

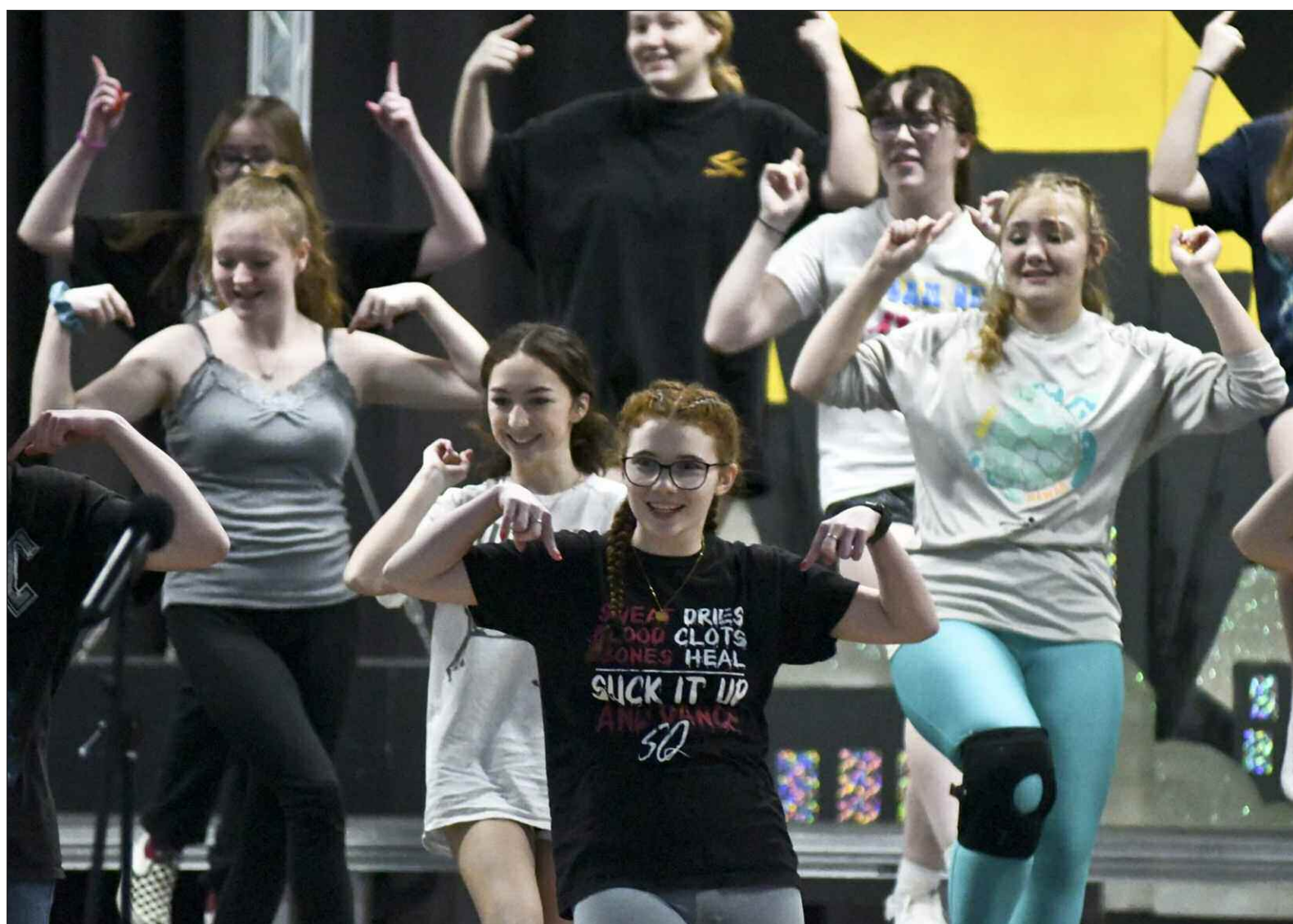
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Choir kick-off



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Members of Jay County High School's Just Treble show choir practice Wednesday afternoon. Just Treble and Patriot Edition will both perform in exhibition this weekend as they host the Jay County Choir Spectacular 2023 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday. Just Treble is scheduled to take the stage at 4:30 p.m., with Patriot Edition to perform at 9:30 p.m.

Jay County groups launch season by hosting competition on Saturday

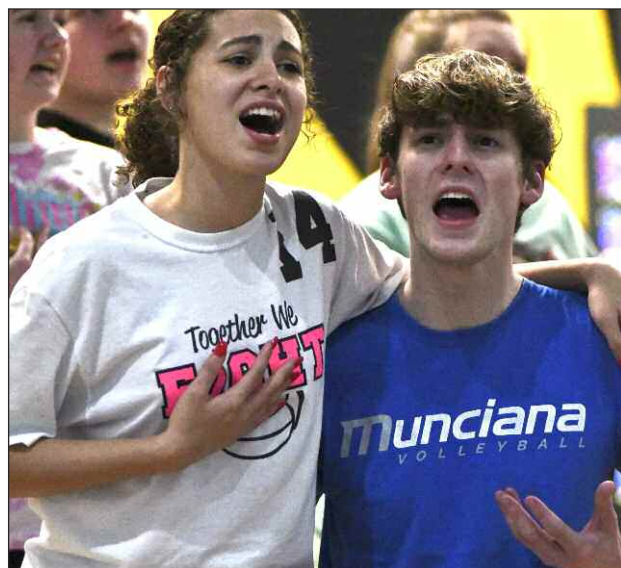
By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review
It's choir season. And it starts at Jay County High School.

The JCHS choirs will kick off their 2023 season as they host the Jay County Choir Spectacular 2023 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Saturday.

The competition features 11 groups in addition to Patriot Edition and Just Treble, both of which will be performing in exhibition.

Susan Denney, director of the JCHS choirs, looks at the event that launched in 2020 as an excellent starting point.

"Many, many schools are learning their show in the month of January," she said. "What I think is good that we offer is ... we're kind of



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a great place to test-drive the show. ... This is a chance to come out of the gate, get some great judges' comments and then run with it

through your season." Saturday's lineup starts with Noblesville's New Dimension at 9:30 a.m. with the North Stars of Columbus

North, Warrior Ambition of Woodlan, Show Choir of Triton and Brave Generation of Belmont to follow. After a lunch break, the day

portion of the competition will finish up with Knight Vision of Crestview at 1:15 p.m. followed by Summit Sound of Bishop Dwenger, Dimensions of Austin, Vocal Pointe of Columbus North, Red Hot Blues of New Castle and the defending champion NHS Singers of Noblesville.

Just Treble, Jay County's all-girl group, will then perform in exhibition at 4:30 p.m. before the announcement of awards and finalists.

The finals will start at 6:30 p.m. with six schools competing before Jay County's co-ed Patriot Edition performs in exhibition at 9:30 p.m. Finals awards are scheduled for 10 p.m.

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GOP: Health costs, schools top list

House speaker outlined priorities Thursday

By CASEY SMITH
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana House Republicans will rally behind a collection of bills in the 2023 session that emphasize fiscal responsibility, expand Hoosiers' access to health care and increase work-based learning and school choice programs.

The House GOP are also calling special focus to a bill that seeks to authorize child support for pregnant women.

House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, outlined his caucus' priorities Thursday days after Senate Republicans released their 2023 agenda. Both chambers agree reducing record-high healthcare costs and ensuring sound, prudent spending of state dollars is paramount.

But GOP lawmakers in the Senate left out any education topics from their priority list this session. It also remains unclear if either chamber will support a proposal from Gov. Eric Holcomb to eliminate K-12 textbook and curricular fees for all Hoosier students.

"We're going to spend about half the state budget on education," Huston said during a news conference Thursday. "Where it goes and how it goes ... I just want to make sure our caucus and our committee has an opportunity to weigh it all out."

Meanwhile, House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta, of Fort Wayne, said the House Republicans' 2023 agenda adds up to the "same stale ideas" as in years past.

"Over a decade of Republican policy and underinvestment has left our people, our most precious resource, with historic public health and education crises," GiaQuinta said in a statement. "Those same policies are not going to lead us out of 10 years of wandering in the desert."

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Special counsel named

By SARAH D. WIRE
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Merrick Garland on Thursday named a special counsel to investigate the unauthorized removal and retention of classified documents that were discovered at President Joe Biden's office and home.

Garland tapped the former U.S. attorney for Maryland, Robert Hur, to conduct the investigation and examine whether "any person or entity violated the law in connection with this matter." Hur was appointed to his U.S. attorney's position by former President Donald Trump and previously served as a principal associate deputy attorney general. He is

Garland taps former U.S. attorney to investigate classified documents

expected to begin work in the coming days.

Hur said in a statement that he "will conduct the assigned investigation with fair, impartial, and dispassionate judgment. I intend to follow the facts swiftly and thoroughly, without fear or favor, and will honor the trust placed in me to perform this service."

A special counsel has more

independence to conduct an investigation, but ultimately the decision on whether to prosecute is left to the attorney general. Hur's appointment "underscores for the public the department's commitment to both independence and accountability for particularly sensitive matters," Garland said.

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Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Kevin Dietsch

President Joe Biden takes questions from reporters on classified documents as he delivers remarks on the economy and inflation Thursday in the Eisenhower Executive Office Building in Washington, D.C.

Deaths

Alexis Thomas, 21, Pennville
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 49 degrees early Thursday. The low was 37.

The forecast calls for a low of 20 tonight with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. Expect sunny skies Saturday with a high of 34.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

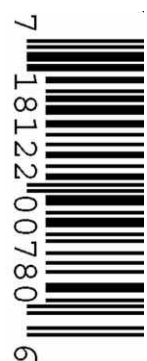
In review

One new candidate filed Thursday to run in this year's municipal elections. Incumbent Republican Jesse Bivens filed paperwork to seek reelection to Dunkirk City Council in District 3.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from tonight's IHSGW State Finals at Mooresville.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Fort Recovery Village Council meeting.



List ...

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Proposed changes to high school curricula are laid out in HB 1002, authored by Rep. Chuck Goodrich, R-Noblesville.
The bill seeks to expand work-based learning in Indiana high schools, like apprenticeships and internships. In addition, the bill would create a framework for students to earn a post-secondary credential before leaving the K-12 system.
Huston said the bill is part of a caucus plan to allow more of that work-based learning to count towards a student's graduation requirements.
"We can ensure that whether kids are going to go into a post secondary workforce program or they're going to go to a two- or four-

year college, that we can give them the skills that they need to begin to be impactful in the workforce," Huston said, stressing the need for more flexibility. "Experience needs to be relevant, and it needs to be applied."
The House Republicans' budget will also continue a years-long push to continue expanding the availability of state dollars for Hoosier students to attend private schools.
Under Indiana's Choice Scholarship Program, which allows families to receive vouchers to attend private schools, the current annual income limit for a family of four is about \$154,000 — equal to 300% of the amount required for a student to qualify for the federal free or reduced price lunch program.

Huston said that income ceiling could increase even more this session.
"We believe — and I've always been, I think, consistent in that ... parents should have an opportunity to send their kids to a school that best meets their needs," he said, adding that he "would love to see" the program become universal. "We'll see if it does."
Around 44,000 students took advantage of a voucher during the 2021-22 school year, at a state cost of about \$240 million.
A bill filed by Rep. Ethan Manning, R-Logansport, would ensure that Indiana's public retirement fund investment strategies "remain focused on maximizing returns and not on political and social issues," Huston said.

"They need to stop working with certain banks and investment firms where they focus on those types of policies," he said, pointing to Vanguard, for example, which recently withdrew from an investment industry initiative on climate change.
"My focus is on the fact that their job is to invest and maximize returns. Our job is to create public policy," Huston said. "If they want to create public policy, they should run for elected office."
State law already requires the Indiana Public Retirement System (INPRS) to focus solely on maximizing financial benefits, as opposed to anything else. Huston said Manning's bill "clarifies and ensures that is the policy."
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Obituaries

Alexis Thomas, Pennville, April 17, 2001-Jan. 8, 2023. Services will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the Pennville Chapel of Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home.
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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.

CR almanac

Saturday 1/14	Sunday 1/15	Monday 1/16	Tuesday 1/17	Wednesday 1/18
34/23	40/31	48/42	50/36	48/40
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Saturday with a low around 23 degrees late.	Mostly cloudy skies throughout the day, with the high expected to reach 40 degrees.	There's a 70% chance of rain on Martin Luther King Jr. Day under cloudy skies.	Mostly cloudy throughout the day and night, with a high near 50.	Wednesday has a chance of rain. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$404 million	26-30-33-34-35-42-44-45-47-49-55-58-59-64-70-71 Cash 5: 6-8-22-27-32 Estimated jackpot: \$242,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$1.35 billion	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 3-1-9 Pick 4: 8-3-7-7 Pick 5: 5-5-9-0-2 Evening Pick 3: 5-0-5 Pick 4: 7-2-7-4 Pick 5: 4-3-4-3-6 Rolling Cash: 7-20-21-34-37 Estimated jackpot: \$243,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-9-0 Daily Four: 7-8-5-4 Quick Draw: 2-7-8-12-18-20-23-31-32-43-47-53-55-59-63-66-69-73-74-75 Evening Daily Three: 4-0-5 Daily Four: 8-8-2-8 Quick Draw: 4-7-8-14-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.92 Feb. corn.....6.92 Wheat.....6.72	Wheat.....6.82 July wheat.....7.27
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.91 Feb. corn.....6.92 March corn.....6.94	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.74 March corn.....6.76 Beans.....15.19 Feb. beans.....15.22 Wheat.....7.27
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Today in history

In 532, the Nika riots against Byzantine Emperor Justinian I started in Constantinople. The revolt — it resulted in burning half the city and killing thousands — lasted three days.
In 1884, Sophie Tucker, a Russian-born American singer, was born. Her career spanned 62 years on stages including in burlesque, vaudeville, nightclub and music halls.
In 1915, about 30,000 people died after an earthquake shook Avezzano, Italy, located 60 miles from Rome.
In 1968, Johnny Cash performed at California's Folsom Prison in front of about 2,000 inmates. He recorded the experience in his album, "Johnny Cash at Folsom Prison."
In 2016, Jay County High School boys basketball team opened the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament with a 75-41 victory against South Adams.
In 2021, president Donald Trump was impeached for a second time by the U.S. House of Representatives for his involvement in his supporters storming the Capitol Jan. 6, 2021. He became the first president to be impeached twice.
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Citizen's calendar

Monday 3 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee executive session, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort	Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St. Tuesday 5 p.m. — Portland City Council executive session, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
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From left, Jasmine Esparza, Aubrey Millsbaugh, Phil Hartman and Lauren VanCise perform during Wednesday's Patriot Edition practice at JCHS. The choirs worked this week with choreographer/show designer Damon Brown in preparation for hosting Saturday's Jay County Choir Spectacular 2023.

Choir ...

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This year's Just Treble show has a "Dating Game" theme, kicking off with "Dear Future Husband" by Meghan Trainor, "The Dating Game" — an original by choreographer/show designer Damon Brown, "A House is Not a Home" by Dionne Warwick, Christina Aguilera's "Fighter" and "Got a Lot of Livin' to Do" from the musical Bye Bye Birdie. Solos feature Lauren VanCise, Lilly Johnson, Rachel Heitkamp, Erin Ring and Laci McGinnis.
Patriot Edition is about the gangster life — think the Al Capone era or "Guys and Dolls" — complete with zoot suits and flapper dresses. Musical selections kick off with another Brown original — "Gangster," which has a swing feel — followed by "Toledo Surprise" from the musical "The Drowsy Chaperone," the ballad "Maybe I Like it this Way," "Steppin' to the Bad Side"

from the musical "Dreamgirls" and "Basement/Underground" from the musical "Memphis." Soloists for the group are Ben Heath, Rose Carter, Hunter Young, Caleb Darnell, Aubrey Millsbaugh, Luke Moser, VanCise, Heitkamp and McGinnis.
"I believe both shows have the ability to place very well this year," said Denney.
Now it's about getting those shows to that level after spending previous months working on other performances, like their visits to eight community events during the Christmas season.
"Now all we have to do is worry about this show," she said.
Part of that included having Brown in town this week to clean up choreographer and the shows as a whole.
Just Treble is coming off of a tremendous season in which it took first place at both the Pendleton Heights Arabia Spectacular and the

Garrett Railroader Rush Invitational. The group went on to place fourth in the women's division at the Indiana State School Music Association small school state finals.
Just Treble won its division at the Homestead Classic Showcase in 2022 and was in the top three at three other competitions. It posted a sixth-place finish at the state finals.
Denney is hoping to grow toward similar success this year, and she said the dedication toward that goal is in place to make it happen.
"I'm just really proud of the kids and the commitment they make and that the parents support that commitment," she added. "Because I've got a lot of athletes and kids who have jobs and they're trying to do it all. And yet they prioritize this as well. I'm so respectful of that. It's why the program has continued to keep getting better, because kids are buying into the arts and the importance of it in their life."

Felony arrests

Child exploitation
A Portland man was arrested Thursday for child exploitation and possessing child pornography.
Randall L. Rains, 73, 2251 S. Brook View Drive, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony and Level 6 felony, respectively.
He was released on a \$13,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Friday 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.
Monday Thomas , Alexis: 1 p.m., Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville. Noble , George: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Tuesday Micheau , Robert: 2 p.m., Williamson, Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 190 S. Union St., Pennville.

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Capsule Reports

Recycling set
Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday.
Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.
The solid waste district reported this week that 354.93 tons of recycling were collected in 2022.

Lost control
A Berne man lost control of the vehicle he was driving and crashed into a telephone pole near the intersection of U.S. 27 and Hendricks Street in Bryant about 12:30 p.m. Thursday.
Brock W. Banter, 19, was driving a 2007 Ford Focus south on the highway when he crossed the intersection. As he continued on U.S. 27, Banter told police, he lost control of the vehicle. It left the road and hit a nearby pole.
Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Swiss Village

KINDER HAUS DAYCARE

Kinder Haus Daycare at Swiss Village is now seeking a Full-Time Team Teacher. Varied hours from 6am-5pm M-F. Responsibilities include providing high quality childcare services and assisting the Lead Teacher with supervision of the classroom. Must have a high school diploma or GED and be at least 18 years of age. Strong desire to work with children required. Educational background in early childhood is preferred.

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Woman worried about her toxic mother-in-law

DEAR ABBY: I used to have a great relationship with my mother-in-law. I considered her one of my best friends, until her severe drug and alcohol abuse began to ruin her life. Her mental health issues came out in full force, and her lashing out reached a peak shortly before I married her son. After a barrage of nasty messages, she was no longer welcome at our wedding. I have blocked her from contacting me. She occasionally reaches out to my husband to talk only about herself.

We are thinking about starting a family in the next few years, and I'm terrified of her having access to our child. Do we have an obligation to let her meet our child, or even let her know one exists? She was a terrible mother to my husband (the authorities had to step in, and she was incarcerated) and she relinquished rights to her other child. This screams to me that she shouldn't have access to any grandchildren.

After she verbally attacked me, I don't even want her to know if I become pregnant. My husband isn't completely on board with keeping her in the dark, but he agreed not to tell her anything without us being on the same page. He is a thoughtful husband, but feels bad about being asked to keep such a big secret. I'm filled with anxiety about her even knowing about a baby. I would greatly appreciate your advice. — ANXIOUS IN WISCONSIN

DEAR ANXIOUS: When someone becomes pregnant, they do better with as little stress in their lives as possible. While I admire your husband's compassion for his volatile, unstable and abusive mother, he needs to accept that involving her in this chapter of your family life might not be the best decision for you or his child.

Dear Abby



If you can't get through to him, enlist the help of your doctor and someone with expertise in child development to help him understand that everyone will be healthier if she remains out of the picture. She may find out eventually, but you will be safe in the short term.

DEAR ABBY: I host an annual party for many longtime friends. Some of them bring their (small) dogs, and that's OK. My problem is, one friend brings their giant dog. The last time "Brutus" was here, it was seen snatching food off the kitchen counter and the dining table. I love this friend, but I don't love that dog in my kitchen and dining room.

Normally I would just say, "Please don't bring Brutus," but I can't. My friend is now blind and says Brutus is their Seeing Eye dog. (Brutus doesn't act like any Seeing Eye dog I've ever seen. He's very undisciplined.) I'm at a loss about what to do or say. Do you have any advice for me? — AWKWARD IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR AWKWARD: Yes. Service dogs wear a harness or a vest. They also are trained not to leave their owner's side. They never behave the way Brutus has, so it's safe to assume this person may have been less than honest with you about their own status, as well as their dog's. My advice is to omit this person off your guest list, and if you are asked why, be truthful.



Nelvin C. Cepeda/The San Diego Union-Tribune/TNS

Rare pregnancy

For the first time, the University of California's Birch Aquarium has coaxed a female weedy sea dragon into transferring a large number of eggs to a male sea dragon, pictured above, who could give birth to a bounty of babies. (Sea dragons, sea horses and pipefish are the only known animals whose males can get pregnant and give birth.)

Puzzling exhibit opens Saturday

It's mind-bending. Minnetrista in Muncie opens its new exhibit, Mindbender Mansion, on Saturday. The touring attraction — it was produced by the Oregon Museum of Science and Industry in 2015 — offers puzzles, brainteasers and interactive challenges for testing brain power and problem-solving skills, according to a press release from the organization.

Visitors working their way through the exhibit will meet the character "Mr E," curator of the Mindbender Society. They'll also find a combination of tabletop brainteasers for individuals and group challenges. Along the way, visitors gather clues and passwords in order to become members of the Mindbender Society.

The exhibit opens at 9 a.m. Saturday and will be available at Minnetrista through May 7.

Artists Guild

Muncie Artists Guild has paintings on display at Blackford County Arts Center through March 9. An opening reception

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for the new exhibit is slated for 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the arts center, 107 W. Washington St., Hartford City.

Muncie Artists Guild accepts artists in the area, including those from Blackford, Jay, Randolph, Henry and Madison counties.

For more information, contact director Lylanne Musselman at (765) 348-4154 or bcac@myart-space.org.

Senior Learning

The next session of the Senior Learning Series is set for Feb. 2.

Cliff Moser, Jay County Veterans Affairs representative, will be presenting "Are You Missing Veteran's Benefits" starting at noon. Lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m. —

reservations for the meal must be paid in advance.

The senior series is offered at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Planetarium shows

Ball State University's planetarium has several upcoming shows.

As usual, they're free to the public.

Charles W. Brown Planetarium's schedule includes the following:

• "Tour of the Winter Sky," a guided tour of seasonal Milky Way sightings, at 6:30 p.m. today, Sunday, Jan. 20 and Jan. 21

• "Saturn and Beyond," an exploration into photos of Saturn from the 2004 Cassini orbiter and Huygens probe, at 5 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 21

• "One World, One Sky: Big Bird's Adventure," a program following popular Sesame Street characters as they traverse the night sky, at 3 p.m. Saturday and Jan. 21, and at 3:30 p.m. Feb. 4 and Feb. 11

Community Calendar

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

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.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

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

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 6:30 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.

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'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.

Sudoku

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	1			6	9			7
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3				7		4	6	

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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The absence of regular House rules during last week's drawn out floor fight for House speaker produced an unexpected benefit: C-SPAN and other news organizations were able to show the country the whole dayslong battle in real time — including a near-fistfight between two congressmen — because of a pause in the restrictions that normally govern the cameras. At least one member is suggesting the House allow such ungirded coverage to continue. This being the seat of government and the heart of democracy, why not make it permanent?

C-SPAN has long carried gavel-to-gavel coverage of Congress,

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but there are normally strict limits on what it can show. Ever since live floor coverage of the House began in the late 1970s, the camera feeds have generally been controlled by government employees, with images limited to the speaker's dais or wide shots of the floor without enough detail to see what's actually going on between members.

But an exception to those rules has always been made for special

events like the election of the House speaker — normally a brief, pro forma process. The chaos that gripped the House last week was, of course, the exception. For most of the week, through 15 rounds of voting and days of high political drama around Kevin McCarthy's bid for speaker, the cameras were allowed to capture it all.

There was Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Alabama, lunging at anti-McCarthy Rep. Matt Gaetz, R-Florida, and having to be restrained by other members. There was progressive firebrand Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-New York, engrossed in an apparently civil conversation with Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Arizona, a right-winger who once tweeted

an anime video depicting himself killing her. There, again and again, was McCarthy's smile-through-the-pain real-time reaction to watching his members deny him his long-awaited speakership.

Even if Republicans had wanted to return the cameras to normal restrictions as their first week in the majority went off the rails, they couldn't have because those rules were suspended until a speaker could be chosen. All they could do was let America watch this unvarnished display of parliamentary drama and emotion play out like a political thriller.

There was value to that, beyond mere spectacle. Seeing the reality of how political horse

trading, floor huddles and unscripted interactions affect the legislative process was no doubt educational to many viewers. If McCarthy looked wounded and powerless even as he finally clawed his way to victory — well, that too is useful information for America going forward.

We don't normally find ourselves quoting with approval the likes of hard-right Rep. Chip Roy, R-Texas, but his comment over the weekend suggesting the House should consider permanently dropping the restrictions on cameras makes some sense: "What the American people were able to see unfold on the floor was a good thing for our democracy and our republic, right?" Right.

Hardest job is casting a vote

By LEE H. HAMILTON

As Congress and many state legislatures get under way for the year, there are lots of new lawmakers out there starting to learn the ropes.

It's an exhilarating, exhausting time, and they'll have plenty of questions about the challenges. But here's one thing they might not even have imagined: The hardest part of their new jobs may be the most basic — casting a vote on legislation.

It seems odd, doesn't it? And it actually took me a couple of decades in Congress before I realized it. I'd never reflected on the question until a constituent asked point-blank what I found most difficult about the role. I thought about the long hours, the time away from home, the criticism and pressure from pretty much every side (yes, even back then). Then I realized that it wasn't the frustrations of the job that made it difficult, but its very core: deciding how to vote.

This isn't always the case. Sometimes, voting on a bill can be straightforward: Maybe it's a matter of no consequence, or it's clearly what your constituents need. But you have to remember that legislators are asked to vote on a stunningly complex array of issues, some of which they're familiar with, some of which they're not, and many of which have real consequences for real people. Often, these are complicated issues, with aspects that extend far beyond the black-and-white views expressed in tweets and sound bites. So, for a legislator who is truly trying to do her or his best for the country, the state, or the community, deciding how to vote requires hard work.

The first consideration is — or at least, should be — the views of the people a lawmaker serves. Members of Congress and state legislators get inundated with calls and emails from constituents and hear plenty of feedback on key issues at public meetings. From time to time, those sentiments all run in the same direction, but often they conflict, so a legislator has to work hard to find the majority's sentiment. Similarly, lawmakers rely on the reams of material produced by experts, think tanks, lobbyists, and even colleagues with particular expertise, but those can often conflict, as well. Making a decision involves sifting through a host of arguments — from legal and economic to practical and moral — and then

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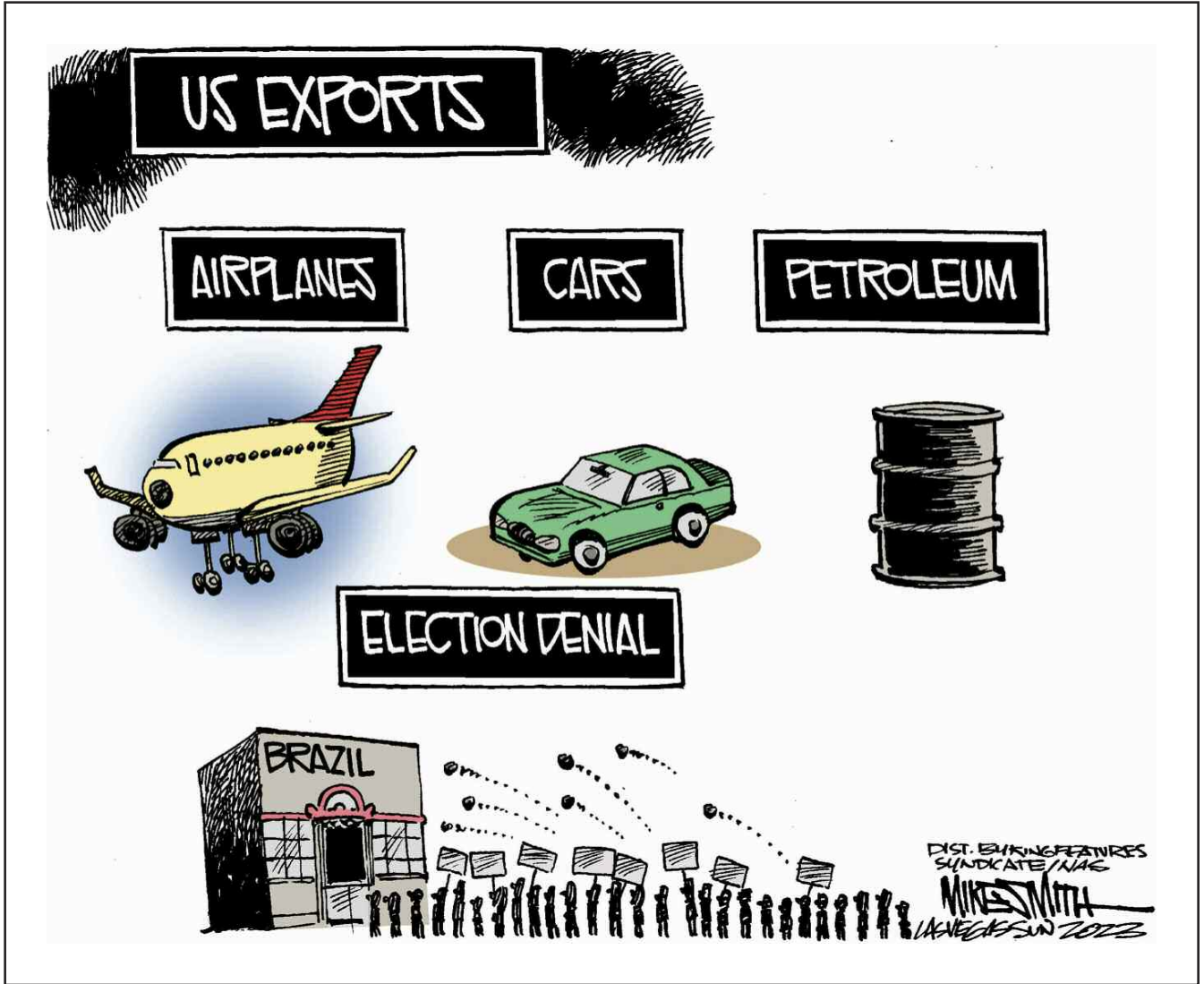
making a judgment about which are most compelling. Because it's a good bet that at some point, you'll be called to account for how you voted.

Then, of course, there are the political considerations. These have become both simpler and more complex over the last few decades, as partisanship has grown. On the one hand, politicians these days are often expected just to fall in line with what the congressional or legislative leadership expects. But if the electoral politics of the last few years has made anything clear, it's that voters do not follow party leadership dictates, and depending on the constituency, any politician interested in re-election needs to look beyond the loudest and most vociferous voices.

Finally, legislators do not arrive in office as blank slates waiting to be written on. They have their own experiences and convictions to draw from. At some point, everyone who holds office has to come to a decision on what he or she is willing to compromise on and what is beyond the pale — and, in the most dramatic instances, what is worth losing an election over.

You can see, then, why deciding how to vote is rarely the easy part of a lawmaker's job. On some issues, you'll vote your conscience. On others, you'll follow the wishes of your constituents, or of the party leadership, or of colleagues you trust and respect. On others, you'll become an expert as quickly as possible and then spend time parsing shades of gray. Yet on every vote, you'll be expected to have an opinion and to be able to defend it, sometimes in the face of withering criticism. So, in the end you'll cast your vote and then move on, because the next one is coming on fast.

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Border issue can be solved

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Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot recently called the challenge the city is facing in serving an influx of migrants a crisis created by the Republican governor of Texas. As an academic who studies and teaches refugee policy, I agree the crisis is manufactured, but its roots are much deeper and effects far-reaching. Before any knee-jerk reactions, we must understand why some people are invested in it as a crisis instead of a problem that can be solved.

Chicago has an outsize interest in a solution because we are the biggest destination city for asylum-seekers and migrants in the Midwest. Since last August, more than 3,800 migrants have been bused here from Texas. As a sanctuary city, it is in our interest to get the facts straight.

Notably, the U.S. government has dramatically narrowed access for people to ask for asylum legally and have their cases heard. People fleeing their countries are risking their lives to ask for asylum. Donald Trump, when he was president, systematically dismantled and starved the immigration infrastructure through his policies — resulting in the furloughing of thousands of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services employees, the imprisonment of children and the illegal detention of migrants. Because of such policies, asylum-seekers endanger their lives by crossing the Darien Gap only to face long lines and a wall. The U.S. could alleviate this issue by offering people alternative ways to request asylum.

Shailja Sharma



Title 42, which the U.S. Supreme Court recently allowed to stay in place, is an example of how the Trump administration chose to artificially, and temporarily, drive down asylum applications, only for the number of applicants to shoot up now. Turning away migrants suffering persecution is a violation of our international treaty obligations and our humanitarian foreign policy and is harmful to our economy. If Title 42 is revoked, there will be a temporary increase in people accessing asylum and being processed at the border, but there is no reason to think that this will be a long-term issue.

People who can prove they have a credible fear of persecution will be allowed to stay in the country, and those who don't qualify can be deported. President Joe Biden just declared an overhaul of this bottleneck created at the border, and we should applaud that effort.

It is also important to remember that, geographically, our southern border is the only place where people can access asylum, a universal human right. The United States shares borders with only two countries, Mexico and Canada. Almost everyone asking for asylum accesses it at our southern border because to our north is Canada, a safe country. At one time, people could fly to one of our airports or

access our territory on boats, but we have closed off those options. Airlines have been turned into de facto immigration agents because they are made to pay huge fines if they carry people to an airport where those passengers ask for asylum. The same is true for boats or ships.

Any person fleeing rape, violence, persecution, gangs or terror must find a way to make it to our southern border. There is no other way.

Instead of seeing this situation as a human rights nightmare, which it is, Americans are concentrating on reading it as a quasi-assault on our sovereignty. When the mayor of El Paso, Texas, Oscar Leeser, asked for additional resources, he was instead attacked for not declaring an emergency. Yes, asylum-seekers are at our border. We have the resources for processing their applications. Why aren't we using them?

We need to ramp up the hiring of Department of Homeland Security staff. We need to create a system where all states step up to host asylum-seekers. We need to stop creating artificial bottlenecks in the system. And Chicago should continue using money that the federal government gives us to help settle people who are being treated as pawns in a political game.

There is a crisis at the border. But it's most harmful for people risking their lives to access safety, not for us sitting and watching the news on television.

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New strategy sends stark warning

By COURTNEY SUBRAMANIAN and TRACY WILKINSON
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WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden will welcome Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida at the White House on Friday, a meeting intended to signal a more confrontational approach to China as Tokyo's defense turns south toward the Taiwan Strait.

Kishida is pushing for a

larger defense role for Japan in the Indo-Pacific region as his country and the U.S. face down threats on multiple fronts: a potential Chinese invasion of Taiwan, a nuclear-armed North Korea and Russia's continued assault on Ukraine.

Before Kishida's visit, the U.S. and Japan agreed on Wednesday to upgrade their security cooperation by equipping Tokyo with long-range missiles and refitting a U.S. Marine unit

in Japan to confront Beijing's military buildup in the region — the latest move by the administration to achieve Washington's long-held desire to focus more on the East and South Asia.

"Japan is doubling down on both itself and the United States. Tokyo is building some more independent capabilities, but it is also deepening the U.S.-Japan alliance. That should be a clear sign to China," said Zachary Cooper, a senior

fellow who studies U.S. defense strategy in Asia at the American Enterprise Institute. The agenda "is being driven from Tokyo, rather than Washington, which is incredibly important as a sign of sustainability and a healthy alliance relationship."

The sit-down is the leaders' first since Kishida announced historic reforms to his country's national security strategy in December, shifting Japan away from its paci-

fist stance in the wake of World War II and toward closer cooperation with Biden's quest to constrain China.

Kishida's government vowed to double his country's defense spending to 2% of its gross domestic product by 2027, up from about 1%. Based on current GDP, the move would make Japan's military budget the third largest in the world, behind the U.S. and China. The new strategy also calls for acquiring long-range

missile systems that would enable Tokyo to reach targets in China and North Korea in response to a potential attack.

The Ukraine conflict has magnified global anxiety about a potential Chinese attack on Taiwan and motivated Kishida's push to reform Japan's defense approach, said Chris Johnstone, the Japan chair at the Center for Strategic and International Studies and a former Biden National Security Council official.



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Indiana House Speaker Todd Huston, R-Fishers, outlined his caucus' 2023 legislative priorities Thursday at the Statehouse.

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Huston said the House GOP will also prioritize HB 1009, authored by Rep. Elizabeth Rowray, R-Yorktown, which would allow child support payments to start at conception. Huston said he believes unborn children are owed a duty of support from both parents.

The bill would allow for additional recovery of Medicaid expenditures for pregnancy and childbirth expenses by expanding the period for which child

support can be ordered to 40 weeks prior to the birth of the child, according to the bill.

The caucus will additionally tackle high health care costs, Huston continued. It's an issue that Holcomb and Senate Republicans have prioritized, too.

The House speaker said he is "largely disappointed" in the "lack of action" by Indiana's insurers and nonprofit hospitals to address high health care prices, especially after calling on them in December of 2021 to

develop a plan to reduce costs for Hoosier patients.

Specifically, HB 1003 and HB 1004 aim to increase competition in both the provider and insurance marketplaces. The measures also seek to require more transparency around prices charged by non-profit hospitals.

"We're talking about making sure that we have robust sets of options for people to go to, you know, more transparency, and if you're above a certain price,

that there will be penalties," Huston said. "We need to see more competition in the marketplace, and we're looking at incentives to make that happen."

House Republicans will also try to earmark more state dollars to help communities across the state increase access to affordable housing. HB 1005, filed by Rep. Doug Miller, R-Elkhart, would build on some of the recommendations from last year's housing task force.

Also important on the House GOP agenda is a bill that would ensure individuals with mental health conditions receive treatment in local hospitals, not jails. Another priority measure, HB 1007, which Huston said would support a "diverse and robust energy plan that ensures reliability and affordability."

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Documents with classification markings were found in two unsecured locations that Biden used after he served as vice president and before he became president, including at the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement and at his private residence in Wilmington, Delaware. The White House counsel's office said Thursday that Biden's Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, home was also searched but that no classified documents were found.

Presidential records, which include information created by or for the vice president, must be handed off to the National Archives the day a new president is sworn in. Several presidents have left the White House with a few things that don't belong to them and the National Archives had to retrieve them. Usually it's treated as a mis-

understanding and the items are returned without fanfare, but mishandling classified documents, which are typically tightly controlled by intelligence agencies, is a different story.

Garland said the Justice Department was first notified on Nov. 4 that classified records found in an office of the Penn Biden Center for Diplomacy and Global Engagement in Washington had been handed over to the National Archives and Records Administration by the White House and the FBI began investigating Nov. 9. Garland asked Chicago U.S. Attorney John Lausch, another Trump appointee, to review the situation Nov. 14.

"That office was not authorized for storage of classified documents," Garland said.

Garland said that on Dec. 20, Biden's personal counsel informed Lausch that additional documents

were found in the garage of Biden's Wilmington home. The FBI secured those documents, he said.

Lausch briefed Garland on his findings Jan. 5. Garland said Thursday morning that Biden's personal lawyer informed the Justice Department that an additional document had been found at the Wilmington property.

A senior Justice Department official said before the announcement that Lausch's findings showed a special counsel was necessary in accordance with Justice Department regulations.

"This is not a decision he made lightly," the official said. "The appointment of a special counsel in this matter is required."

The move mirrors Garland's decision to appoint special counsel Jack Smith to investigate documents seized from Trump's Mar-a-Lago home in Florida in August.

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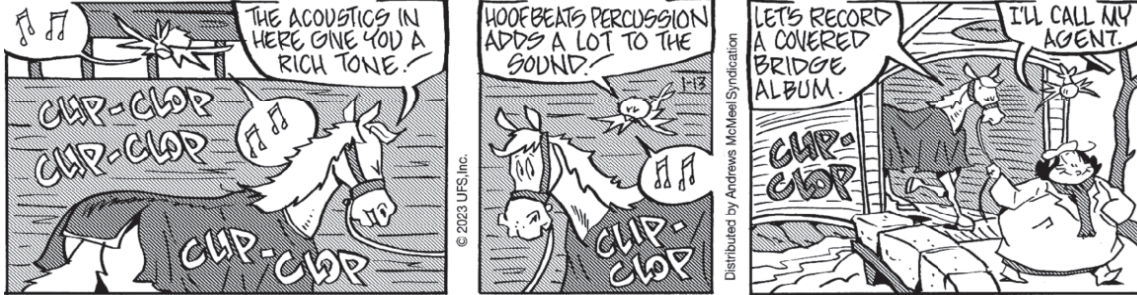
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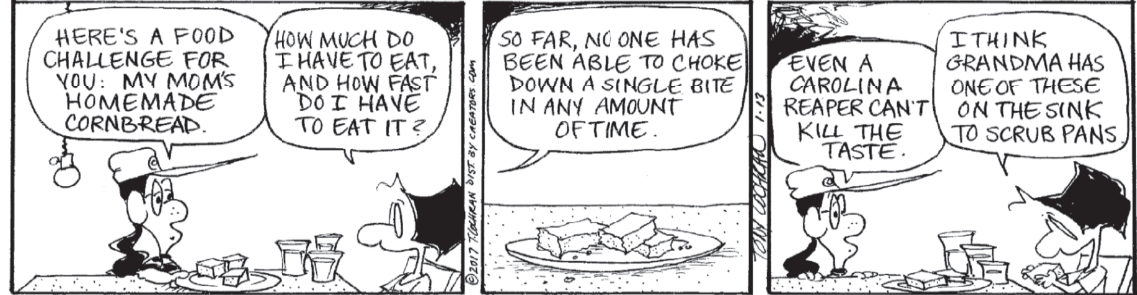
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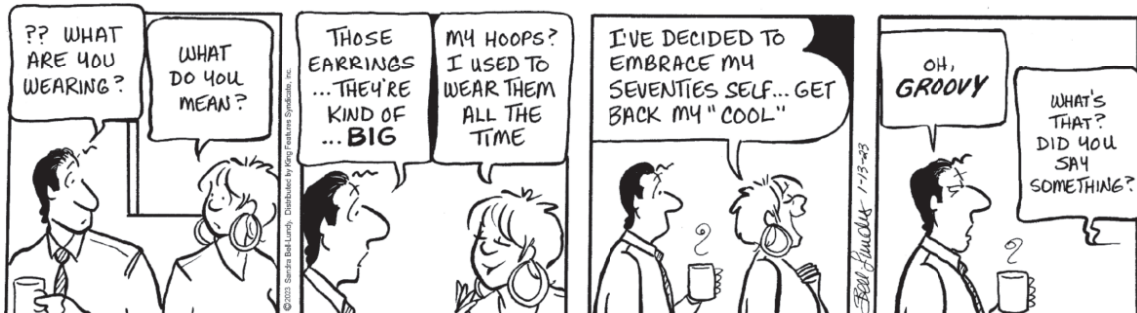
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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1. The bidding has been: ♠AQ94 ♥AQ65 ♦KQJ83 ♣— South West North East 1♦ Pass 2♣ Pass 2♥ Pass 3♣ Pass 3♠ Pass 3NT Pass ?

2. West bids One Club, your partner passes, and East raises to Two Clubs. What would you bid now? 3. The bidding has been: South West North East 1♦ Pass 1♥ Pass 2♣ Pass 2NT Pass 3♥ Pass 3NT Pass ?

What would you bid now? 1. Pass. You've told your story, and there is nothing more to add. Certainly this is a fine hand and, on the face of it, suggests a potential slam. But partner obviously is not of the same mind. True, his two-club bid was constructive and showed reasonable values, but his reaction thereafter was all negative. He wants out, and there's no good reason to overrule him. He probably has something like: ♠K52 ♥J3

♦74 ♠AQJ872, in which case three notrump is just about your limit. 2. Double. On the bidding to date, your partner can't have much, but opposite your hand, he really doesn't need much to produce a game. So you double to force him to choose a suit, planning to raise to game in whichever suit he names. Thus, he could have as little as: ♠106 ♥K10742 ♦95 ♣9863 and have a good shot for 10 tricks in hearts. 3. Four hearts. It would be dangerous to venture beyond four hearts, since partner is turning an absolutely deaf ear to your powerful bidding. He is probably looking at something like: ♠865 ♥J983 ♦74 ♣AQ92 and is trying to get out from under. Your eyes tell you that you have an excellent hand with an enormous potential for slam, but your ears should tell you that partner may not be interested in going further.

By bidding four hearts at this point, you have described a very strong hand containing four hearts, four spades and either one or no clubs. If North now says he has the wrong hand opposite yours by passing, you should trust that he has made the right decision. Bridge is a partnership game.

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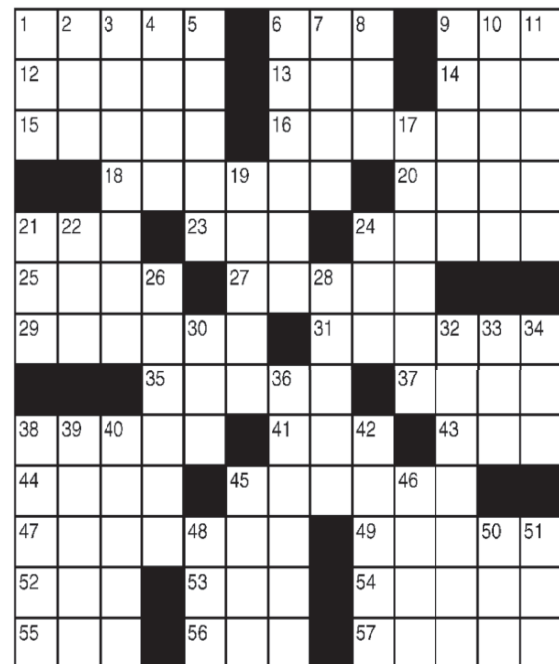
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Cody Rowles of Jay County tries to lock in a cradle on Anthony Gurrola during their 126-pound match Thursday. Rowles, who is ranked ninth in the state, won by a 14-3 major decision.

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After dropping the first two matches of the evening, the Patriots got some good fortune at heavy-weight where Conner Specht had a 3-2 lead but fell behind 5-3 in the third period. Homestead's Collin Grayless got called for interlocking hands twice in the final minute — the result was three penalty points awarded to Specht — and then went neutral (another point) to give himself a chance at a takedown to pull even. Specht was able to fight him off for a 7-5 victory.

Then, the littlest guy on the mat came through.

Sylas Wenk (106), who did not know he would be wrestling varsity heading into the evening, gave up a takedown early against Joel Knight before dominating the rest of the way. He took control with a reversal and near fall in the second period and then notched a takedown and

two two-point near falls in the third for a 14-2 major decision.

"Sylas, I don't know how many times he didn't know he was wrestling varsity that night and he's been in the lineup and he steps up and wrestles hard every single time," said Myers of Wenk, who took the 106-pound spot in the lineup after other wrestlers bumped up because of a teammate not making weight. "We've seen him improve a ton from the start of the year to this point. So I'm really proud of him."

After dropping the 113-pound match to fall behind 9-7, the heart of the JCHS lineup was strong.

The Patriots won six straight matches, including victories for seniors Ethan Reiley (132), who is ranked 11th in the state, by pin over Jordan Mangan in 1 minute, 40 seconds, and Daniel Moore (120) by a 6-4 decision over Ethan Knapphane

in the final home dual of their careers. No. 9 Cody Rowles (126), No. 4 Tony Wood (138) and No. 5 Cameron Clark (145) all won by major decision. No. 19 Christian Wittkamp (152) then locked up the team win by recording the only other pin other than Reiley's on the evening for either team, catching Jake Thrash in a cradle in the third period to finish the match in 4:41.

"Christian Wittkamp, he was not feeling very good," said Myers. "He didn't make it through all of warm-ups. And he sucked it up and went out there and he got a pin for us that sealed the deal. He's been a little bit of an unsung hero for us this year, too, with as many times as he's went out and got bonus points."

Picking up JV victories for the Patriots were AJ Heskett, Trey Nichols, Garrett Bennett, Benson Ward, Joaquin Johnson and Alejandro Ruiz.

Atlanta could host AFC game

By PETE GRATHOFF

The Kansas City Star
Tribune News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Chiefs' road to Super Bowl LVII could take them to Atlanta.

The NFL announced Thursday morning the Atlanta Falcons' home stadium, Mercedes-Benz Stadium, would be host to a potential AFC Championship Game between the Chiefs and Buffalo Bills on Jan. 29.

NFL owners last week voted to move a potential AFC Championship Game between the Chiefs and Bills out of Arrowhead Stadium. That decision was made because Buffalo's Week 17 game at Cincinnati was canceled after Bills safety Damar Hamlin had a cardiac event during the game.

The Chiefs, 14-3, are the top seed in the AFC and the Bills, 13-3, are seeded second. That is the only matchup that would require a neutral site game in Atlanta.

"We are heartened by

the continued improvement and progress of Damar Hamlin in his recovery, and Damar and his family remain top of mind for the entire NFL community," NFL commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement. "We are also grateful to Arthur Blank and the Atlanta Falcons for agreeing to host the AFC Championship Game in Atlanta should the Bills and Chiefs advance. We thank both of those clubs for their assistance in the planning process. We know, if necessary, Mercedes-Benz Stadium will provide a world class atmosphere for the competing teams, our fans and partners

The game would be held at 5:30 p.m., the NFL announced.

Ticket information will be announced at a later date, the NFL said, but it added Chiefs and Bills season ticket members who "previously committed to purchasing championship game tickets will have first priority."

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The seventh graders won 52-5 while the eighth grade team posted a 47-13 victory.

Gabi Petro totaled 16 points to lead the seventh graders and Elizabeth Brunswick joined her in double figures with 11

points. Bailey Towell added eight points.

Hallie Schwierterman's 24 points for Jay County were the team high in the girls game. Amelie Heath followed with seven points, and Daila Runyon and Raylin Hummer each added four.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls wrestling in Indiana Girls Wrestling State Finals at Mooresville — noon; Girls basketball hosts Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament semifinal vs. South Adams — 7:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Coldwater — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Junior varsity wrestling at Tri — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Belmont Quad — 9:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Ansonia — noon; Boys basketball vs. Maumee Valley Country Day — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Versailles — 11:30 a.m.

TV sports

Today
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Leeds United at Aston Villa (USA)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Indi-

ana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Villanova at Butler (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at San Antonio Spurs (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Michigan State at Illinois (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Denver Nuggets at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)

Saturday
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester City at Manchester United (USA)
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Southampton at Everton (USA)
Noon — Men's college basketball: Kentucky at Tennessee (ESPN); Seton Hall at DePaul (FS1); West Virginia at Oklahoma (ESPN2)
12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Loyola Chicago at Saint Joseph's (USA)
12:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Penn State at Iowa (BTN)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — AFC Bournemouth at Brentford (NBC)

1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Wisconsin at Indiana (CBS)
1 p.m. — NBA basketball: Milwaukee Bucks at Miami Heat (ABC)
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas State at TCU (ESPN2); North Carolina at Louisville (ESPN); Providence at Creighton (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Richmond at St. Bonaventure (USA)
2:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Ohio State at Nebraska (BTN)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Colorado at UCLA (FOX)
4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: LSU at Alabama (ESPN); Virginia at Florida State (ESPN2); Illinois Chicago at Murray State (Bally Indiana)
4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Creighton at Butler (FS1)
4:30 p.m. — NFL playoffs: NFC wild card — Seattle Seahawks at San Francisco 49ers (FOX)
4:30 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Ohio State at Michigan (BTN)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona at Oregon (ESPN2); Oklahoma State at Baylor (ESPN2)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Penn State at Michigan State (BTN)
8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Colorado at UCLA (FOX); Texas Tech at Texas (ESPN); Wake Forest at Boston College (ESPN2)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: AFC wild card — Los Angeles Chargers at Jacksonville Jaguars (NBC)
9 p.m. — Women's college basketball: New Mexico at UNLV (FS1)
10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Portland at Gonzaga (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — Top Rank Boxing (ESPN)
11 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Boise State at Wyoming (FS1)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Crystal Palace at Chelsea (USA)
10 a.m. — Golf: USGA — Latin American Amateur Championship final round (ESPN2)
Noon — Men's college basketball: Marquette at Xavier (FOX)

1 p.m. — NFL football: AFC Wild Card — Miami Dolphins at Buffalo Bills (CBS)
1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: South Florida at East Carolina (ESPN2)
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Missouri at South Carolina (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Memphis at Temple (ESPN2)
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Illinois State at Belmont (Bally Indiana)
3:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: North Carolina State at North Carolina (ESPN)
4 p.m. — PGA Tour: Sony Open — Final round (NBC)
4:30 p.m. — NFL football: NFC Wild Card — New York Giants at Minnesota Vikings (CBS)
5 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Iowa State at Texas (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: AFC Wild Card — Baltimore Ravens at Cincinnati Bengals (NBC)
9 p.m. — High school basketball: Imhotep vs. Cardinal Hayes (ESPN2)
11 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)

90 SALE CALENDAR

PUBLIC AUCTION
Located: Bubp Exhibition Hall, Jay County Fairgrounds, Portland, IN
Saturday Morning
JANUARY 14, 2023
10:00 A.M.

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Saturday Morning
JANUARY 21, 2023
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38C01-2301-EU-00001
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Deceased
NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that ERIC MCINTIRE was, on the day of 9th day of January, 2023, appointed personal representative of the estate of LENA MCINTIRE, deceased, who died on November 21, 2022, and was authorized to administer said estate Without court supervision.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 9th day of January, 2023.
Jon Eads
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
Michael J. Huffman
Attorney No. 31350-90
DALE, HUFFMAN & BABCOCK
30 Premier Avenue
Bluffton, Indiana 46674
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NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED LEASE
Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Jay School Corporation ("Board" and "School Corporation," respectively) will hold a public hearing in accordance with Indiana Code 20-47-3-9 at the Central Office of the School Corporation, 414 Floral Avenue, Portland, Indiana, on February 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. (local time) regarding entering into a proposed amendment to an existing lease (the "Lease"), between the School Corporation and the Building Corporation of Jay Schools, a school building corporation incorporated under Indiana Code 20-47-3 (the "Building Corporation") for the Jr-Sr High School building and grounds located at 2072 West St. Rd. 67, Portland, Indiana. The Lease will permit the Building Corporation to fund various improvements to the Jay County Jr-Sr High School building and athletic grounds, including, but not limited to, the following: (1) complete necessary maintenance and equipment upgrades in a manner that will continue to provide the students a safe environment that is conducive to learning, including door replacements, LED lighting, drain valve replacement, electrical upgrades, kitchen, cafeteria and Commons renovation and metal siding and roof replacement, and (2) renovate the athletic fields, grounds and facilities to provide for an attractive, lighted, functional and comprehensive athletic and extracurricular program serving grades 7-12, now and for the long term.
Assuming the Project is approved, the Lease will provide for an annual rental with respect to the above Project not to exceed Two Million Dollars (\$2,000,000), with annual rentals under the Lease payable commencing with tax year 2024 and ending no later than January 2036. As additional rental, the School Corporation shall maintain insurance on the leased premises under the Lease as required in the Lease, and shall pay all taxes and assessments against such property, as well as the cost of alterations and repairs. The plans and specifications, including statements of the cost of the Project, as well as a copy of the proposed Lease, are available for inspection by the public on all business days during business hours, at the Central Office of the School Corporation.
At the hearing for the Project described herein, all persons interested shall have a right to be heard on the necessity for the execution of the Lease with respect to the Project, and upon whether the lease rental provided for therein to be paid to the Building Corporation is a fair and reasonable rental for the proposed Project. The public hearing may be adjourned to a later date or dates, and following such hearing, the Board of School Trustees may either authorize the execution of the Lease with respect to the Project as originally agreed upon or may make modifications thereto as may be agreed upon with the Building Corporation.
Dated: January 6, 2023
DATE OF PUBLICATION: JANUARY 13, 2023
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Sports



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Jay County High School freshman Sylas Wenk cranks on the arm of Homestead's Joel Knight during their 106-pound match Thursday. After giving up a takedown early, Wenk scored 14 unanswered points to help the Patriots to a 34-20 victory.

Bears hire Warren from Big 10

By DAN WIEDERER and COLLEEN KANE
Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — The Chicago Bears have hired Big Ten commissioner Kevin Warren to be their president and CEO, the team announced Thursday.

Warren, who has been with the Big Ten for a little more than three years, will supplant outgoing Bears president and CEO Ted Phillips, who is retiring at the end of February. Phillips has been with the Bears organization for more than 39 years, the last 24 in the president and CEO role.

In a statement, Bears Chairman George McCaskey called Warren "a man of integrity, respect and excellence." The team will introduce Warren at a news conference Tuesday, and he is expected to begin in his role this spring.

"We welcome his perspective and diverse thought to lead this storied organization," McCaskey said. "He is a proven leader who has many times stepped outside of his comfort zone to challenge status quo for unconventional growth and prosperity."

"In this role, Warren will serve in the primary leadership position of the franchise to help bring the next Super Bowl championship trophy home to Bears fans."

Warren's arrival comes at a landmark time in the organization's history with the Bears pursuing a grand venture to build a new stadium. They are working to close on a 326-acre piece of land at Arlington Park in Arlington Heights soon with the property envisioned to become the home of not only a new stadium but a large entertainment district.

Warren, who was with the Minnesota Vikings organization for 15 seasons before leaving for the Big Ten, was instrumental in creating the vision for U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis and seeing it through during his time as the team's Chief Operating Office. The Vikings opened that venue in July 2016. Less than two years later, they also moved into their new state-of-the-art practice facility and team headquarters in Eagan, Minnesota — another project that had Warren's fingerprints all over it.

After Phillips announced his plans to retire in September, McCaskey expressed eagerness to begin a search for a replacement with the help of search firm Nolan Partners, Phillips and Tanesha Wade, the Bears senior vice president for diversity, equity and inclusion. McCaskey listed several key traits he'd be searching for in a candidate including leadership, vision, humility and consensus building.

Back on track

Jay wrestlers knock off Homestead

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Taking on a perennially strong Class 4A squad in the week following the team state duals has not been a successful formula for the Patriots in recent years.

It's difficult to get ramped up for a regular-season dual match just days after hitting the peak for the biggest event of the season prior to the IHSAA state tournament series.

Jay County High School was

able to overcome that obstacle Thursday.

The Patriots, who are ranked 13th in the state overall, dropped the first two and last three matches of the night but won nearly everything in between as they closed their dual match season with a 34-20 victory over the visiting Homestead Spartans.

"I don't think that we've beat them in three to four years coming out of team state. I'm really, really happy with our effort," said JCHS coach Eric Myers.

"We didn't give up any pins tonight. We only gave up two bonus points in the losses. I feel like they all wrestled really hard. ... It was just a really well-wrestled match, I thought."

The Patriots lost 38-36 to Homestead last season, 37-24 in 2021, 38-32 in 2020 and 45-31 in 2019.

Thursday's win was especially important, Myers said, after the Patriots (19-1) walked away disappointed from the Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Class 2A Team State

Duals with a championship match loss to No. 3 Western. They had been ranked No. 1 all season.

"I think it was huge," Myers said. "We were able to really pound into our guys' heads that we need to back up, back ready to go, and we can't sleepwalk through this one. ... There's a lot that goes into that team state, so to get yourself back ... going forward is kind of tough, and we were able to do that tonight."

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IHSAA changes XC tournament

INDIANAPOLIS — The cross country tournament will have a different look this fall.

The IHSAA Executive Committee on Thursday voted 11-6 to modify the format of the boys and girls cross country tournaments, eliminating a week from the lineup.

The change was formally presented to the IHSAA for consideration by the Indiana Association of Track and Cross Country Coaches last month.

The new format will run over three weeks, with 25 sectional tournaments, five regionals and the state finals. The top five teams and top 15 individuals not on qualifying teams will advance to the next round.

For almost a decade, the cross country tournament has been four rounds — sectional, regional, semi-state and state. The top five

Local roundup

teams and top 10 individuals not on qualifying teams have advanced from the sectional and regional levels, with the top six teams and top 10 individuals not on qualifying teams moving on from semi-state to state.

The semi-state round has been eliminated in the new format.

Jay blasts Heritage

The Jay County junior high girls basketball teams had no problems when another group of Patriots visited Thursday, dominating visiting Heritage.

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