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Trump entities fined for tax fraud

By MOLLY CRANE-NEWMAN

New York Daily News
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NEW YORK — Two Trump Organization entities were slapped with \$1.6 million in fines Friday — the price of committing years of tax fraud. The Trump Corp. and Trump Payroll Corp. were ordered to pay the hefty sum in Manhattan Supreme Court. The companies were found guilty of 17 felonies, including tax fraud, scheming to defraud and other related charges on Dec. 6.

“It is worth remembering this scheme was far-reaching and brazen. It was deep, wide, and long. Deep in terms of the robust array of fraudulent practices. Wide in terms of the number of beneficiaries. And long in terms of the duration. Many of these corrupt practices stretched on for decades,” Assistant District Attorney Joshua Steinglass said at the sentencing.

The penalties amount to the maximum fines Judge Juan Merchan could impose under New York law. He shot down a request from Trump lawyers to bring it down, chastising them for beating a dead horse when they sought to rehash old legal arguments that were unsuccessful at trial, trying to lay blame on Donald Bender, the company’s accountant from Mazars USA.

“I do think it is interesting that the Trump Corporation once again distances the corporation from the acts of the other individuals,” Merchan said.

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Solar delays



Leeward Renewable Energy

Three solar projects are planned for Jay County in future years. Although two companies, Leeward Renewable Energy and Invenergy, had hoped to begin construction as early as 2022, shortages and delays in the industry have pushed back their timelines.

Construction on solar farms in Jay County not expected until at least late 2023

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Renewable energy is catching on.

Shortages and delays, including the volume of renewable energy facilities cropping up in the United States, have pushed back construction dates for some solar farms planned in Jay County.

Three renewable energy companies — Leeward Renewable Energy, Invenergy and Scout Clean Energy — are in the midst of starting solar farms in rural parts of the

county. Leeward and Invenergy’s initial timelines for their projects, Rose Gold Solar and Skycrest Solar, forecasted construction could begin as early as 2022.

But as of this month, neither company has broken ground in Jay County yet.

A spokesperson for Rose Gold Solar said in an email in late December that because of industry wide delays and the PJM Interconnection process, the company expects construction on its could begin this fall. (Invenergy, which is plan-

ning a \$150 million, 155-megawatt facility located on about 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson townships, did not respond to a request for comment before press time. Its timeline in 2021 forecasted construction to be completed as late as the end of 2024.)

According to its website, PJM Interconnection is a regional transmission organization coordinating wholesale electricity movement in parts of 13 states and the District of Columbia.

Scout Clean Energy — it

owns Bitter Ridge Wind Farm in Jay County and is developing Sun Chief Solar just northeast of Redkey — has also noticed delays with PJM. Project manager Zach Lasek briefly explained the interconnection analysis process.

“Every time that a new project wants to inject new capacity onto the grid, you have to file an interconnection queue application,” he said. “I mean, all of these RTOs (regional transmission organizations) have seen delays like crazy.”

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Retrospect

Students helped with club tutoring program

Twenty-five years ago this week, local students were getting some valuable help.

The Jan. 17, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the tutoring program offered by Jay County Boys and Girls Club.

The program ran from 4 to 7 p.m. five days a week, offering homework help or a quiet place to study for students in grades two through 12.

“For a half hour, they can come, concentrate on something, and someone is just paying attention to them,” said Stephen Chase, a substitute teacher for Jay Schools who also served as a tutor. “(With) some kids, you just have to sit with them and make sure they do their work. There are no other distractions.”

The tutoring program was set up for any boys and girls club member via its yearly \$1 membership dues. Students and parents interested in participating met with Chase to discuss the program.

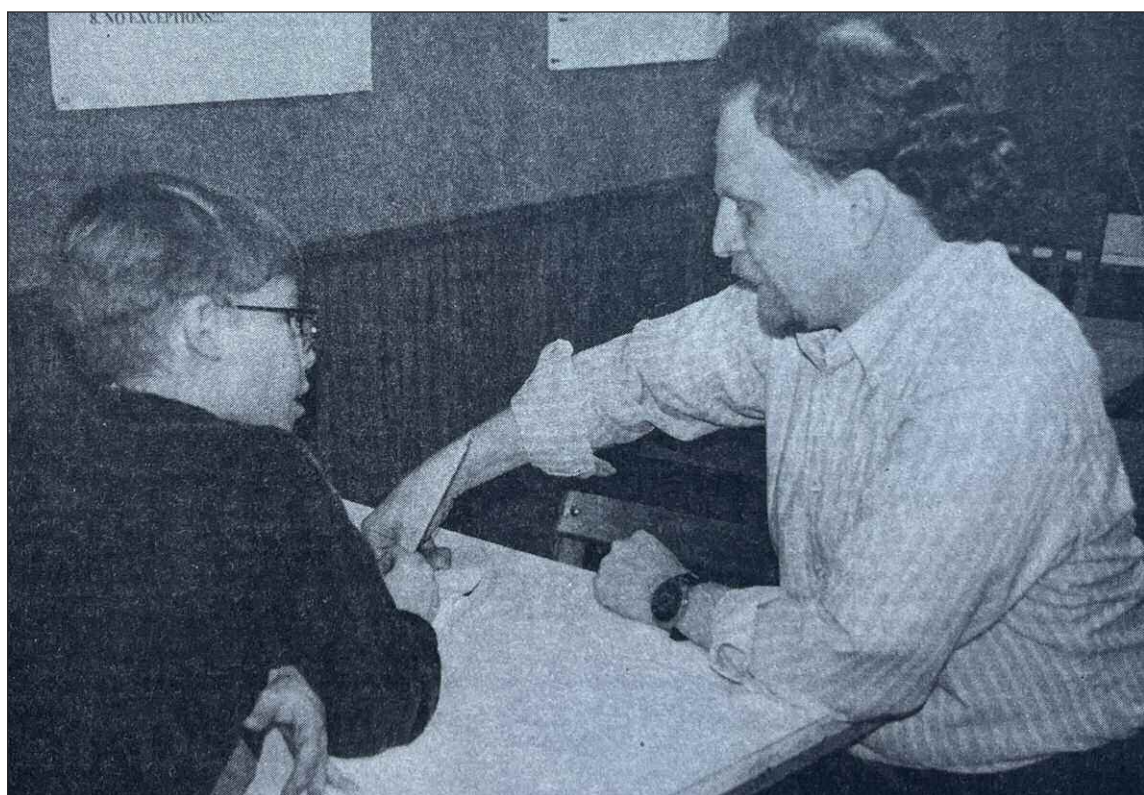
He said he focused on each individual student’s needs, trying to find what method worked best for them. For some, it was simply a need for space.

“Kids who read perfectly and are great in math still need a place to get it done,” he said.

Chase noted that he had also met with teachers to get additional materials or to learn more about a child’s learning needs.

Jay County Boys Club Community Center executive director Bruce Hosier, boys club director Jeff Harker and Chase all said they’d like to see the program expand. At that time, about 10 students a year were taking advantage of the opportunity.

The tutoring program started in 1995 under previous boys club director Randy Smith, who got the idea for the effort after a parent told him their child would not be allowed to visit the boys club until his grades improved.



The Commercial Review/Laurie Chen

Stephen Chase helps a student with reading in January 1998 as part of the tutoring program at Jay County Boys and Girls Club.

Deaths

Martha Midlam, 88, Winchester
Lizzie Schwartz, 82, Berne
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 37 degrees Friday, with a low in the upper 20s.

Tonight will be partly cloudy with a cool wind, leading into more partly cloudy skies Sunday and a high near 40 degrees.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They’re now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over “Forms” and select the form you’d like to fill out.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from tonight’s ACAC girls basketball championship game.

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday’s Portland City Council meeting.



Obituaries

Martha Midlam

April 30, 1934-Jan. 12, 2023
Martha Midlam, age 88, a resident of Winchester, passed away on Thursday, Jan. 12, at Reid Hospital in Richmond.
Martha was born on April 30, 1934, in Union City, Indiana, the daughter of Alva and Margaret (Death) Welch. Martha married Larry Midlam on July 4, 1950, and he passed away in 2004.
Martha worked as a maintenance clerk for INDOT and as a

911 dispatcher for Randolph County. She attended Fellowship Baptist Church and Freedom Life Church in Winchester. She was a member of White River Auxiliary.
Survivors include: Two children — Debbie Henissey, Ridgeville, Indiana, and Penny Baughn (husband: Bill), Ridgeville, Indiana



Midlam

One brother — Donald Welch (wife: Linda), Union City, Indiana
Nine grandchildren, several great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren
She was preceded in death by two children, Bruce Midlam and Karan Midlam.
Visitation will be held on Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 3 p.m. on Wednesday at the church. Pastor Hugh Kelly will officiate the service and burial

will follow at Lawndale Cemetery, east of Ridgeville.
Memorials may be directed to Pine Knoll Activity Fund or White River Township Volunteer Fire Department.
Arrangements are entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.
Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.
Lizzie Ann J. Schwartz, Berne, a relative of Geneva residents, Sept. 29, 1940-Jan. 12, 2023. Services

will be at 9 a.m. Sunday at the Schwartz residents, 9100 S. 150 East, Geneva.
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

Table with 5 columns: Sunday 1/15, Monday 1/16, Tuesday 1/17, Wednesday 1/18, Thursday 1/19. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (40/30, 46/41, 49/36, 46/38, 51/32).

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Pick 4: 5-0-7-4
Daily Three: 4-0-2
Daily Four: 9-7-0-6
Quick Draw: 7-19-25-26-28-29-30-37-39-45-51-52-53-55-59-61-65-68-69-79
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$404 million
Ohio Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$1.35 billion

Markets

Table listing market prices for Cooper Farms Fort Recovery (Corn, Dec. corn, Wheat), POET Biorefining Portland (Corn, Feb. corn, March corn), The Andersons Richland Township (Corn, Jan. corn, Beans, Feb. beans, Wheat).

Today in history

In 1526, the Treaty of Madrid was signed by Charles V and Francis I, forcing Francis to give up Burgundy, Italy and Flanders.
In 1559, Elizabeth I takes over as Queen of England. Known as "the Virgin Queen," her parents were Anne Boleyn and King Henry VIII.
In 1759, the British Museum opened to the public by act of Parliament six years earlier. It holds the antiques and artifacts such as the Elgin Marbles and the Rosetta Stone.
In 1641, 7,000 people died after the Dutch East India Company conquered Malacca.
In 1784, the Treaty of Paris was ratified by the Continental Congress, establishing the United States as its own nation.
In 1794, the first successful Cesarean section was performed by Doctor Jesse Bennet of Edom, Virginia, on his wife.
In 1900, Giacomo Puccini performed the opera "Tosca," in Rome's Costanzi Theatre.
In 1952, the "Today Show" premiered with Dave Garroway and Jack Lescaoule.
In 1974, "Happy Days" premiered on ABC. The comedy starring Henry Winkler as "The Fonz" (Arthur Fonzarelli) and Ron Howard as Richie Cunningham, is set in the 1950s and '60s.
In 1967, the first Super Bowl kicked off with the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League defeating the Kansas City Chiefs of the American Football League by a score of 35-10.
In 2001, Wikipedia debuted on the internet. The online encyclopedia was founded by Jimmy Wales and Larry Sanger. It's an open-source material, meaning it can be edited by anyone.
In 2005, space probe Huygens landed on Titan, Saturn's moon. It's known as the first landing in the outer solar system. —The CR

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.

U.S. taking steps to avoid default

By CHRISTOPHER CONDON
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service
WASHINGTON — Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the department will begin taking special accounting maneuvers on Jan. 19 to avoid breaching the U.S. debt limit, urging lawmakers to boost the ceiling to avert a devastating payments default.
"The period of time that extraordinary measures may last is subject to considerable uncertainty," Yellen wrote in a letter to bipartisan congressional

leaders Friday. Still, "it is unlikely that cash and extraordinary measures will be exhausted before early June," she said.
The letter kicks off what is likely to be a prolonged, intense political battle over US fiscal policy, a showdown that could strain financial markets and elevate dangers for an economy already facing the risk of recession. Economists expect the Treasury will run out of cash around August if the debt ceiling isn't boosted.
The House's Republican leaders say they'll insist on

spending cuts in return for agreeing to boost the debt limit. But Democrats, who control the Senate, and President Joe Biden reject such "hostage-taking" maneuvers and want a straightforward increase, such as Congress offered former GOP President Donald Trump.
The current debt limit, or the total debt the Treasury can issue to the public and other government agencies, is just under \$31.4 trillion. It was set in December 2021, when Congress raised it by \$2.5 trillion.
Currently, the govern-

ment is roughly \$78 billion away from reaching the limit.
In her letter, Yellen said the Treasury's extraordinary measures would begin by redeeming existing — and suspending new — investments of the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund and the Postal Service Retiree Health Benefits Fund. The department will also suspend reinvestment of the Government Securities Investment Fund of the Federal Employees Retirement System Thrift Savings Plan.

Solar ...

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PJM Interconnection announced plans in April to revamp its analysis process for new services joining the power grid.
"As a result of the rapid growth in renewable generation development, the number of projects entering the New Services Queue has nearly tripled over the past four years," the organization said in a press release.
"PJM entered 2022 with nearly 2,500 projects under study, with more than 95% of approximately 225,000 proposed megawatts coming from renewable or storage resources or hybrids of those two."
PJM is currently working through the backlog of projects in its queue for analysis. Its proposal from more than nine months ago included a two-year transition in order to get through more than 1,200 projects from before 2021, according to the press release. It also includes a "fast

lane," prioritizing about 450 projects. Projects in the "fast lane" don't have to restart the analysis process as long as they follow certain criteria, making it a desirable category for companies hoping to move forward quickly.
"That criteria is kind of the challenging piece," Lasek said, noting they're waiting to find out if Sun Chief Solar falls into the "fast lane" category.
Scout still expects its solar farm to start operations by the end of 2025. The \$100 million, 100-megawatt facility will be located on about 1,200 acres near its existing wind farm northeast of Redkey. It's the latest company to propose plans to local officials for a solar farm, having first presented its project to Jay County Council in January 2022.
Supply chain issues also have adjusted local solar development plans. Leeward revised its solar facility development plans with Jay Coun-

ty Plan Commission in April, when representative Kelly Inns explained shortages had forced them to change course and opt for slightly less efficient panels. That meant they would need to acquire more panels and land to accommodate the 150 megawatt solar facility. Leeward added about 90 acres to plans for the facility north of Dunkirk, bringing its total project area to 1,430 acres.
Despite the delays, Invenergy, Leeward and Scout are still on track to construct new Jay County facilities in coming years. All three have finalized multiple agreements with the county, including tax abatements and economic development agreements totaling \$5 million over the course of four years from each facility's start date.
"We're definitely excited or Sun Chief and we love being in Jay County," said Lasek. "We're glad to be there."

Fined ...

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"And once again, tries to point a finger at Mr. Bender. ... It is not what the evidence showed, and it is certainly not what the jury found."
The Trump Corp. faced fines totaling \$810,000 and Trump Payroll Corp. was ordered to pay \$800,000.
The years-long fraud saw the company shower senior executives with lavish work

benefits disguised from the tax man.
Rent-free luxury apartments with Hudson River views, Mercedes Benz car leases, private school tuition and holiday home furniture were among the perks of being a Trump Organization executive, jurors heard during the six-week trial.
"All of these corrupt practices were part of the Trump Organization executive compensation package, and it was a lot cheaper than simply paying higher salaries to those executives," Steinglass said in court Friday. He added that the company casually falsified records to avoid criminality being detected.
Trump wasn't charged in connection with the case, but Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg hasn't officially said he won't be. After the sentencing, Bragg said it was time to move on to the "next chapter" of his office's expansive criminal Trump probe, which is now running on three years.
Bragg said the conviction was significant, but the fine didn't represent justice.
"I want to be very clear, we don't think that is enough. Our laws in this state need to change in order to capture this type of decade-plus systemic and egregious fraud," Bragg said.
"Nonetheless, this historic sentencing serves, or should serve, as a reminder to all in New York — both companies in their corporate form and their executives — that this type of conduct will not be tolerated and will be held accountable."

family after almost half a century.
Citing Weisselberg's "offensive" crimes "driven entirely by greed," Merchan said he would have imposed a much steeper sentence had he not been bound by his promise last August when the CFO took a plea deal in exchange for testifying against the company.
Prosecutors pointed the finger at Trump toward the trial's end and again on Friday. In closing arguments, Steinglass told jurors the defense theory that Trump

"was blissfully ignorant" was "just not real."
A Trump Organization spokeswoman said the former president was a victim of a "never ending witch hunt," and Weisselberg was collateral.
"He was threatened, intimidated and terrorized. He was given a choice of pleading guilty and serving 90 days in prison or serving the rest of his life in jail — all of this over a corporate car and standard employee benefits. President Trump and The Trump Organization are also both victims."

SERVICES
Today
Theurer, Donald: 1:30 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Sunday
Gersony, 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.
Schwartz, Lizzie Ann: 9 a.m., Schwartz residence, 9100 S. 150 East, Geneva.
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.
Wednesday
Midlam, Martha: 3 p.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 W., Portland.

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Shrimp sliders paired with aromatic sauce

By **LINDA GASSENHEIMER**
Tribune News Service

Shrimp sauteed in garlicy butter fills these little mini burger rolls. A sauce of mayonnaise, mustard, scallions and some Old Bay seasoning is spread on the rolls. Old Bay is a blend of herbs and spices, usually celery salt, red and black pepper and paprika. It's mostly used to season shellfish.

For the quick potato salad, I doctored up deli potato salad with some sliced carrots and chopped chives.

Helpful Hints:

— You can substitute Old Bay seasoning with some paprika, salt and pepper.
— You can use any type of lettuce.

— Buy peeled and deveined shrimp.

Countdown:

— Make potato salad and set aside.
— Mix the mayonnaise, scallions and mustard together in a small bowl and set aside.
— Toast the slider rolls.
— Saute the shrimp and assemble the sliders.

Shopping List:

To buy: 1 jar reduced-fat mayonnaise, 1 jar Dijon mustard, 1 bunch scallions, 1 head lettuce, 1 container Old Bay seasoning, 1 package whole wheat slider rolls, 3/4 pound peeled and deveined shrimp, 1 small container deli potato salad, 1 package carrots and one bunch chives.



Linda Gassenheimer/Tribune News Service

Pictured are shrimp sliders with a quick potato salad recipe.

Staples: butter, garlic.

Shrimp sliders

1/4 cup reduced-fat mayonnaise

2 scallions, thinly sliced or chopped
2 teaspoons Dijon mustard
4 whole wheat slider

(mini hamburger) rolls
1 tablespoon butter
3 sliced garlic cloves
3/4 pound peeled and deveined shrimp
2 teaspoons Old Bay seasoning
4 lettuce leaves

Mix the mayonnaise, scallions and mustard together in a small bowl and set aside. Open the slider rolls and toast them in a toaster oven or under the broiler. Place 2 rolls each on two dinner plates next to the potato salad. Heat the butter and garlic in a medium size nonstick skillet for 1 minute. Add the shrimp and saute 3 minutes or until they turn pink. Sprinkle with the Old Bay seasoning. Place a lettuce leaf on the bottom half of the slider rolls. Divide the shrimp into 4

portions and place on the lettuce leaves. Spread the mayonnaise mixture on the top half of the buns and place them on the shrimp.
Yield 2 servings.

Quick potato salad

1 cup deli potato salad
1/4 cup sliced carrots
2 tablespoons chopped chives
Place potato salad in a bowl. Add the celery and chives. Mix well.
Yield 2 servings.

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Father of three daughters wants to try for a son

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have been married for 17 years and have three wonderful daughters, ages 13, 10 and 5. Lately, I've felt like I'm the odd man out in a girls-only club. I wish I had a son I could share my interests with. I'd love to have someone I could take fishing, teach about classic cars and play football and baseball with. I have tried introducing those interests to my girls, but they're not into them.

Don't get me wrong. I love my daughters beyond words. I beam with pride at their cheerleading competitions, at their dance recitals and at family gatherings, and I thank God for them daily. I recently asked my wife if we could try to have one more child in the hopes of having a son. My wife is healthy, all three pregnancies went fine and we both make enough money to be good providers. She said she would "think about it."

Dear Abby



I found out she mentioned this to her mother and sister, both of whom are livid. Her mom compared me to King Henry VIII. Abby, wishing I had a son doesn't mean I don't love my daughters. It hurts that such a thing was suggested. Am I in the wrong to want to try one more time? — GIRL DAD IN NEW YORK

DEAR GIRL DAD: You are not wrong. Your feelings are your feelings, and you are entitled to have them. This decision is something that should be between you and your wife, not her extended

family. If she feels three children are all she can handle, consider finding young males with whom to share your interests. Consider mentoring fatherless boys who need a role model. Go online and do some research. You may find there are opportunities in your community. However, if there aren't, contact Big Brothers Big Sisters of America because there's a need for the mentoring you could offer.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm a high school student. I have many friends and acquaintances I consider near and dear to my heart. However, this year I was diagnosed with depression and anxiety, and both have impacted my relationships. I have this problem where I tend to "soak up" the emotions of my friends and loved ones.

If a friend is feeling sad, I do my best to make them feel better (I have been assigned the role of "therapist friend"), but no matter the outcome, I always end up feeling sad. If my friends are happy, I'm happy; if my friends are depressed, I'm depressed. My therapist has described me as an "empath" and a "sponge."

I have yet to find how to live my own, independent life. I'm sick and tired of feeling the way I feel because of other people. What can I do? — STRUGGLING IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR STRUGGLING: You are already working with a therapist. That's good news. Now that you know what your diagnosis is, you have someone who can help you manage your emotions so they won't swamp you. Be patient. Your therapist will help you find the tools to accomplish this,

and they will be important for you later in life.

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DEAR ABBY: I am dating a widow. Her husband passed three years ago, but she still carries a lot of feelings for him. This weekend would have been their wedding anniversary. She has been very moody all this week. Should I give her space this weekend to deal with her emotions by herself? Or should I try to be there for her? I do not want to disrespect her or her husband's memory. — UNCERTAIN IN TEXAS

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Talk to her. Tell your lady friend you can see that she's not herself. Ask if there is anything you can do to help her, and then listen. If you do, she will tell you what she needs from you, whether it's some space or a willing ear to vent her feelings.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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

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 appoint-

ment, 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 CAREGIVER 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.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

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

Sudoku

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			5				
							8
	4			7		2	
9		5		4		6	
		2		1			9
		8	3				
	1	6		5	7		2
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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
For Jay County Schools
Jan. 16 -20

Monday: Main Entrees: Chicken alfredo sauce, rotini pasta
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Additional special sections are coming

It's time for something new.

We've made some changes over the years, but for the most part The Commercial Review's schedule of special sections has remained the same for decades. Brides and Cars start off the year, we hit home improvement twice, the Jay County Fair and Jay County Marching Patriots are featured in July, there are sports specials in the spring and fall, and the year closes with Christmas Greetings.

There's something to having a consistent formula that works.

Editorial

But, without some change, things can get stale.

So, we're changing things this year.

We're hoping to introduce three or four new special sections this year. That effort will

start with "People's Choice" on Feb. 24. (We also have plans for a teacher appreciation special section in April, a "community guide" in September and another somewhere in the late summer/early fall timeline.)

There are local businesses, industries, not-for-profit organizations, events and other items that we all love. This is your chance to let them know.

The idea is simple:

- You vote for your favorites
- We tally the votes
- We recognize the winners in

various categories in the "People's Choice" special section

• We highlight the No. 1 overall vote-getter in that same special section

On another page in today's paper, you'll find the list of categories in which we are accepting votes. (We're leaving each category open-ended rather than making it multiple choice in order to not influence the vote and not potentially leave anyone out.) You can vote by filling out the form in today's paper — we'll run it several more

times as well — or by going online to thecr.com and clicking on "People's Choice."

We will accept votes until Jan. 31.

So, do you have a favorite pizza joint, community event, dentist, hair stylist, etc.? Vote for them and let them know.

We see this new special section as yet another way to support and highlight local. We hope it will become a new mainstay in our special section schedule for years to come. — R.C.

Porter has forced Senate race open

By MARK Z. BARABAK
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

By launching her bid for U.S. Senate — open, upfront, for all the world to plainly see — Rep. Katie Porter has placed the contest where it belongs: squarely before the voters of California.

Like vultures circling, would-be successors to Sen. Dianne Feinstein have spent years eyeing her seat, convinced she will bow to time and good sense and opt against seeking a sixth full term in November 2024. An announcement on the future of the 89-year-old Democrat is expected by the spring.

Meantime, no small number of prospects have been busy lining up staff, working the phones, stroking donors, collecting IOUs, trading political gossip and generally doing everything short of driving an elbow into the ribs of the aged incumbent to hasten a public statement of her intent.

Why the quaint, Victorian notion that those Senate hopefuls should be neither seen nor heard in deference to Feinstein and her plans? The campaign to replace her is in full swing, and has been for a good while. Why not let voters in on the action?

Whatever you think of Porter's candidacy or credentials — and there will be plenty of time to examine both — credit the Orange County congresswoman with ending the charade.

"I have tremendous respect for Sen. Feinstein and respect her wanting to take her own time" to decide about the future, Porter said in a phone interview after formally declaring her Senate bid Tuesday.

The Democrat made a point of praising the path the former San Francisco mayor blazed for women in politics. But regardless, Porter stated, "If the senator decides to run for another term. ... I will still be in this race."

Porter had good reason to make her first-from-the-gate announcement.

She survived a brutal campaign to win reelection in November, spending much of the \$25 million she raised and would doubtless have preferred to devote to running for Senate. One of Porter's presumed rivals, Democratic Rep. Adam B. Schiff of Burbank, is sitting on a \$20 million heap of cash, incentivizing her entry into the contest sooner rather than later.

There is also a tactical advantage to an early start, as Democratic

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strategist Rose Kapolczynski told the Los Angeles Times' Seema Mehta and Nolan D. McCaskill. Kapolczynski ran Barbara Boxer's successful 1992 Senate campaign, which Boxer began as a long shot even before fellow Democrat Alan Cranston formally announced he would step aside.

"That gave her a head start on organizing and talking to people and being a part of every story about who might run for Senate," Kapolczynski said.

Porter's announcement amid the storms battering California wasn't the wisest political move.

Feinstein responded with a statement reiterating her intention to reveal her plans in good time and stating — one could almost see the arched eyebrow — that she was focused instead on the merciless rainfall and flooding.

Schiff tweeted out a picture of himself, the Capitol dome offering a perfectly framed backdrop, stating he has "been calling local, state, and federal" emergency management officials "about the response to the devastating storms impacting our state and how Congress can help."

Another of Porter's prospective opponents, Democratic Rep. Ro Khanna of Fremont, said he, too, was busy responding to the "historic weather conditions" rather than focusing on the Senate contest. "In the next few months," Khanna said on Twitter, "I will make a decision."

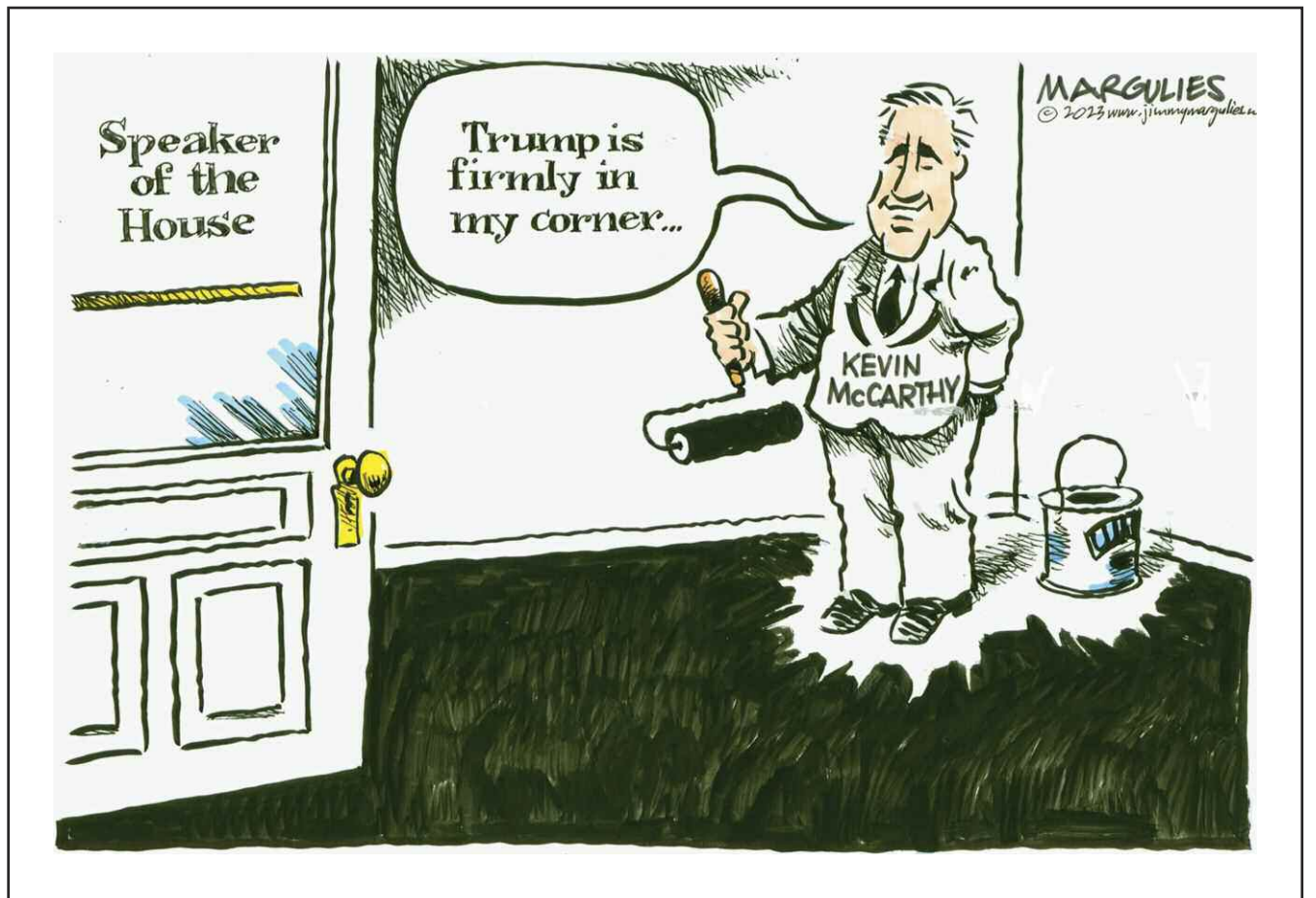
All well and good.

If voters don't care for the timing of Porter's announcement, perhaps because they consider it disrespectful to Feinstein, or insensitive to those facing nature's wrath, they can vote for someone else when the June 2024 primary rolls around.

There will most likely be no shortage of candidates from which to choose.

And now that Porter has ended the shadow campaign, there is no more reason for California's parade of would-be senators to continue playing coy.

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Barabak is a columnist for the Los Angeles Times, focusing on politics in California and the West.



Handle conflict without violence

By SUSAN BEAVER THOMPSON
Peacevoice

More than 60 years ago, as many are aware, civil rights activists began organizing to desegregate businesses in Birmingham, Alabama. By the spring of 1963, tensions were at a boiling point due to a series of sit-ins, boycotts and demonstrations designed to draw attention to racial injustices in the city. On April 12, 1963, Dr. King was arrested in Birmingham for not having an official permit.

In his germinal Letter from Birmingham Jail, King, while incarcerated, laid out the principles of nonviolent protest and social change. His message was that each voice — and life — is worthy of respect, dignity and equality. And, love is the answer, not war — or hate. Deep down, we are alike more than we are different. When I taught freshman writing at Northwest Florida University, Cape Fear Community College and Shepherd University, this was my favorite essay to teach. Every semester, without fail, his impassioned plea for nonviolence garnered more discussion and reflection than any other piece we studied. Many of the resulting student essays made me cry.

In his letter, Dr. King differentiates between two kinds of peace. "Negative peace," as King explains, is the absence of tension; it's an attempt not to rock the boat or cause conflict. Whereas "positive peace" is the active pursuit of justice. Rather than opposing people "on the other side," as peacebuilder Ryan Wallace writes: "Positive peace challenges the status quo to make way for a more just world, expecting conflict to follow." Instead of using violence to make change, peacebuilders use nonviolent direct action.

King writes: "Nonviolent direct action seeks to create a crisis and foster such a tension that a community which has constantly refused to negotiate is forced to confront the issue. It seeks so to dramatize the issue that it can no longer be ignored... We know through painful experience that freedom is never volun-

Susan Beaver Thompson



tarily given by the oppressor; it must be demanded by the oppressed."

It is crystal clear that in the United States we are seeing the effects of a violent culture in our schools and on our streets. So too, violence and violent conflict, rather than natural disasters, are now the primary driver of forced displacement and refugee flight worldwide. While conflict is inevitable, violence is not. It is merely one way of dealing with our differences. It's time we move beyond violent conflict and toward nonviolence.

A wise friend once shared with me that as peacebuilders, we are not merely "anti." While many of us are anti-racist, anti-discrimination, anti-oppression, we are also standing up for something. Rather than being just anti-war, we are for peace. By default, being merely "anti" can easily lead us into creating enemies, or creating a "us" versus "them" situation. Taking this type of warlike approach — in word or deed — ensures defeat. This is why Kingian Nonviolence Principles encourage people to "fight injustice, not people." We must keep an open mind and heart — and embrace the principles of nonviolence — as we seek to dialogue with others and make change. As A.J. Muste said, "There is no way to peace. Peace is the way." It may take longer to collaborate and negotiate, but the results are longer lasting, and everyone benefits.

Everyone is connected to everyone else, and all that must be achieved for universal change is for the momentum to build enough to create a tipping point for good. Each person makes this so every day from the inside out. Each person can challenge themselves to

learn and grow, as each personal realization is literally a realization for the planet.

Rest assured, peace and nonviolence aren't just hearts and rainbows. There is growing proof that nonviolence is practical. It works. In 2011, social scientists Erica Chenoweth and Maria Stephan demonstrated that nonviolent movements are twice as effective as violent movements in achieving their goals. In their book, Why Civil Resistance Works, they share the data they collected from 323 protest movements between 1900 and 2006. They found that 53 percent of the nonviolent movements "managed to achieve their goal, usually a change of regime, compared with 26 percent of the violent movements."

In his Letter, Dr. King also touches on our interdependence. He writes:

"We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly affects all indirectly. Never again can we afford to live with the narrow, provincial 'outside agitator' idea. Anyone who lives inside the United States can never be considered an outsider anywhere within its bounds."

Let us each become a "vehicle" for this monumental shift toward a more evolved way to manage our conflicts. Though a challenging endeavor, Peace on Earth is possible... and it's coming. Since my first peace journalism trek in 2013, much has changed. People are waking up, becoming engaged and taking action for what they believe. The soil is ripe for pioneering peace activists and peace journalists to rock the world.

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Thompson is a peace journalist and grant writer for United Way of Southern Nevada.

PeaceVoice is a project of the Oregon Peace Institute and is an idea whose time has come. PeaceVoice is devoted to changing U.S. national conversation about the possibilities of peace and the inadvisability of war.

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IT'S ALL UP TO YOU ...

PEOPLE'S CHOICE

The Commercial Review is launching a new special section this year to give you, our readers, the opportunity to recognize your favorites.

Here's the concept:

For the next few weeks you vote for your favorites in a variety of categories: We tally the votes.

The winners will be listed in a special section to run next month. The top overall vote getter will be featured in the special section. Eligibility is limited to those in The Commercial Review's coverage area, which includes all of Jay County, the western portion of Mercer County (including Fort Recovery), the southern portion of Adams County (including Geneva); the northern portion of Randolph County (including Ridgeville); and the eastern edge of Blackford County.

The Categories



- Appliance sales _____
- Auto parts store _____
- Auto service and repair _____
- Bank/credit union _____
- Boutique/clothing _____
- Car dealership _____
- Chiropractor _____
- Community Event _____
- Construction _____
- Convenience store _____
- Daycare facilities _____
- Dentists _____
- Doctor _____
- Entertainment option _____
- Farm implement sales _____
- Financial advisor _____
- Florist _____
- Funeral home _____
- Furniture _____
- Gas station _____
- Greenhouse _____

- Gym _____
- Hair salon/barber _____
- Hardware store _____
- Home improvement _____
- Industry _____
- Insurance _____
- Landscaping _____
- Law office _____
- Nail salon _____
- New business _____
- Non-profit organization _____
- Park _____
- Photographer _____
- Pizza _____
- Real estate and auction _____
- Restaurant (non-pizza) _____
- Veterinarian and pet services _____
- Other _____
- (is there something that doesn't quite fit the above)*

To vote, fill in your selections below or visit theocr.com and click on the "People's choice" link.

(Rather than making this multiple choice, we are leaving each category open-ended. That leaves the voting up to you, the readers, and avoids the possibility that we might leave off an option that would be worthy of winning the vote

Deadline to vote is Jan. 31.

Winners will be acknowledged in a special section that is scheduled to run Feb. 24

Did we miss a category? Let us know and we'll consider adding it to the list next year!

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1-14 CRYPTOQUIP

OW R ZRYFQ KRYNQZ CW ZRJL
OA WSZZ CW NDSYNDQA,
EQPKZQA RJL PCAXSQA, OA OE
R YQZOFQCSA EYRNE?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I LOVE EATING CHEERIOS, BAGELS AND DOUGHNUTS VERY MUCH BECAUSE THEY'RE HOLE-SOME TREATS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals L

Trivial Review
(Answers are printed below, upside down.)
Sneaky suspicions
1) Why was Captain George Kendall executed in the Jamestown colony of Virginia in 1608?
2) What organization was formed via the National Security Act of 1947?

1-16 CRYPTOQUIP

VJ FMG KFQDDF WQNBVLK
FBVLE HDQC IWNB UOVED, V
BUHD FG XWDKK FBDC'QD
GL FBD KUID MUVJ-ODLXFB.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A LARGE PARCEL OF LAND IS FULL OF CHURCHES, TEMPLES AND MOSQUES, IS IT A RELIGIOUS TRACT?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals H

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to bath safety.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 3 = G)
A. 8 15 24 10
Clue: Slide
B. 3 9 11 2
Clue: Hold on
C. 15 24 3 4 5 24 25 3
Clue: Illumination
D. 23 11 5 14 9
Clue: H2O

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the bathroom.
RHWSEO
Answer: Shower

Guess Who?
I am a rapper born in Florida on January 15, 1981. My mother threw me out of her house for dealing drugs. I wisely turned my life around and became a music sensation. My stage name is a tough breed of dog.
Answer: Pitbull

kids' corner
Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

FOOD FACT
THIS BEVERAGE IS RICH IN ANTIOXIDANTS AND CAN HELP A PERSON WHO IS EXPERIENCING A COLD FEEL BETTER.
ANSWER: HOT TEA

How they say that in...
ENGLISH: Tea
SPANISH: Té
ITALIAN: Tè
FRENCH: Thé
GERMAN: Tee

Creative Coloring
Celebrate the benefits of hot tea.
Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
1915: THE UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES REJECTS A PROPOSAL TO GIVE WOMEN THE RIGHT TO VOTE.
1962: THE FIRST AMERICAN COMBAT MISSION IN THE VIETNAM WAR TAKES PLACE.
1969: THE NEW YORK JETS OF THE AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE DEFEAT THE BALTIMORE COLTS TO WIN THE SUPER BOWL.

New Word
OOLONG
a dark-colored Chinese tea

BATH SAFETY WORD SEARCH

ICOMMODOEAVETZTTAZRTMLE
RSUUISYGGZRRADJUSRTABLE
HEEZLAISUZCIRKBJWRREDFP
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TEMPERATURE
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
39 Director
1 Wee hr.
6 Calm intervals
11 Clef variety
12 Large bay windows
14 Like a duck's feet
15 Familiar adage
16 Post-op area
17 Bags
19 Canonized Fr. woman
20 Corn seasoning
22 USN officers
23 Future flower
24 Characteristic
26 "Now, listen to me ..."
28 Small batteries
30 Longoria of TV
31 Supervise
35 Redacts

Solution time: 26 mins.

Crossword grid with letters filled in.

Yesterday's answer 1-14

Empty crossword grid for puzzle.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The battle for trump control

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
K 9 3
J 7 6 3
A K 10 8
K 5
WEST
6
K Q 9 5 4
Q 9 4
J 9 8 2
EAST
J 10 8 4
A 10 8 2
J 7 5 2
10
SOUTH
A Q 7 5 2
6 3
A Q 7 6 4 3

The bidding:
North East South West
1 Pass 1 Pass
2 Pass 3 Pass
4 Pass 6 Pass
Opening lead — king of hearts.
A frequent form of defense against a suit contract is to try to run declarer out of trumps by forcing him to ruff. This method of defense is successful most often when declarer and dummy together have only eight trumps and the defenders' trumps are divided 4-1 rather than 3-2.
Take this case where West led a heart against six spades. Declarer ruffed and played the A-K of trump, disclosing the 4-1 division.

When he then cashed the club king and led another club toward his hand, East very wisely discarded a diamond. Had East ruffed, declarer would have made the slam.
South took the ace and led a low club, ruffing it with dummy's nine as East once again discarded a diamond! Now South could not get to his hand without reducing himself to one trump (East still had two trumps), and he finished down two.
Declarer lost the slam because he lost control of the trump suit. He should have realized — when he ruffed the opening lead — that the only real danger was that the spades and clubs might each be divided 4-1. He should therefore have attempted to protect against this possibility.
After ruffing the heart lead, he should have played a trump to the king, followed by the K-5 of clubs. If East discarded, South would win with the ace and ruff a club in dummy. It now would not matter whether East overruffed or not. Either way, South would make the slam.
If East elects to overruff, South wins any return, draws trump and easily makes the rest. If East discards instead, South still has a spade in dummy so he can next cash the A-Q of trump followed by his good clubs. East sooner or later scores a trump trick, but no more.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

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

The bidding:
North East South West
3 Pass 1 Pass
4 Pass 4 Pass
Opening lead — king of clubs.
When declarer can make a contract only if the opponents' cards are divided in a certain way, he should assume that distribution exists and plan his play accordingly. This principle is self-evident, but applying it to a particular hand is sometimes not so easy.
Here is a gem of a hand played by Allan Cohen in the Life Master Pairs Championship some years ago. It would seem that South cannot avoid losing two spades, a heart and a club for down one, but Cohen

found a way to make the contract after West led the king of clubs. Furthermore, there was nothing the defenders could do to stop him.
He won the club with the ace and returned a club to his ten. West took the queen and cashed the ace of spades, on which East signaled with the seven. West then shifted to a low diamond.
Gauging the situation perfectly — including the realization that West's ace of spades was a singleton because he had failed to lead another spade — Cohen won the diamond shift with the ace, cashed the ace of trump and king of diamonds, then led the queen of diamonds.
By this time, it was clear to Cohen that his only chance of landing the contract was to find West with an original holding of the K-x of trump. In line with this, he ruffed the queen of diamonds with dummy's queen of hearts, cashed the jack of clubs — discarding the eight of spades — and then led a trump.
In true storybook fashion, West was forced to win with the king and return a diamond or a club. This allowed Cohen to discard his jack of spades as he ruffed in dummy, bringing a satisfying conclusion to a very well-played hand.

Tomorrow: Adjusting the odds. ©2023 King Features Syndicate Inc.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS
41 Hiatus
4 LP speed
7 Expansive
11 Wall St. deals
13 Notre Dame's Par-seghian
14 Hotel chain
15 Slender woodwind
16 Tofu source
17 Towering
18 Room sides
20 Laptop connection
22 Actress Farrow
24 Yankee great Mickey
28 Boat race
32 Concur
33 Concept
34 "I Have a Dream" monogram
36 Iranian money
37 Buffalo team
39 Multitudes

Solution time: 21 mins.

Crossword grid with letters filled in.

Saturday's answer 1-16

Empty crossword grid for puzzle.

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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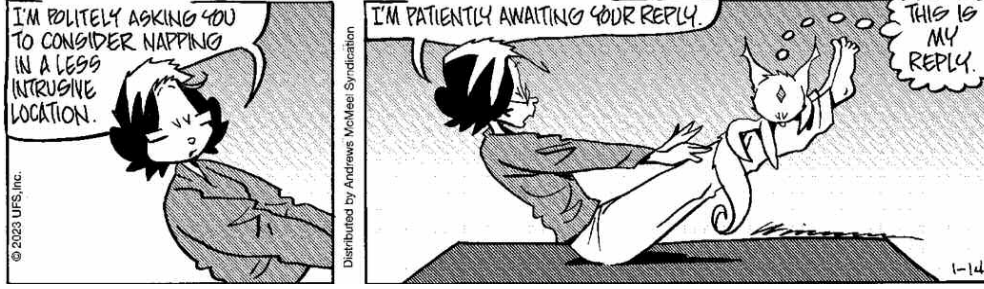
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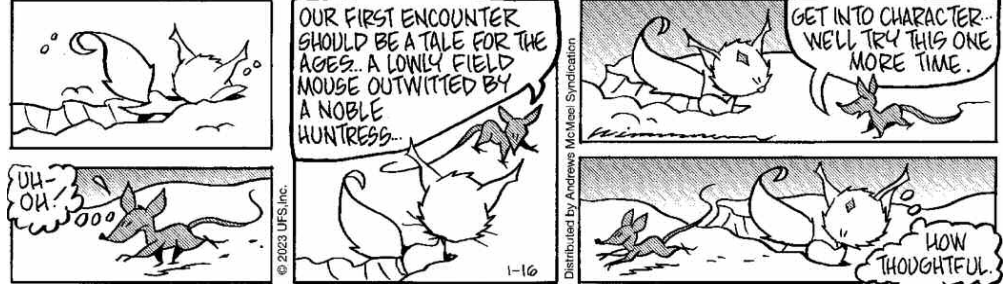
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Rose is Rose



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Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



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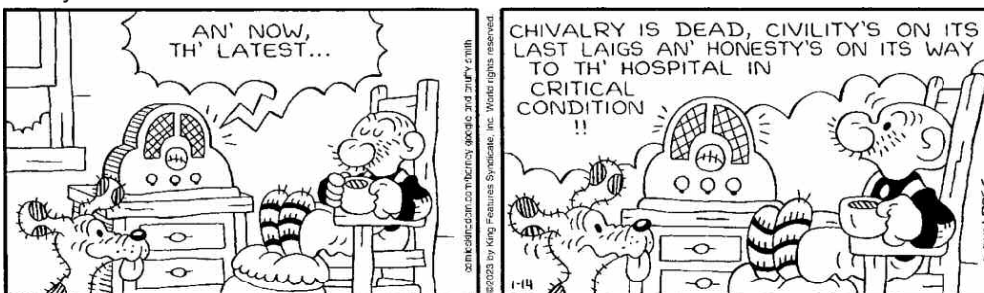
Blondie



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Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



We Deliver

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

Laughter

The Commercial Review *We Deliver*

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The 160-pound state championship battle was a rematch of last week's northeast regional final at Jay County, with Winner matching up against Hiroms. In the regional, Winner caught Hiroms in a headlock to build a 5-1 lead and later worked a half nelson for a pin in 3:48.

With the state title on the line, Winner and Hiroms went scoreless through the first period. Hiroms was awarded a penalty point in the second period for a 1-0 lead. Winner chose the bottom position to start the third and finally was able to get a reversal with just 37 seconds left. She held on to the 2-1 advantage to bring home her second IHSGW championship.

Winner, who was ranked third heading into Friday night despite being the defending champion, was dominant through the first three rounds of the tournament. She pinned Sheridan's Claudia Headlee and Merrillville's No. 12 Amiria Galburth in matching times of 1 minute, 24 seconds, in the opening round and the quarterfinals, respectively.

She also finished off her semifinal match in the first period, avenging one of her two losses this season by pinning second-ranked Shelby Life of Centerville in 1:45.

Winner was the only Patriot to advance to the semifinal round of the championship bracket, as Manor (132), Williams (182) and Affolder (250) all lost by pin in the quarterfinal round.

Williams, who entered the tournament ranked 10th in the state, earned her state medal with a first-round pin of Mount Vernon's Jillian Higginson in 1:23 before falling to third-ranked Leila Thomas of Alexandria in the quarterfinals. She bounced back to pin Penn's No. 4 Nunu Helepa in 2:49 in the first round of the consolation bracket and then pinned Northview's No. 5 Mercedes Tellechea in 2:03 in the fifth-place match.

The 10th-ranked Manor guaranteed herself a state medal as she beat Attica's Joslyn Barnett 7-5 in the opening round while No. 9 Affolder locked up her spot on the podium by pinning Southport's Olivia Durham in 1:02. Neither would win another match.

Manor fell by pin to No. 2 Phoebe Dowty of Indian Creek in the quarterfinals, fell by pin to No. 11 Emma Jones of Cowan in the consolation opener and dropped the seventh place match by a 15-0 technical fall to No. 9 Marisa Moffitt of North Montgomery.

Each of Affolder's final three matches were defeats by pin — to Jeffersonville's No. 5 Christy True in the quarterfinals, Noblesville's No. 15 Kaylee Arriaga in the consolation opener and Rose Day of Clinton Prairie in the seventh-place match.

The season ended in the opening round of the state finals for three Patriots:

•No. 9 Katie Rowles (98) lost by pin to top-ranked Kendall Moe of Hamilton Heights in 1:36

•Lina Lingo lost by pin to Northview's No. 16 Gelissa Reginald in 4:14

•No. 10 Maleah Parsons lost by pin to Ava Allen of Silver Creek in 59 seconds

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Jay County beat Woodlan 60-22 in their regular-season meeting on Nov. 25.

South Adams (10-8) was within three points of the Patriots late in the second quarter in their Dec. 17 game at StarDome before Mabrey McIntire hit a 3-pointer on the final possession of the first half. JCHS went box-and-one against Macy Pries in the second half and pulled away for a 20-point win.

On Friday, the Patriots scored the first five points. And after Cora Baker got a hoop for South Adams at the 5:21 mark, the host team dominated the rest of the first quarter. Gabi Bilbrey started the run with a hoop on an assist from Molly Muhlenkamp, who would later score six in a row on her own, as Jay County pushed to a 23-2 lead at the quarter break.

A 14-3 run to end the second quarter made it 45-14 at the intermission.

The biggest difference between the six-point half-time lead in December and the 31-point lead Friday?

“The start and the intensity,” said Comer. “We maintained the intensity for the most part.”

Many of the Patriots' points came as they ran the same action over and over again. They fed the ball into the post, generally to Renna Schwieterman or Muhlenkamp, then dished to a back-door cut-



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Breanna Dirksen of Jay County High School defends against South Adams senior Peyton Pries during the second half of Friday's Allen County Athletic Conference girls basketball tournament semifinal. The Patriots won 72-31 and will play Woodlan in the championship game at approximately 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bluffton.

ter when the double team came.

“They were doubling us, so the other side's open or you've got a kick out,” said Comer. “Tonight, until they stopped the weak side on

the double, we were going to hit the other person. ... Once we talked about it, they did a great job of executing it.”

Bilbrey was often the beneficiary of those back-

door passes as she racked up 18 of her game-high 20 points in the first half. She shot 10-of-12 from the field and had a game-high seven rebounds.

The senior post player has scored 19 or more points in three of the Patriots' last five games and is averaging 17.8 over that stretch.

“She's just really playing with a lot of confidence, her and Molly both,” said Comer. Muhlenkamp shot 6-of-8 for 12 points Friday to go along with four assists and six rebounds. “Molly's driving the ball to the basket now, playing with a lot more confidence. And when you play with confidence, you're a better player. That's the big difference with us right now. We're a team with a lot of confidence.”

Schwieterman scored 17 points, which pushed her beyond 1,600 for her career. She currently sits at 1,614, just two behind Jody Beer-

man of Heritage for third in ACAC history.

Sophie Saxman added nine points Friday as Jay County shot 29-of-50 (58%) from the field and 10-of-12 (83%) from the foul line.

Despite picking up two fouls in the first four minutes and a third in the second quarter, junior Macy Pries led South Adams with a dozen points. She scored 10 of those at the foul line. Her sister Peyton added eight points.

Box score					
Class 3A No. 4 Jay County Patriots vs. South Adams Starfires					
Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament Semifinal					
Girls varsity summary					
South Adams (10-8)					
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS		
MPries	1-6	10-13	12		
PPries	4-8	0-0	8		
Dunnuck	1-8	2-2	4		
Miller	1-1	0-0	3		
Nnschwndr	0-0	0-0	0		
Baker	2-2	0-0	4		
Smith	0-3	0-0	0		
Gerber	0-1	0-0	0		
Trausch	0-2	0-0	0		
Totals	9-31	12-15	31		
		.290	.800		
Def. rebound percentage: .609					
Jay County (17-1)					
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS		
Muhlenkamp	6-8	0-0	12		
Saxman	3-4	3-3	9		
McIntire	2-7	0-0	6		
MDirksen	0-1	0-0	0		
Gilbre	10-12	0-1	20		
Denton	1-2	0-0	2		
Schwietrmn	5-0	5-6	17		
BDirksen	0-3	2-2	2		
May	1-1	0-0	2		
Petro	1-3	0-0	2		
Totals	29-50	10-12	72		
		.580	.833		
Def. rebound percentage: .782					
Score by quarters:					
S. Adams	2	12	8	9	— 31
Jay Co.	23	22	23	4	— 72
3-point shooting: South Adams					
1-7 (Miller 1-1, Smith 0-3, PPries 0-2, MPries 0-1). Jay County 4-12 (Schwieterman 2-5, McIntire 2-6, BDirksen 0-1).					
Rebounds: South Adams 19 (PPries 4, Dunnuck 4, Trausch 4, MPries 3, Smith 2, Neuenschwander, Gerber). Jay County 28 (Bilbrey 7, Muhlenkamp 6, Schwieterman 5, Saxman 4, BDirksen 3, MDirksen 2, McIntire).					
Assists: South Adams 5 (MPries, PPries, Dunnuck, Gerber, Trausch). Jay County 14 (Schwieterman 5, Muhlenkamp 4, BDirksen 3, Saxman, Bilbrey).					
Blocks: South Adams 0. Jay County 4 (Schwieterman 4).					

Fort Recovery drops third in a row

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Indians eked out a win to open the new year.

They haven't been able to record a W since.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team suffered its third consecutive loss Friday night, falling 57-51 to the Coldwater Cavaliers.

The Indians (8-4, 2-2 Midwest Athletic Conference) were within one at the end of the first quarter

but got outscored 16-7 in the second as Coldwater (7-4, 4-0 MAC) hit four 3-pointers — two each from Evan Harlamert and Baylen Blockberger. The conference-leading Cavaliers extended their advantage to 11 points with eight minutes to go and made 14 fourth-quarter free throws to hold off the Tribe.

Harlamert hit five 3-pointers on the way to a 21-point effort to lead Coldwater. Luke Schwieter-

man followed with nine points and Blockberger had seven.

The losing streak for Fort Recovery has included defeats of 55-49 to St. John's, 52-43 to Botkins and the loss Friday to Coldwater after the team knocked off Arcanum 55-52 in overtime on Jan. 3. That win marked their sixth in a row.

Cale Rammel recorded another high-scoring effort Friday — he had at least 25 points in each game

during the Tribe's winning streak — leading the way with 26 points, including 11 in the fourth quarter. Rex Leverette followed with 13.

The Indians will try to get back on track tonight when they host Maumee Valley Country Day.

In the junior varsity game, Fort Recovery rallied in the fourth quarter to edge the Cavaliers 38-36. Briggs Overman scored 14 points to pace the Indians while Eli Lennartz followed with eight.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today

Jay County — Girls basketball Allen County Athletic Conference tournament championship vs. Woodlan at Bluffton — 7:30 p.m.; 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.

Monday

Fort Recovery — Freshman boys basketball at Marion Local — 6 p.m.; Middle school boys basketball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.

Tuesday

Jay County — Swimming at Muncie Central — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Wapahani — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Blackford — 6 p.m.

Fort Recovery — Middle school girls basketball vs. Marion Local — 5 p.m.; Girls basketball vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today

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)

Monday

Noon — Men's college basketball: Georgetown at Villanova (FOX)
2:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks (Bally Indiana)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Purdue at Michigan State (FOX)
3:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Miami Heat at Atlanta Hawks (TNT)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Illinois at Minnesota (BTN)
6 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Memphis Grizzlies (TNT)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Morehouse at Howard (FS1)
8:15 p.m. — NFL playoffs: NFC Wildcard — Dallas Cowboys at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (ABC/ESPN)
11:30 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)

Tuesday

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Butler (FS1)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Penn State at Wisconsin (BTN)
9 p.m. — Tennis: Australian Open (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

Wednesday

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Connecticut at Seton Hall (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Ohio State at Nebraska (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Boston Bruins at New York Islanders (TNT)
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Jay girls roll to finale

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

When the Starfires hosted the Patriots almost a month ago, they were able to stay close through the first half.

The fourth-ranked team in Class 3A had no interest in allowing that to happen again.

No. 4 Jay County scored the final 18 points of the first quarter Friday and led by 31 at halftime as they dominated South Adams in the semifinal round of the Allen County Athletic Conference girls basketball tournament.

"We started out pressing again," said JCHS coach Kirk Comer. "We're not that good at pressing, but it gets the flow going up and down, which is what gets us going ..."

"I thought we did a really good job of getting off to a quick start again."

The Patriots (17-1) advance to play Woodlan (16-3) in the ACAC championship game at approximately 7:30 p.m. tonight at Bluffton. That contest will follow the boys championship game between Woodlan and Adams Central that begins at 6 p.m.

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Mallory Winner of Jay County High School closes in on a pin of Rochester's Grace Hiroms during the regional championship match Jan. 6. They met again in the 160-pound championship match in Friday's Indiana High School Girls Wrestling State Finals at Mooresville, with Winner recording a third-period reversal for a 2-1 win and her second state title.

JC's Winner repeats as state champ

MOORESVILLE — With two minutes to go in her season, Mallory Winner was down by a point.

She had talked during practice this week about her need to stay focused and not get frustrated in such situations.

She followed her own advice,

and it led her to the top of the podium again.

Winner, a Jay County High School sophomore, repeated as the Indiana High School Girls Wrestling 160-pound state champion Friday night as she came back to edge top-ranked Grace

Hiroms of Rochester in the title match.

Emily Manor (fifth), Kiley Williams (eighth) and Mattie Affolder (eighth) also earned state medals for the Patriots, who scored 42 points to finish ninth in the team standings. (A victory in

the opening round guaranteed a top-eight finish and a state medal.)

No. 1 Penn rolled to a state championship repeat with 81 points. Third-ranked Rochester (67) was second and No. 2 Southport (64) placed third.

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