget for the parks was increased to \$45,000 from the previous \$35,000. He suggested discussing priorities for those funds at the board's next meeting. Among the items brought up Tuesday were electrical improvements at the Portland Junior League fields in Weiler-Wilson Park and tearing down a concession stand at Milton Miller Park. Ison asked parks department employee Matt Shauver to seek quotes for the electrical work. Shauver suggested that the Milton Miller concession stand removal can wait until next year. Ison and McFarland also briefly discussed bringing in an arborist to evaluate trees in the parks, future upkeep needs for the walking trail at Hudson Family Park and extending electrical service to the Hudson park gazebo (and eventually around the entire walking trail).

**NEW SUNDAY HOURS:**

**First Service**  
**9:00am**

**Sunday School**  
**10:00am**

**Second Service**  
**11:00am**

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# Shoulder aches are common

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If you find yourself rubbing your shoulder after reaching up to take a coffee mug off the shelf, hammering in a nail just over your head or climbing into a pickup cab, you're among millions of Americans — particularly those over 60 — with a shoulder issue. Shoulder pain could be a sign of arthritis, tendonitis, a rotator cuff tear or shoulder instability.

Whatever the cause, you may want to consult with an orthopedic professional. That first meeting will include a health history, physical exam and possibly an X-ray to determine the underlying cause and extent of your shoulder issue. Sometimes additional

imaging, such as an MRI, may be needed.

Your orthopedic professional will walk you through treatment options and help you decide what may be the best for you. The first line of treatment can include:

— Taking over-the-counter anti-inflammatory medications.

— Resting of the affected shoulder/arm.

— Icing the shoulder.

— Modifying your activities to avoid further injury.

— Undergoing steroid injections.

— Doing physical therapy to strengthen the muscles of the shoulder and arm.

Many studies show that peo-

ple with shoulder injuries respond well to these treatments and are able to go about their daily activities. However, if you're still experiencing pain and weakness, your orthopedic professional may recommend surgery.

One cause of pain and weakness is a rotator cuff tear. The rotator cuff is a group of muscles and tendons. It holds the shoulder joint in place and assists in arm motion and strength. If the MRI reveals a tear in the rotator cuff, it may require surgery, although the vast majority don't.

Typically, surgery is outpatient, and you can go home the same day. In this procedure, the surgeon inserts a

tiny camera (arthroscope) and tools through small incisions to reattach the torn tendon to the bone. You may need to wear a sling for four to six weeks following surgery to allow your shoulder to heal.

After four to six weeks, you may still have some work restrictions and need to modify your activity. Your orthopedic professional also may recommend physical therapy.

Whether you respond to non-invasive treatments or need surgery, your orthopedic professional's goal is to relieve your aching shoulder so you can go about your daily activities without pain or restrictions.

# Submit to women's exhibition

Indiana Arts Commission is accepting submissions to the 2023 Hoosier Women Artists Exhibition.

The show established in 2008 "celebrates the importance of art and creativity in Hoosier communities and highlights the work of talented female artists throughout Indiana," according to a press release from the organization.

Submissions are open until Feb. 3 through the Indiana Arts Commission's online application system. There will be a reception March 29 to showcase the winners.

For more information, visit [in.gov/lg/ask-suzanne/hoosier-women-artists/](http://in.gov/lg/ask-suzanne/hoosier-women-artists/).

# Family continues to honor stepson's help

DEAR ABBY: My dad had a stroke. My siblings and I (there are three of us) needed someone to care for him, since we all work full time. I asked my stepson, "Miles," who was living in Tennessee, if he could help us out by moving to Washington state and caring for Dad during the day (Miles works nights), given that Dad needed 24/7 care. My siblings and I didn't want to put him into a nursing home.

Within two weeks, Miles had given up his life in Tennessee and moved across the country to help. Because he was helping us, we didn't ask him to pay rent. His generosity saved us thousands of dollars in nursing home fees, and Dad was much happier living at home.

Dad passed away early this year, and my siblings and I are in the process of selling the house. Miles is still living with me in the house because I inherited Dad's two dogs. He takes care of the dogs and such while I'm gone for various reasons. He has been a huge help and I still

Dear Abby



haven't asked him to pay rent, given his sacrifice to serve our needs during a time of crisis. The problem is, my sister thinks Miles should now pay rent until the home is sold. My brother and I disagree. My brother says if it's fine with me, it's fine with him.

I feel like I'm "paying it forward" for the help Miles gave not only to us, but our dad. He earns a minimal salary and pays for half the utilities and most of the food. Asking him for rent until we sell the house feels selfish to me, given that he unselfishly relinquished his previous life for my family. Am I wrong not asking him for rent? We expect to sell the home with-

in six months or less. — NEED-ING GUIDANCE IN WASHINGTON

DEAR NEEDING: Your stepson is selfless and generous. I do not think he should be expected to pay to live with you under these circumstances, so stand your ground. However, I do think that Miles should be giving serious thought to finding a job that will pay him more than a "minimal" salary because in six months, once your father's house is sold, he'll need a roof over his head. Please encourage him to do so, and if he needs training to reach his goals, encourage him to get it.

DEAR ABBY: Two good friends of mine lived together and then had a falling out. There wasn't a big explosion, but simmering emotions eventually led one to tell the other she no longer wanted to be friends. It has been a few years, and there has been no mending

of their relationship. They have a lot of mutual friends, so they know they will still sometimes see each other.

I'm about to have a party, and have invited both of them. What's the rule of etiquette here? Should I go out of my way to inform them both that the other is coming? I don't want to surprise them, but at the same time, I worry that telling them would be a little dramatic. They are both adults who can deal with it — I think. — NERVOUS HOSTESS IN OREGON

DEAR HOSTESS: No rule of etiquette decrees that you must run your guest list by prospective guests. It isn't necessary to raise the subject with either of them. As you stated, these people are adults and should be able to handle themselves appropriately. Issue your invitations and enjoy your party.

DEAR ABBY: I am a sophomore in high school, and I recently got into a relationship.

This isn't my first rodeo when it comes to this type of stuff, but in this instance, the guy I'm dating has never been in a relationship before. This is his first time. Because I've done this before, I know what to do in certain situations and understand social cues. How do I go about teaching him about certain aspects in a relationship? Like, how do I get him to make the first move and things like that? — WONDERING IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR WONDERING: Be patient. Don't pressure him. Remember, everyone advances at their own rate. If what you want is a kiss, ask him for one. With a little help from you, I'm sure he will figure it out.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

## Today

**BRYANT/NEW CORYDON SENIOR CITIZENS** — Will meet at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Bryant Community Center for a carry-in dinner. Meat is provided.

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

**JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE** — Holds its regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month in the board room at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland.

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT**

**GROUP** — For caregivers of persons with Alzheimer's disease or related dementias, the group will meet at 6 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month at Blackford Community Hospital conference room, 410 Pilgrim Boulevard in Hartford City. For more information, call Joni Slentz or Lisa Garrett at (765) 348-1072 or (800) 272-3900.

**AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP** — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

**A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE** — A faith-based recovery group for

all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

## Thursday

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** — A 12-step Christian

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

**INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet at 6

p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

**JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB** — Will meet at 7 p.m.

the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

## Saturday

**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.

# Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

## Tuesday's Solution

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# Losing lottery was actually a relief

*Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from Jan. 12, 2022. Jack's message in this column — something along the lines of "money does not buy happiness" — seems appropriate again this week as Tuesday's MegaMillions jackpot grew to \$1.1 billion.*

By JACK RONALD  
The Commercial Review

I bought a Powerball ticket the other day, and it nearly ruined my weekend.

Ordinarily, I'm not a big customer of the lottery industry. But every once in awhile, when the jackpot reaches stratospheric levels, I'll reach for my wallet and pay what some refer to as "the stupidity tax."

So it was that not long before Christmas, when the Powerball bundle was heading toward \$500 million, I took the plunge.

At first, like most lottery ticket buyers, I found myself focusing on the jackpot.

What would I do with that sort

## Back in the Saddle



of money? Even after taxes, that's a Scrooge McDuck-sized pile of cash.

The possibilities were nearly endless:

•Travel — post COVID — was on the list.

•So was making sure that our grandchildren's college education was taken care of. We've started 529 plans for all of them, but this would take things to a whole new level.

•And while our kids are doing well, it would be wonderful to assure a meaningful measure of security for their futures.

•Meanwhile, there's a piece of

lakefront property in New Hampshire that Connie and I have often dreamed of.

Those were just the self-indulgent things on the list. At the same time, there were many good things that could be done on a community level:

•Endowments for Arts Place, John Jay Center for Learning, Jay Community Center, Friends of the Limberlost and Jay County Public Library.

•With that kind of money, I daydreamed, I could be a one-man redevelopment commission, a kind of a force of nature for rescuing local downtowns. The former Stewart Brothers Furniture building would be acquired to become the new home for Dunkirk's library and the Glass Museum. Downtown Portland and downtown Redkey would get serious facelifts. Unencumbered by local politics and second-guessing, I'd go all out.

And then, just as quickly as

the daydreams began, misgivings materialized:

•How would that kind of windfall affect my friendships? Would it create a barrier? Would I become the bank of last resort for acquaintances who had fallen on hard times?

•Would we have to move? Would we have to go somewhere that could provide some measure of anonymity?

•How could we help our grandchildren and children without ruining their lives? It's one thing to help, but you don't want to create dependency. No one wants to create a generation of "trust fund babies." At least, I don't.

And finally, just about the time I pulled into the driveway at home, there was something more.

At this stage in my life — I think it was Garrison Keillor who referred to it as the time when the closing credits begin

to roll — it's inevitable that I find myself wondering how I want to be remembered after I'm gone.

For me, the answers were simple. I want to be remembered as a good husband, as a good father, as a good boss, as someone who had an impact on his community and as someone who tried to make a difference in the world.

Would I trade all that to be remembered as "the guy who won the Powerball"?

The answer was no. But I have to say that the question bothered me all weekend. I could feel the lottery ticket in the pocket of my jeans, and for all I knew it was a winner.

So it was a relief Monday to find out that the jackpot was growing and my ticket was just another piece of paper to be recycled.

I don't think I have ever felt luckier.

# System must be fair for all

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

The former college admissions consultant who cooked up a multimillion-dollar scheme to fraudulently admit kids of wealthy clients, including Hollywood celebrities, into elite U.S. colleges was sentenced to 3 1/2 years in prison Wednesday, closing a sordid chapter on the unfair world of university admissions.

William "Rick" Singer, the mastermind of what prosecutors called the nation's largest college admissions fraud, pleaded guilty in 2019 to several charges including racketeering and money laundering. Prosecutors had sought a six-year sentence, but the judge took into consideration Singer's cooperation with authorities, which enabled them to indict 53 people in the far-reaching case. Among those previously sentenced to jail were actors Lori Loughlin and Felicity Huffman.

The "Operation Varsity Blues" investigation uncovered a complex web of relationships that Singer developed with coaches, parents, testing proctors and others to take advantage of the lack of controls in college admissions systems at the University of Southern California, Stanford, Georgetown, UCLA and other universities. During court proceedings, Singer detailed the three "doors" to gain admittance into these colleges: a front door for students taking the proper steps; a back door for those whose parents could donate to a university's endowment; and a side door he created for parents willing to pay six-figure sums for their kids to be admitted as fake athletes.

The scandal highlighted the essential unfairness of college admissions, a high-stakes process that unfairly disadvantages students of color and those without resources. Parents with financial resources don't have to break the law to get a leg up. They can choose from an array of pricey services to help their kids that lower-income families can't afford.

And who's to say that there isn't another "consultant" like Singer who's

## Guest Editorial

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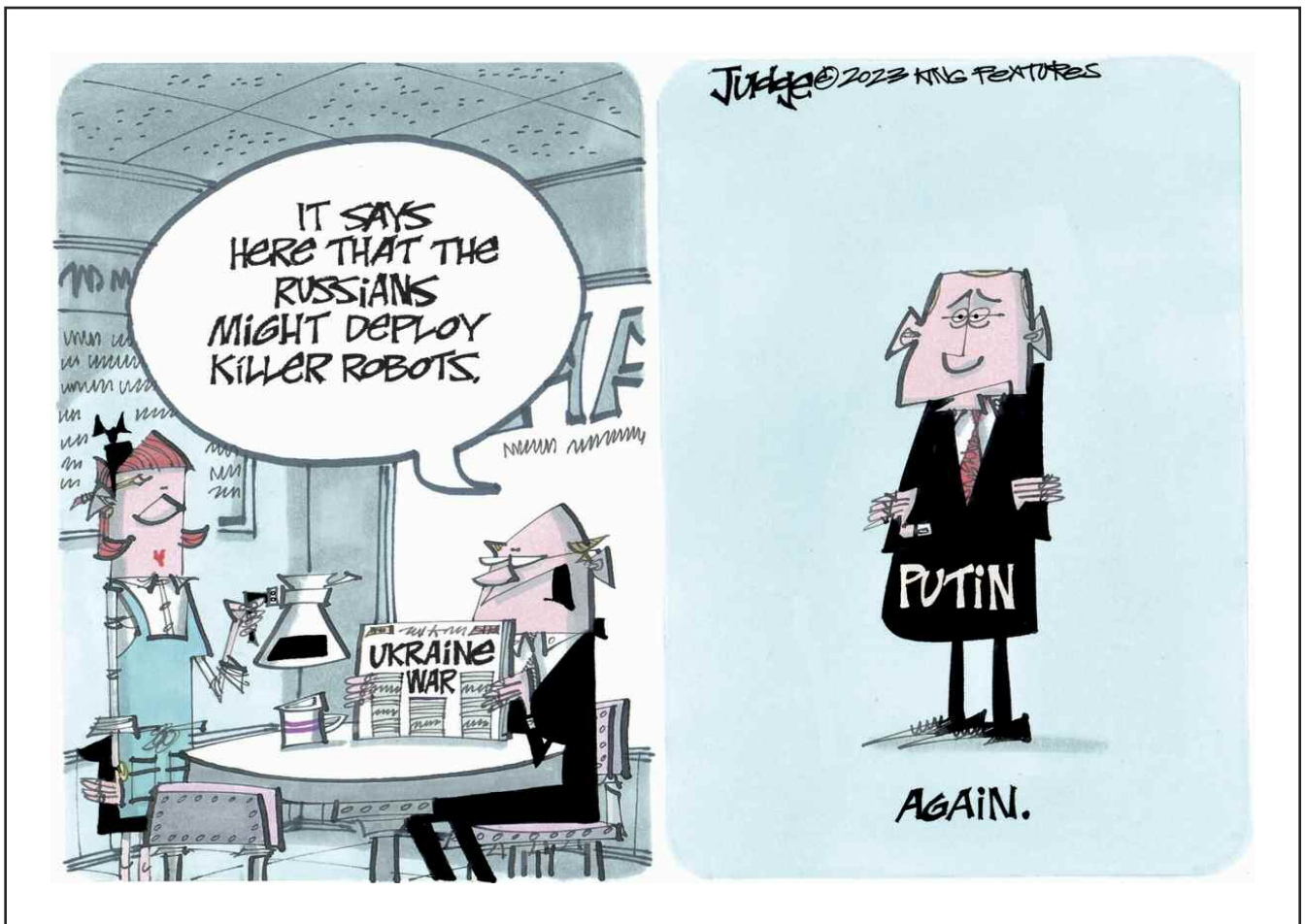
figured out other ways to game the system?

USC, which cooperated with the U.S. attorney's office in Boston, has adopted a number of admission reforms in recent years, including adding more oversight to recruiting and admitting student-athletes. Stanford commissioned an external review of its policies and procedures that resulted in various reforms, such as adding more controls into verifying student-athlete credentials and to the university's process of accepting monetary donations.

Other changes have taken place as well by university admissions and recruitment officials to create a more level playing field for students who lack resources, many of them an acknowledgment of academic difficulties faced by students during the pandemic. Many top schools stopped requiring SAT or ACT scores for admission in recent years, and some say they may never again require those scores again. USC doesn't currently require letters of recommendation.

It's good that universities have taken steps, but it's not clear they will be enough to prevent future admission schemes.

University administrators who want to preserve the integrity of their admissions process must ensure the system is as fair as it can be for all students regardless of who their parents are, and how far they are willing to go to get them into an elite college.



# Tariff is doomed by details

By EUGENE LINDEN  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

The European Union just unveiled its plan to impose border taxes on greenhouse gas polluters as part of its effort to become carbon neutral by 2050. In doing so it will become the first major economic bloc to try to enforce good climate behavior, not just on its own industries, but also on those that would sell to the EU.

The bloc does deserve credit for doing a better job at confronting the climate challenge than the U.S. or any other large economic bloc has. The need for action is hair-on-fire obvious. Unfortunately, the EU's action won't work.

More than three decades of local and regional initiatives have shown that a piecemeal approach can't solve a global problem. Concerns are well documented. The EU itself has objected to another recent example of this fragmented approach, accusing the U.S. of unfair subsidies because of elements of the \$370-billion climate plan in the Inflation Reduction Act. The U.S. trade representative, Katherine Tai, has also already expressed concern about how the EU's border tax would affect trade with U.S. manufacturers.

The EU's plan is also doomed by its complexity, which invites gaming of the system, and by its pace, which is wildly inadequate to the climate crisis facing the planet.

The global community will either have to take measures commensurate with the threat, or our grandchildren will be scrambling for food in a climate the world hasn't seen in a few million years. Plenty of creatures will thrive in a world where temperatures are 2.5 to 3 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, but humans will not be one of them.

## Eugene Linden



What might those measures be? Tariffs could be a useful tool in rapidly reducing global emissions, but not if implemented piecemeal, and not if configured the way the EU proposes. I've written before about some design criteria for what an effective climate tariff might look like.

1. The tariffs must be universal. Greenhouse gas emissions now can be monitored at the national level. If all nations have to meet a set target, and we monitor each nation's emissions, we eliminate the free-rider problem that has bedeviled prior agreements. (China was exempted from the Kyoto Protocol and has surged to being the largest emitter on Earth, pouring more greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere than the entire G-20.) If all nations have to meet a set target for reductions, exporters will have an incentive to police bad actors in their own countries, eliminating the incentive, for instance, to shift clean energy to exporting industries while continuing to use dirty fuels for home consumption.

2. Keep it simple. Set a clear target for each country to cut emissions by a certain amount. Then we can let any nation choose the way it wants to reduce emissions. China might meet targets through improving energy efficiency and switching to renewables. Brazil and Indonesia

might instead reduce illegal deforestation, something they should be doing anyway.

3. Whatever we do, we should do it soon. Thirty years after the first efforts to combat climate change, emissions are more than 60% higher than they were in 1990, and last year they rose by nearly 6%. COP27 (27!) came and went without producing anything that will have a discernible, near-term impact on reducing emissions. Clearly, what we've been doing hasn't worked.

Once we have set up simple global tariffs, to take effect immediately, the key becomes enforcement. We humans have already created the international institutions such as the World Trade Organization (which has expressed an institutional interest in dealing with climate change) and a treaty, the Paris agreement, that are needed to enact such a system. The World Bank could be useful as well, as an intermediary to redirect collected tariffs to the poorer nations to help them develop programs to meet targets.

The alternative is the path we're now on: Economic blocs and nations going their own way, slowly and ineffectually. The EU border carbon tax may be the first such effort, but it won't be the last. This piecemeal approach will inevitably inspire retaliatory policies from outside the bloc. Just maybe, the prospect of a cascade of border taxes, carbon tariffs and other national and regional measures will be sufficient to scare the global community into the concerted collective action our planet so clearly needs.

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## Waiting game

Travelers wait to hear if their flight will depart on time at Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles today. The Federal Aviation Administration ordered a temporary halt to all domestic flight departures Wednesday after a major system outage that disrupted air traffic across the country. Airlines and airports were left scrambling with news of the nationwide pause, as the White House said there was no immediate evidence of a cyberattack.

## Felony arrests

### Drunk driving

A Fort Wayne man was arrested Monday for drunk driving and various other charges.

Noah L. Busche, 22, 10335 Valentine Road, was preliminarily charged with three Level 6 felonies for obstruction of justice, resisting law enforcement and operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Class A misdemeanor for reckless driving, two Class B misdemeanors for criminal recklessness and possession of marijuana, a Class C misdemeanor for

possession of paraphernalia and an infraction for driving with a suspended license.

He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

### Failed to appear

Two Indiana residents were arrested over the weekend for failing to appear in court.

Travis M. Clem, 43, 944 W. Main St., Portland, was arrested Saturday. He's charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of

a syringe. Clem is being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

Julie A. Thomas, 46, 121 W. 5th St., Hartford City, was arrested Friday. She's charged in Jay Superior Court with theft, a Level 6 felony. Thomas is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

### Probation violation

Two Indiana residents were arrested recently for violating their probation orders.

Devin K. Guillaume, 33, 20 Vancouver Court,

Lafayette, was arrested Saturday. He pleaded guilty November 2019 in Jay Circuit Court to child solicitation, a Level 4 felony. He was released on a \$10,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Kipp A. Haffner, 19, 3887 W. 50 South, Portland, was arrested Friday. He pleaded guilty January 2022 in Jay Circuit Court to criminal confinement, a Level 6 felony, and interfering with reporting a crime, a Class A misdemeanor. He's being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

## Strong ...

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The Department of Natural Resources will spend the last \$29.5 million from its \$150 million Next Level Trails program on acquisition and development costs for the 62-mile Monon South Trail, Holcomb announced. The trail, along a former rail corridor, will span five counties in Southern Indiana, and lay within 10 miles of about 440,000 Hoosiers.

"The Monon South Trail will preserve a piece of our Hoosier history while promoting quality of place in our rural communities," Holcomb said in a news release Tuesday. In his speech, he also asked lawmakers to approve \$50 million more in trails funding, plus \$25 million for a land conservation program.

Holcomb also took the chance to talk about the legislative priorities he released last week, making his case in front of the lawmakers who control the state's purse strings.

He acknowledged the state's woeful public health standings for smoking, obesity, mental health care access and childhood vaccinations — 45th, 46th, 43rd and 41st, respectively — and reiterated an ask for major investments in public health: \$347 over the course of the next two-year budget.

Willing local governments would have to pony up funds for the 80-20 state-local mix.

"We don't have a day or a dollar — certainly not a life — to waste," Holcomb told legislators, "so taking the next four months [of the legislative session] to get this right: nothing could be more important."

House Speaker Todd Huston said his caucus members "recognize that

additional investments [are] needed. But key to that, he said, is tracking the outcomes of those investments using "metrics for success."

The governor also asked lawmakers to prioritize education, asking for an increase of \$1.1 billion toward K-12 tuition support and an additional \$120 million to pay for textbooks and curriculum material.

Indiana is one of just seven states in which public school students' families shoulder the cost of textbooks and other curriculum materials — which Holcomb dubbed a "disguised tax."

Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray was unenthusiastic about the proposal in comments to media after Holcomb's speech. He acknowledged that "public education is super important" but said the caucus would have to discuss "whether or not we can get to that with the textbooks."

Huston, meanwhile, emphasized using education dollars effectively as he sidestepped a question about Holcomb calling textbook fees a hidden tax.

"We're just working through the mechanics of it all and thinking about the best way to do it," he told reporters.

Democrats have long supported further investments in education, including free curriculum materials at public schools — but recognized the governor's prioritization of it and other education proposals isn't a free ride to success.

Senate Minority Leader Greg Taylor told reporters that, as in 2020, he found himself in the "interesting

position" of "supporting a lot of the projects that the governor wants to do, while his own political party and colleagues are questioning whether or not we should do certain things."

"I think he's got a long way to go to get my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to support it," Taylor said of Holcomb's ideal budget.

Holcomb also called on lawmakers to focus on public safety by boosting money for school safety grants, court technology upgrades, a "true" statewide firefighting training system, state police pay and more.

"Here in Indiana, we have a well-run, soundly financed state — and the word is out!" Holcomb said. "... Investors are giving us their vote of confidence. They're creating industries and careers here. They see their growth and future here. Let's prove them right!"

But Democrats were skeptical of what they framed as a business-first approach.

"I'm not sure [the AAA credit rating] really means so much to Hoosiers," Sen. Shelli Yoder, D-Bloomington, told reporters. "When it comes to that AAA rating, Hoosiers are trying to put food on the table, pay their bills, find affordable housing and afford childcare."

"We're saying from the Democrat policy standpoint, it's time to take a look at households and not just businesses," Taylor said.

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## Documents ...

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House Oversight Committee Chairman James Comer, a Kentucky Republican, wrote the White House counsel's office and the National Archives on Tuesday requesting information about the Biden documents.

White House officials declined to comment on the congressional probes or on the reported content of the classified materials.

The records found at Biden's office have created a litany of possible political headaches for the president. In addition to a DOJ review and the promised congressional investigation, Republicans left office "will not be a have mocked Biden for

criticizing Trump after the FBI search. Biden did not address a question on why the White House waited to confirm the existence of the documents until they were reported by CBS News this week — even though they were discovered six days before the midterm elections.

But the case has also opened Republican lawmakers to accusations of hypocrisy.

Turner defended Trump after the FBI search of his Mar-a-Lago resort. And Comer told CNN in November that Trump's handling of classified documents after he left office "will not be a priority" for his panel.

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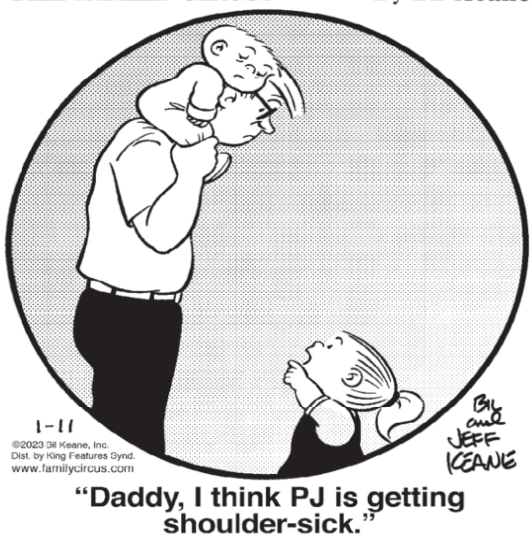
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East-West vulnerable.

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♠ Q 6 2  
♥ K Q 5  
♦ J 8 4  
♣ K Q 10 6

**WEST**  
♠ 9 5  
♥ 10 9 8 4 2  
♦ A 6  
♣ J 9 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 8 4  
♥ 7 3  
♦ 10 7 5 3 2  
♣ 8 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K 7 3  
♥ A J 6  
♦ K Q 9  
♣ A 7 2

The bidding:  
East 2 NT Pass  
South 2 NT Pass  
West 6 NT  
North 6 NT

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

Assume you're declarer in six notrump and West leads a heart. You can count 11 sure tricks after the ace of diamonds is forced out, and the problem is how to score a 12th. It might come from clubs or spades if either suit breaks 3-3, or if the jack of clubs falls singleton or doubleton.

Let's say you win the heart lead with the jack and play the king of diamonds. West wins with the ace and returns another heart, which you take with the ace. At this point you inaugurate a campaign to learn all you possibly can about the distribution of the unseen cards.

The first thing you do is cash dummy's king of hearts, on which East discards a diamond. Next, you cash the Q-J of diamonds, on which West discards a heart. Both of these moves prove enlightening, because you learn that West started with five hearts and two diamonds, and that East started with two hearts and five diamonds.

You next cash the Q-K-A of spades, and when West discards a heart on the third spade, you have all the information you need to wrap up the slam. West started with exactly five hearts, two spades and two diamonds, so he must have been dealt precisely four clubs.

Taking advantage of this knowledge is as easy as pie. You cash dummy's king of clubs, lead a low club to your ace and return a third club toward dummy's Q-10. When West follows low, you finesse the ten, confident that unless the laws of mathematics no longer apply, the finesse will succeed and yield your 12th trick.

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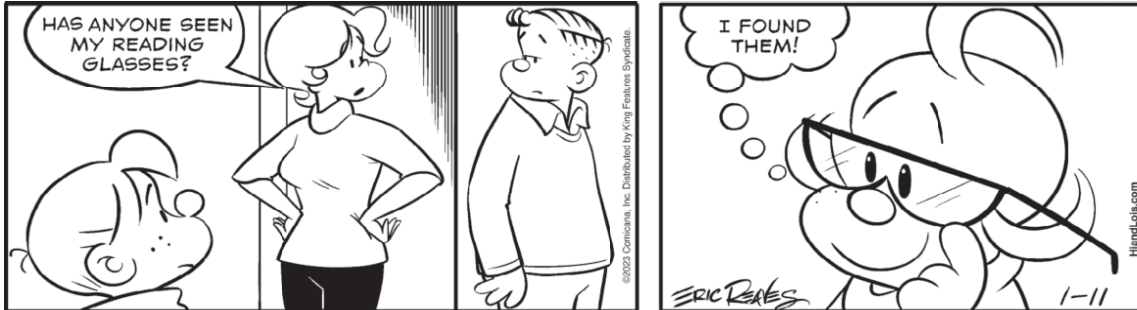
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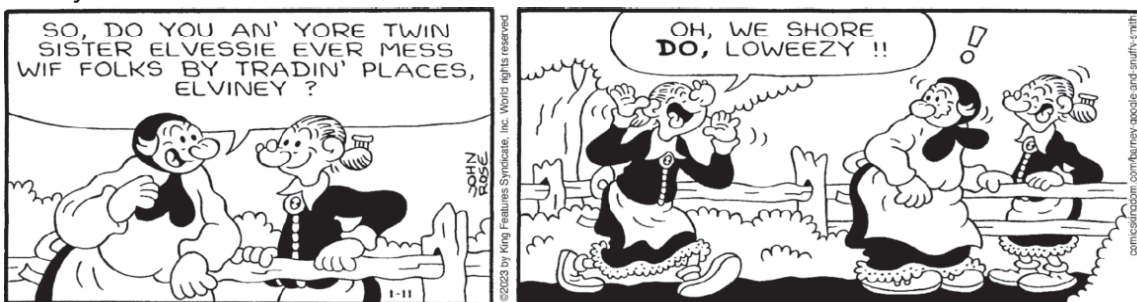
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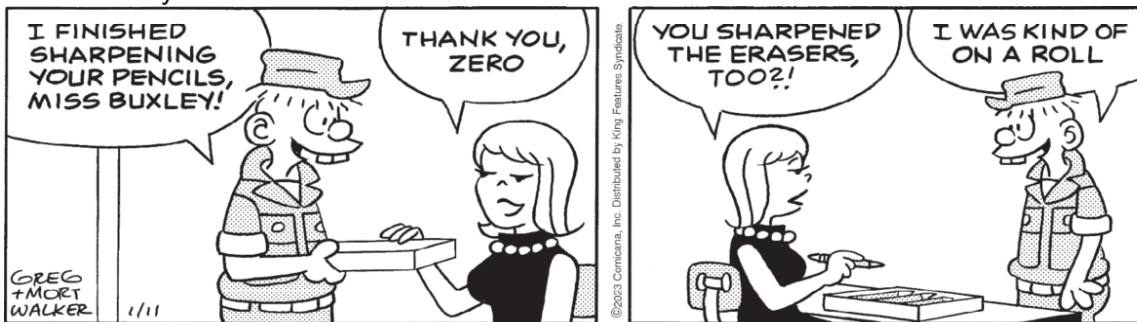
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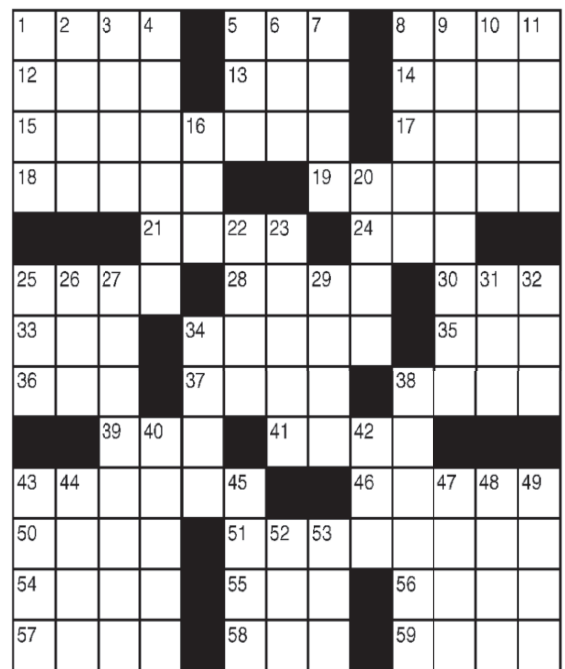
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# Tournament split

## Victory slips away from JC boys

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Points were just as difficult to come by as they have been for most of the season.

The host Patriots didn't score at all in the second quarter.

And yet, they were there — up by five as the clock ticked past the one-minute mark, their opponent passing the ball around the arc trying to find a hole in their zone defense.

In the final 50 seconds, it all slipped away.

Heritage High School's Kobe Meyer hit consecutive 3-pointers — the second with 18.5 seconds left — and Jay County did not get a good look at the basket on its final possession, settling for a deep jumper in a 29-28 loss Tuesday in the opening round of the Allen County Athletic Conference boys basketball tournament.

JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt said the game was lost in the second quarter, when his team shot 0-for-5 and failed to score a point.

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## No. 4 Patriot girls dominate

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

With 15 straight wins — nine by 20 points or more — Jay County hasn't been pushed a lot since its lone loss to Hamilton Heights.

In those blowout situations, it can be difficult to maintain a high level of play.

The fourth-ranked team in the state didn't have that problem Tuesday.

Jay County High School's girls basketball team poured in 30 first-quarter points and closed the first half on a 16-0 run as it blasted Heritage 74-20 in the opening round of the Allen County Athletic Conference girls basketball tournament.

"We're not normally a pressing team, but we came out pressing trying to get a quick start," said JCHS coach Kirk Comer, whose team climbed to fourth in Monday's Class No. 5 spot for several weeks. "We did a really good job ... played with a lot of intensity ..."

"This is one of our best all-around games. We didn't turn the ball over much. We rebounded well. She shot well. We shot the free throws well. ... We almost had five in double figures."

"We didn't relax when we got the lead like other games ... They just came out like they were on a mission tonight. Hopefully we can continue to build on this, because that's the way we need to play come tournament time, with that intensity."

Jay County (16-1) advances to play South Adams (10-8) in the semifinal after the Starfires knocked off Adams Central 50-48 in Tuesday's opening round. The Patriots won the regular-season game between the two teams, pulling away for a 56-36 victory after being up by just three late in the first half.

By virtue of the South Adams victory, the game will be played at Jay County. (SAHS can't host the game because of recent water damage to its gym.)

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Jay County High School sophomore Natalie Carreno puts up a shot between a pair of Heritage defenders during Tuesday's opening round of the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament. JCHS rolled to a 74-20 victory and will host South Adams in Friday's semifinal round.



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