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Juvenile detention center gets grant

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The Gazette

MEDINA — The Medina County Juvenile Detention Center will upgrade its security access control and intercom systems with a $257,421.58 grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services.

The funding, approved through the department's Capital Security Infrastructure Reimbursement Program, will support security improvements throughout the facility.

"This project seeks to significantly enhance the safety, functionality and reliability of our facility's security infrastructure," said Megan Millikin, the detention center's superintendent. "The MCJDC is dedicated to continuous improvement, responsible use of resources and maintaining operations that protect staff, youth and the Medina County community."

Improvements will cover all three resident units, the central control room and every secure door, gate and access point within the facility. A new intercom system will support internal communications, helping staff coordinate operations and daily safety procedures.

The security access control system has not been updated since 2012, and the facility's locks are original to the building, which opened in 1999.

If the security access control system fails, staff must use keys and walkie-talkies to move juveniles and fellow staff members throughout the facility, which can create delays in daily operations.

"The existing system has reached the end of its operational life," Millikin said. "Continued reliance on an outdated system will ultimately cost more than investing in a reliable, modern replacement."

Judge Kevin Dunn said the upgrades are necessary and expressed gratitude that the Ohio Department of Youth Services recognized the county's needs.

"The safety of children in our custody is our top priority at the Medina County Juvenile Detention Center," Dunn said. "Our facility is a place of rehabilitation, where young people have the opportunity to learn from their mistakes, embrace structure and work toward a better future. We must provide a secure and reliable environment to allow them to do so."

Vendor selection, equipment purchases and installation, and staff training will begin immediately. The project is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The detention center also received a $1,700 grant from Medina County Bluecoats for two handheld metal detectors. One will be assigned to the administrative area to screen visitors, while the other will be used during intake searches of newly detained youths.

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Employers seek next generation



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Cameron Redden, chief administrative officer of Tri-C's Brunswick University Center, speaks Thursday in Medina.

Medina County employers discuss workforce challenges

Brooke Adams
The Gazette

MEDINA — Medina County manufacturers and construction employers are looking for ways to attract the next generation of workers, saying changing perceptions about skilled trades and better communicating career opportunities will be important to strengthening the local workforce.

The issue was a central topic on Thursday during the Medina County Manufacturing and Construction Convening at RPM International Inc. in Medina. The event brought together local employers, workforce leaders and educators to discuss hiring challenges, training opportunities and ways to strengthen the county's talent pipeline.

In 2024, the county averaged 9,222 manufacturing jobs and 4,608 construction jobs, according to Ohio county employment data. Together, the industries accounted for nearly 13,830 jobs across 907 establishments.

Despite those opportunities, participants said attracting workers remains a challenge, particularly as employers compete with other industries and try to overcome longstanding perceptions about factory and trade work.

One participant described the perception of manufacturing among younger generations, saying, "It's long hours, it's hot, it's brutal, it's dirty."

The discussion also highlighted differences between manufacturing and construction. One construction industry participant argued that skilled trades can offer substantial earning potential without requiring a four-year college degree, citing examples of employees earning six-figure incomes.

A manufacturing representative cautioned that the industries face different financial realities, noting that manufacturers may not be able to offer the same starting wages as some construction businesses.

Participants also discussed the influence parents have on students' career decisions, with some saying families continue to view a four-year college degree as the preferred path to a successful career.

Several attendees said introducing students to manufacturing and skilled trades earlier in their education could help change those perceptions. They also discussed the potential role of social media in showing younger generations what modern manufacturing and construction careers actually involve.

Artificial intelligence was another topic, with participants suggesting some students are concerned about pursuing careers that could be affected by automation and are considering alternative paths.

Organizers said they plan to analyze feedback collected during the session and distribute a summary to participants. They intend to bring employers and workforce representatives together again to examine potential training programs, identify obstacles and develop action plans with timelines and measurable outcomes.

The goal is to turn employers' concerns into practical steps to address workforce needs and strengthen Medina County's talent pipeline.

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WADSWORTH

Water plans take shape

Brooke Adams
The Gazette

WADSWORTH — Wadsworth officials are taking another step toward increasing the city's water treatment capacity, with Wadsworth City Council considering a contract of up to $296,000 for engineering design services related to a high-rate demonstration study.

The study is intended to determine whether the city's existing water treatment infrastructure can process a greater volume of water without requiring significant additional improvements, according to a discussion during Wednesday's Council meeting.

During the meeting, a city official explained that the study will examine whether the city's infrastructure already has sufficient capacity to handle higher daily water production or whether additional improvements are necessary.

The proposed contract authorization, outlined in Ordinance 26-175, would allow the director of public service to enter into an agreement for engineering design services not to exceed $296,000.

Council moved the ordinance to second reading on Wednesday. The legislation had previously been discussed during an Aug. 11 Public Service Committee meeting.

The study is part of a larger, multiyear project intended to increase the city's water treatment capacity without constructing an entirely new treatment plant.

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Candlelight Walk returns

Kellyn Flohr
The Gazette

MEDINA — The 42nd annual Medina Candlelight Walk will bring tree lighting, a parade, fireworks and new attractions to the Square Nov. 20-22.

Main Street Medina Events Director Angela Mansier said additions include train rides on Friday and a Nativity animal petting zoo on Sunday.

"We're bringing in an 1880s Victorian-inspired steam locomotive," Mansier said.

The train will have three passenger cars and offer rides around the square 7 to 10 p.m. Friday. The line will form across from the Engine House Museum.

The tree lighting ceremony begins at 7 p.m. Friday at the gazebo with Medina Mayor Jim Shields, Medina City Council members and the Root family. A lighting celebration and Medina Chorus carol sing-along follows at 7:15 p.m.

Mansier said local participation is central to the weekend.

"We really try to work with our partners here in Medina, whether it's nonprofit organizations or musical talent that we have, and really trying to feature them," she said.

Last year's event drew more than 44,000 people over two and a half days, Mansier said. She called it the biggest weekend of the year for local small businesses and said visitors often return after discovering shops during the event.

"Medina isn't just fantastic that weekend, it's fantastic every weekend," Mansier said.

Saturday's Holiday Parade of Lights leaves Medina High School at 5:30 p.m. and reaches the Square around 6 p.m.

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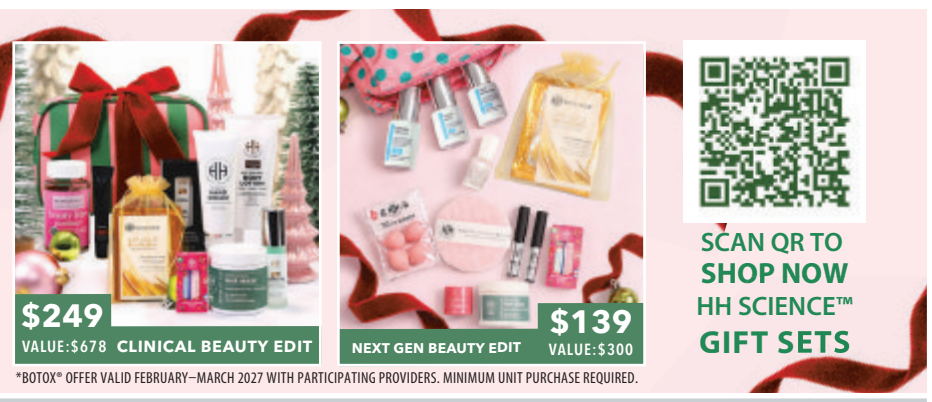
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The Associated Press

Today is Friday, Nov. 6, the 310th day of 2026. There are 55 days left in the year.

Today's history

■ In 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln of the Republican Party was elected president of the United States as he defeated John Breckinridge, John Bell and Stephen Douglas.
■ In 1861, an unopposed Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term as president of the Confederate States of America, after serving much of the year as its provisional president.
■ In 1888, Republican presidential candidate Benjamin Harrison won the electoral vote over incumbent Democrat Grover Cleveland, despite Cleveland gaining 90,000 more total votes; it would be the last time the popular vote winner would lose the election until 2000.
■ In 1947, "Meet the Press" made its debut on NBC; the host was the show's co-creator, Martha Rountree, and it would become the longest-running television program in the United States.
■ In 1956, President Dwight D. Eisenhower won reelection, defeating Democratic nominee Adlai Stevenson II for the second time.
■ In 1977, 39 people, mostly students, were killed when the Kelly Barnes Dam in Georgia burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls College.
■ In 1984, President Ronald Reagan won reelection by a landslide over former Vice President Walter Mondale. The Democratic challenger won just one state, his native Minnesota.
■ In 2018, the U.N. Human Rights Office reported that more than 200 mass graves containing the remains of thousands of victims had been discovered in areas formerly controlled by the Islamic State group in Iraq.

Today's birthdays

Actor Sally Field is 80. Jazz musician Arturo Sandoval is 77. Author Michael Cunningham is 74. Journalist-author Maria Shriver is 71. Author Colson Whitehead is 57. Actor Ethan Hawke is 56. Actor Thandiwe (tan-DEE'-way) Newton is 54. Model-actor Rebecca Romijn (roh-MAYN') is 54. Actor Taryn Manning is 48. Actor Emma Stone is 38. Comedian-actor Bowen Yang is 36. Actor Hero Fiennes Tiffin is 29. MLB All-Star baseball player Alejandro Kirk is 28.

MEETINGS

Today

Medina County Combined General Health District Records Commission, special meeting to consider revisions to the Medina County Combined General Health District records retention schedule, 3:30 p.m., health department administrative services conference room, 4800 Ledgewood Drive.

District Nine Natural Resource Assistance Council, regular meeting, 9 a.m., Lorain County Metro Parks' Carlisle Visitor Center, 12882 Diagonal Road.

Medina County commissioners, special meeting with an executive session to discuss the discipline and employment of a public employee and consider the investigation of complaints against a public employee, 3:30 p.m., commissioners' conference room, Administration Building, 144 N. Broadway St., Medina.

WEATHER

TODAY: Morning showers 50/38
SATURDAY: Morning showers 47/35
SUNDAY: Mostly sunny 57/42
MONDAY: Partly cloudy 54/43

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LOTTERY

Ohio (Thursday)

Midday Pick 3: 7-7-2, **Pick 3:** Numbers not available at press time.
Midday Pick 4: 1-4-6-5, **Pick 4:** Numbers not available at press time.
Midday Pick 5: 4-9-8-9-2, **Pick 5:** Numbers not available at press time.
Rolling Cash 5: Numbers not available at press time.
Rolling Cash 5 jackpot is $130,000.
Classic Lotto jackpot is $5.2 million.

Millionaire for Life

WEDNESDAY: 19-23-2840-54, **Millionaire Ball:** 1.
WEDNESDAY: Numbers were not available at deadline.

Mega Millions

TUESDAY: 4-24-31-62-70x, **Mega Ball:** 3.
Next Mega Millions jackpot is an estimated $505 million.

Powerball

WEDNESDAY: 15-34-41-53-56, **Powerball:** 21, **Power Play:** 2.
Next Powerball jackpot is an estimated $835 million.

Ohio (Wednesday)

Pick 3: 0-5-6,
Pick 4: 6-0-1-8,
Pick 5: 0-4-1-9-3,
Rolling Cash 5: 6-14-26-28-38.

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ROUNDUP

Medina Community Band to celebrate Veterans Day

The Medina Community Band will celebrate Veterans Day and continue the semiquincentennial celebration with a program at Saint Francis Xavier Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday.

The Rev. Anthony Szabo of Saint Francis Xavier Church will be the speaker for the evening. The event is free and open to the public, and free parking is available.

For more information about Medina Community Band, concert schedules, to join the band or to donate, visit tinyurl.com/4kj8dt8k.

Medina County Historical Society plans festive holiday open houses

An annual holiday tradition, the Medina County Historical Society returns with Holiday Open Houses at the John Smart House and McDowell-Phillips House. The McDowell-Phillips House will be decorated in the holiday spirit by local businesses, groups and MCHS members. The Gingerbread House Contest entries will be on display at the John Smart House. Both museums will be open on the following dates and times:
■ Sunday — 1–4 p.m.
■ Nov. 21 — 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m.
■ Dec. 13 — 2–5 p.m.
■ Dec. 27 — 1–4 p.m.

Additionally, there will be special hours for gingerbread viewing and voting at the John Smart House:
■ Nov. 13 — 11 to 2 p.m.
■ Nov. 20 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
■ Dec. — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
■ Dec. 18 — 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

In celebration of America 250, admission is by donation at both museums. The museums are also collecting nonperishable food for local food pantries.

Any questions, email mchs@zoominternet.net or call 330-722-1341.

Medina County Park District events

A Healthy Dose of Nature: Hiking Series

Join a naturalist and volunteers for a three-to-five-mile vigorous hike on Saturday at Buckeye Woods Park from 10 a.m. to noon. This is a continuous hike. Please dress for the weather, wear appropriate footwear, and bring along a bottle of water. Ages 10 and older. There is no registration required, and the hike is free.

Orienteering treasure hunt

Walk, hike, or run and challenge your land navigation skills with a 90-minute treasure-hunt scramble through Allardale Park, 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday. The individual or team that accumulates the most points wins. Suitable for all skill levels, and beginners are welcome. After the scramble is complete, a fall social/party will be held.

Pre-registration is encouraged at tinyurl.com/5n6cmeva. Limited walk-up maps will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Ages 12 and older. There is a $15 program fee if paid in advance. If registering on the day of the program, there is a $20 fee.

— from staff reports

BLOTTER

Wadsworth police

Tuesday, Oct. 20
2:28 p.m. — Williams Reserve Boulevard; police responded to a theft complaint. After an investigation, a woman was arrested.
3:42 a.m. — West Street; police were dispatched to a suspicious vehicle. After investigating, a person was taken into custody and transported to Wadsworth Rittman Hospital by Wadsworth EMS.
Wednesday, Oct. 21
7:20 a.m. — Grandview Avenue; police responded to a complaint of public indecency. An investigation is ongoing.
9:05 p.m. — East Smokerise Drive; police took the report of a theft. One person was arrested and given a summons
4:10 p.m. — Leeds Gate; police conducted a traffic stop. During a search of the vehicle, officers located suspected drugs inside the vehicle. This matter is currently under investigation.
10:37 p.m. — East Smokerise Drive; police responded to a detained shoplifter. One woman was issued a summons.
3:34 p.m. — Williams Reserve Boulevard; police responded to a theft complaint. After an investigation, a man was arrested.
Thursday, Oct. 22
5:01 p.m. — Partridge Drive; police took a theft report.
9:06 a.m. — West Street; police were made aware of a protection order violation that occurred at a residence. An investigation is underway.
7:42 a.m. — Bur Oak Drive; police took a report for a theft.
2:16 p.m. — Ambassador Drive; police took a report for theft.
7:33 p.m. — Williams Reserve Boulevard; police responded to a report of theft. An investigation is pending.

Lodi police

Tuesday, Oct. 20
5:06 a.m. — An officer conducted a traffic stop. A man was cited for driving under suspension and an equipment violation.
4:33 p.m. — A report was filed for a possible theft of construction materials from the Settlers Grove Development. The items were valued at approximately $850.
6:33 p.m. — Officers responded to Discount Drug Mart for a private property accident after the suspect vehicle had left the scene. The vehicle was located, and a woman was issued a citation for operating a vehicle under the influence. She was released to a sober family member.
Friday, Oct. 23
9:05 p.m. — Medina Street; an officer conducted a traffic stop. A man was cited for driving under suspension.
Saturday, Oct. 24
11:53 p.m. — Gaylord Street; an officer was dispatched to a residence for reports of a woman assaulting people and damaging property. A woman was arrested and charged accordingly. She was transported to the Medina County Jail.
11:35 p.m. — Hinterland Court; an officer was dispatched to a residence for a reported domestic disturbance. A man was arrested for domestic violence and transported to the Medina County Jail.

WATER

From A1

During an October capital projects work session, city officials described the project as a series of phases involving improvements to the existing facility. Officials said the work is intended to help the city meet future water needs while maintaining its ability to provide safe drinking water.

The city's proposed capital project timeline calls for construction of the second phase to be completed in 2027. The city also anticipates beginning or completing construction on the third phase in 2027, with the fourth phase scheduled for 2028.

Officials described the project as an Ohio Environmental Protection Agency mandate related to the city's ability to provide safe drinking water and meet regulatory requirements.

The city is also looking to use financing through the Ohio EPA's Water Supply Revolving Loan Account program to help pay for the improvements, rather than relying on traditional market-rate borrowing.

Completing the project could allow Wadsworth to increase its water production and treatment capacity without rebuilding the existing plant, officials said during the work session.

The proposed $296,000 contract represents an engineering step in that broader effort. The study is expected to help determine what additional capacity the existing infrastructure can accommodate and what improvements may still be necessary.

The ordinance had not received final approval as of Wednesday's meeting.

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WALK

From A1

Fireworks follow at about 6:45 p.m. on Broadway Street, weather permitting.

Visits and photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available on Broadway Street from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. A $5 donation benefits United Way Medina, though Mansier said donating is optional.

"We just want families to be able to come and truly enjoy the event without feeling burdened," she said.

Most activities are free. Indoor options include screenings of "The Muppet Christmas Carol" from noon to 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Show Biz Auditorium, 144 Broadway St.

Sunday features live reindeer from noon to 2 p.m. and the new petting zoo from 3 to 5 p.m., both on Broadway Street.

"We are going to be having a Nativity animal petting zoo that will include a camel and donkeys and sheep and goats," Mansier said.

Horse and carriage rides run from 3 to 5 p.m. Sunday at 144 N. Broadway St.

Free shuttles operate from 2 to 10 p.m. Saturday and noon to 6 p.m. Sunday. Parking locations are Common Grounds, 220 N. State Road, for the Green Shuttle; the Medina Schools administration lot, 739 Weymouth Road, for the Red Shuttle; and Ella Canavan School, 825 Lawrence St., for the Gold Shuttle.

Mansier encouraged visitors to shop or get dinner after Saturday's fireworks before taking a shuttle to avoid lines. Organizers added an extra hour of shuttle service.

Additional lighting and photo opportunities are also planned around the square.

Mansier said she hopes the event gets people into the giving spirit ahead of Thanksgiving and Christmas.

"We think it's a great kickoff to all of that," she said.

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Wendy's rejects buyout bid, braces for war

Dee-Ann Durbin
The Associated Press

Wendy's rejected a $1.4 billion buyout offer from an activist investor, saying Thursday that the bid was too low and didn't take into account the company's long-term earnings potential under its new CEO.

The Dublin-based burger chain also said Thursday that its board had adopted a "poison pill" plan designed to make it more difficult to engineer a hostile takeover of the company.

Noted investor Nelson Peltz made an offer last week to buy the chain, which has been struggling with high beef prices and aging stores. Peltz said the fast-food landscape had become increasingly challenging, with consumers under pressure, intensifying competition and persistent inflation, and his offer was the best path forward for shareholders.

But in a conference call with investors Thursday, Wendy's CEO Bob Wright, who joined the company in May, said Wendy's has a turnaround plan in place that is already producing good results. Wright, who is the fourth CEO to lead Wendy's since 2024, was previously the president and CEO of Potbelly. He has also held senior leadership roles at Wendy's, Checkers and Domino's Pizza.

"We're confident that we have the right strategy, execution and resources to restore Wendy's to its full potential and drive meaningful shareholder value," Wright said.

Shares rose less than 1 percent Thursday as the company reported a better than expected performance in the third quarter.

Wendy's said in a statement that a committee of independent directors unanimously rejected the offer because it "substantially undervalues" the company.

Wendy's shareholder rights plan — commonly known as a "poison pill" plan — grants all shareholders except a hostile bidder the right to purchase discounted shares and dilute the hostile bidder's ownership stake. It is automatically triggered if a person or group owns 15 percent or more of Wendy's shares.

Peltz's Trian Fund Management and other partners in the investor group that made the offer to Wendy's hold 16.3 percent of the company's shares. The plan would stay in place for one year, Wendy's said.

Trian didn't immediately respond to a request for comment Thursday. Peltz served as chairman of Wendy's board for 17 years until 2024. His son Bradley Peltz still serves on the company's board and is a Wendy's franchisee.

Dine Brands, the parent company of Applebee's and IHOP, adopted a similar one-year poison pill plan last week to fend off a takeover bid by two investment firms.

Founded in 1969 by Dave Thomas and named after his daughter, Wendy's is known for its square burgers and Frosty desserts. The fast-growing chain introduced the drive-thru window in 1970 and went public in 1976. In the 1980s, as it jockeyed for sales with McDonald's and Burger King, Wendy's launched salad bars and ran its iconic "Where's the beef?" ad campaign.

But as the fast-food market grew even more competitive and rival burger-focused chains like In-N-Out and Five Guys expanded, Wendy's fell behind. Wendy's share of U.S. burger chain sales fell from 11.5 percent in 2019 to 10.4 percent last year, according to Technomic, a market research company.

The industry has also been seeing lower U.S. traffic, especially from lower-income customers, as high gas prices and affordability concerns eat into household budgets. Third-quarter foot traffic fell 2.6 percent across the entire fast food sector in the U.S., according to Revenue Management Solutions, a restaurant industry consultant.

Wendy's has been closing outdated U.S. restaurants so it can focus on its more profitable locations. The company closed 240 restaurants in 2024 and said earlier this year that it planned to shutter up to 358 locations in 2026.

Then, in September, one of the largest U.S. franchisees for Wendy's filed for bankruptcy protection after the chain tried to terminate its franchise agreement.



AP

Jaime Quintero, left, senior process engineer at NanoFabrication Core at Arizona State University, reviews data with students from Rio Salado College as they participate in a chip-making lab at the ASU NanoFa on Oct. 20 in Tempe, Arizona.

Chipmaking draws students

Wufei Yu
The Associated Press

TEMPE, Ariz. — For three years, Ethan Mock worked part-time at a gym to make ends meet while taking on more than $100,000 in debt to pursue a degree in business administration. Earlier this year — his fifth and final at Northern Arizona University — he began looking beyond his major for a stable career.

So in July, when he learned over the radio about a tuition-free, three-month semiconductor crash course at Rio Salado College, he signed up immediately, despite having no background in the field. The draw: the community college's new program offered students a chance to interview with major chipmakers in Arizona.

Two months later, clad in protective gear inside a lab, Mock was operating advanced machinery used to turn thin slices of silicon into semiconductor chips that power smartphones, robotics and data centers.

"I do want to be in a booming industry," said Mock, 23. "It was very exciting to get right into the meat and bones of the semiconductor manufacturing, which is really cool."

Learning alongside him were a 64-year-old middle school teacher, a software developer in his 50s who recently was laid off, gig workers without degrees, and younger students considering alternatives to a traditional college degree.

The cohort is enrolled in a highly specialized chip-manufacturing course that's part of a growing network of short-term, hands-on programs at community colleges. Their goal is to fill entry-level positions, such as technicians who maintain and service production equipment, more quickly.

The push comes as the world's leading chipmakers struggle to find workers to run new U.S. plants. Encouraged by the sweeping 2022 CHIPS Act seeking to boost domestic production, they have poured over $800 billion into new U.S. semiconductor fabrication plants.

Yet the U.S. semiconductor industry could face a shortage of as many as 157,000 full-time workers by 2030, said Shari Liss, who leads talent initiatives at the global chip industry group SEMI and manages a workforce development program funded by the CHIPS Act.

Experts warn that Texas, Ohio, California, New York and Arizona are set to encounter the most acute semiconductor labor shortages, which may stall production plans and cripple U.S. ambitions to lead in artificial intelligence.

"What keeps me up at night is: how are we going to fill all of these roles?" Liss said. "The task is daunting."

Community colleges expand training with government and industry support

Spurred by the CHIPS Act, federal agencies like the National Science Foundation and leading producers in the field, such as Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Company, Samsung and SK Hynix, are funding the partnerships.

AI wipeout has Wall Street in a tailspin

Stan Choe
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A brutal selloff swept through Wall Street Thursday, led by stocks tied to the buildout of AI data centers. The wipeout more than erased the U.S. stock market's gain from the day before, which was its best in three months.

The S&P 500 fell 4.4 percent for its worst day since President Donald Trump shook markets worldwide in April 2025 with his "Liberation Day" tariffs. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 1,833 points, or 3.4 percent, while the Nasdaq composite tumbled 5.5 percent.

The Nasdaq, which is full of AI-related and other tech stocks, sank 11.9 percent below its all-time high set last month. Stock geeks call a loss of more than 10 percent a "correction."

Stock markets around the world felt pressure from continued drops for companies that had benefited from the boom in the artificial-intelligence technology industry, and South Korea's Kospi index tumbled 5.3 percent. Such stocks have been swinging for months on worries that the construction of further AI data centers may slow because of how expensive it's become to borrow money. Critics also said AI stock prices had shot too high and were in a bubble.

Tuesday's U.S. midterm elections added another challenge. The nationwide victories for Democrats raised the possibility that governments could force pauses in construction of more data centers. Voters across political parties say they're wary about AI and don't like the increases to power bills caused by data centers.

Any slowdown in construction of AI data centers would mean fewer purchases of AI chips, not to mention electricity and other products and services that are getting vacuumed up in the AI frenzy, which is driving much of the U.S. economy's growth.

Nvidia, the chip company that quickly became the face of the AI boom, fell 9.3 percent and was by far the heaviest weight on the S&P 500. It's now down 2.6 percent for the year so far following annual gains of roughly 39 percent, 171 percent and 239 percent in the last three years.

Advanced Micro Devices tumbled 17.3 percent. CoreWeave, a company that rents access to AI chips to customers over the cloud, fell 9.8 percent. GE Vernova, which has been helping to power data centers, sank 7.5 percent.

Compounding the pain for investors, AI chip stocks are some of Wall Street's most influential because they've become some of the largest. A 1 percent move for Nvidia, for example, has more effect on the S&P 500 than a 1 percent move for nearly any other U.S. stock.

Thursday's losses were broad after gains for the majority of stocks on Wall Street during the morning quickly evaporated.

Among the handful of winners was AppLovin, which jumped 31 percent% after the marketing platform reported both revenue and profit that topped analysts' expectations. The company's board also approved a program to send up to $3.2 billion to investors by buying back its own stock, bringing the program's total potential value to $3.6 billion.

Musk bet $445M on midterm election and lost

Jesse Bedayn and Barbara Ortutay
The Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Elon Musk spent at least $445 million in a gambit to help Republicans keep control of Congress, an amount roughly equivalent to someone on a $100,000 annual salary saving every penny for 4,400 years.

To the world's first trillionaire, it's a pittance, but the billions of dollars' worth of business his companies do with the federal government is not. And on Tuesday night, a Republican Party that had embraced Musk lost again and again, ceding control of Congress to a Democratic Party leery of the world's richest person and keen to put his companies and his work at the Department of Government Efficiency under a microscope.

Nobody may have suffered bigger losses Tuesday than President Donald Trump. But few others had more on the line than Musk, who gambled big and came up holding the midterm's worst return on investment. Democrats in Congress were already queuing to get their shot at Musk, with possible subpoenas and investigations.

As the bloodiest election for Republicans in recent history wore on, Musk joked on X, the social media site he owns. "Guess my election-interfering space lasers didn't work this time," he wrote with a shrug emoji.

Musk now faces new threats to his bottom line in places including Texas, where he has based himself and several of his companies. Musk spent at least $5 million to try to reelect Republican Gov. Greg Abbott, who lost. Democrats also secured control of the Texas House and the U.S. Senate, partly by beating Texas Republican Attorney General Ken Paxton, who effectively benefited from $158 million of Musk's spending but lost his Senate race against Democrat James Talarico.

It was the first statewide win for Democrats in Texas in more than 30 years, and the candidates won in part by hammering Musk, the tax breaks and grants his companies receive, and his relationships with elected Republicans.

"This era of open corruption is going to come to an end," said Rep. Gene Wu, chairman of the state legislature's newly empowered Democratic Caucus.

Musk did not respond to messages seeking comment.

Slightly more than half of Texas voters said they had an unfavorable opinion of Musk, according to The AP Voter Poll of more than 5,000 voters in the state. While Musk is overwhelmingly viewed positively by MAGA Republicans, those numbers dip for non-MAGA GOP voters and plummet for independent and Democratic voters.

Those were the voters who Talarico and Democrat Gina Hinojosa, who beat Abbott in the governor's race, were targeting. The two often framed politics not through partisanship but as billionaires versus everyday Texans, and Musk's emergence as a major Republican benefactor played into that message.

"Paxton is funded by one dude. Elon Musk wants our land. He wants our water. He wants our tax dollars. He wants his very own personal United States senator," Talarico told a crowd in his final rally of the election, just after Hinojosa gave a similar excoriation on the same Austin stage.

"We know that Elon Musk got a $1.7 billion property tax break here in Texas, property taxes that the rest of us have to pay full price on," Hinojosa said.

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ANOTHEROPINION

Voters rejected tariffs and so should Congress

Amid the drubbing Republicans received in mid-term elections on Tuesday, one point shouldn't get lost: Voters have summarily rejected the president's tariffs, and the new Democratic congressional majority should do what it can to overturn them.

Erratic tariff policy has now been disrupting the the U.S. economy for close to a decade. Although the full consequences will take time to emerge, it's clear that the costs to date are heavy, and falling on Americans. Voters have noticed: Large majorities told pollsters that tariffs had hurt the economy, punctuating the electorate's overall dissatisfaction with rising prices.

Tariff advocates — notably the president — have argued that an economy as big as the U.S. has untapped market power in global trade, meaning high tariffs can force foreign suppliers to cut their prices. In effect, foreigners will pay the tax, leaving domestic consumers no worse off.

A tempting prospect, and in theory not entirely implausible.In practice, though, the evidence is clear: The idea is just plain wrong.

This should've been obvious long before Election Day. Multiple studies of duties imposed in 2018-19 had already found their effects were fully passed through to the U.S. side of the border. Newer work finds the same of those imposed in 2025.

Higher costs get spread around different kinds of buyers: importers, wholesalers, retailers, producers using imports as inputs, and final consumers. This dispersal obscures and delays the eventual effects of tariffs on headline inflation — which is concerned only with that last category, the prices of final consumer goods. Despite such complexities, the basic fact remains that Americans have been picking up the bill.

Volatile policy has further complicated the picture. Rates applied to particular countries have often been wildly at odds with what was first announced. Tariffs have veered up and down in response to trade partners' concessions, legal setbacks and shifting rationales. With the outlook so uncertain, importers have likely chosen to absorb some of the higher costs for now, rather than risk losing customers because of what might be a temporary disruption. But such relief is likely to be temporary.

Surveys this year found that more than 40 percent of businesses hit by tariffs expected to pass through more in due course.Economists at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York have clarified two other indirect channels through which, after a delay, tariffs raise consumer prices. First, they push up the costs of inputs in production, which makes other final products more expensive. Second, they let sellers of competing goods raise their prices too. These additional effects represent about 30 percent of the measured pass-through to consumer prices, according to the study.

The authors find that, as of February, tariffs had added nearly three percentage points to consumer prices.Consumers are eventually on the receiving end in other ways as well. Studies have shown that they've switched to buying products with higher price per unit weight, "half of which is achieved via smaller package size." Tariff-induced shrinkflation, in other words. As in 2018-19, they're also gravitating to cheaper, lower-quality goods.

To be sure, these findings barely scratch the surface of the harm the new tariff policies will do if allowed to persist. The biggest long-term costs of protection, even when it's well-executed, are diminished competition, mounting inefficiency and slower innovation — burdens that would gradually undermine the U.S. economy's core strengths.

Democrats are rightly celebrating a huge victory this week. They should recognize that few issues are more responsive to voters' concerns about inflation — or more urgent to quickly address.

— Bloomberg Opinion

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Voters rightly punished Trumpism



GEORGE WILL

Darline Graham's closing argument as to why she should continue representing South Carolina in the U.S. Senate was to call her opponent "batshit crazy." By emulating the coarseness of her creator, Donald Trump, Graham became a vignette illustrating the deterioration of the nation's civic life. Her opponent is now called "Senator-elect."

When Graham's brother, Lindsey, a senator, died in July, she was appointed to complete his expiring term, then she was chosen by Trump to (he assumed) serve a full term. He did this for the same reason he stocked his government with obedient misfits and intellectual ciphers (Kristi Noem, Pam Bondi, Tulsi Gabbard, Robert F. Kennedy Jr., Pete Hegseth, and on and on).

Trump elevated Graham for the same reason he has smashed the White House and splattered the nation's capital with his bad taste. He has done all this because: He could.

He could, partly because the Republican-controlled Senate was invertebrate. Graham promised to be the president's sock puppet ("I will have President Trump's back 100 percent"). South Carolinians detected how he, and she, insulted them.

A fun fact: Come Jan. 3, the Senate will include a Kansas Democrat. The last time one was elected to the Senate, in 1932, the Democrat had been born in 1879, during the presidency of Rutherford B. Hayes. Political scientists can perhaps tickle from the electoral data some facts about the following.

How much did the masked marauders of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement contribute to making one of Trump's two most salient issues in 2024, immigration, into a negative for him? How much did his tariffs nullify another winning issue of 2024, inflation?

The importance of money in politics is more asserted and deplored than measured. In Texas, Elon Musk, the most overrated dabbler in U.S. politics, perhaps did something useful with his estimated $224 million money geyser for Republicans. He unintentionally demonstrated that there is a point at which the utility of political dollars not only declines steeply, but actually becomes negative. Senator-elect James Talarico prospered politically while saying, "Texas is not for sale."

Furthermore, all political spending funds, directly or indirectly, the dissemination of political speech. Those who have nothing intelligent, interesting, pertinent or plausible to say will injure themselves by lavish spending that makes this absence obvious. Vivek Ramaswamy will not be Ohio's governor (or a Republican presidential candidate again), in part because of a campaign ad (featuring his opponent's mother) that will live in political lore as a spectacular act of self-harm.

Tuesday was hardly an extinction event for the Republican Party. The last time the party's survival was said to be doubtful was after the 1964 shellacking of Barry Goldwater, who lost 44 states. The party won four of the next five, and five of the next seven, presidential elections.

Our parties are primordial. So, the Republicans' recovery is as predictable as what will cause it — excesses by Democrats. They will misread the largely negative nature of the voters' mandate to them, which is: Stop the national embarrassments, the rampant egotism, corruption, recklessness and incompetence.

Congressional Democrats will rightly try to investigate, publicize and discourage all of this. Trump might inadvertently give Congress a spine transplant by spurning its subpoenas. By a political version of Newton's third law of motion (for every force or action in nature there is an equal and opposite reaction), his obduracy might prompt, on Capitol Hill and in the public, an overdue reaction against presidentialism — the overbearing primacy of the chief executive — that has poisoned politics for decades.

Meanwhile, stifle post-election giddiness. It is time for a sobering thought.

Lear raging on the heath is a figure of pathos. So, in a different way, was Trump when, the day before the elections, he chose, weirdly, the National Mall's Reflecting Pool as the site for more of his maunderings about this and that.

Euphoria about the smashing to smithereens of his degraded party — a necessary act of civic hygiene — should be tempered by some facts: The president has learned how much latitude a president has if he acts fast and breaks things because he has no constitutional conscience — no allegiance to the spirit of the document. He has learned this from executive branch enablers masquerading as conservatives.

And the most important fact we have learned this autumn is never mind his ballroom and his gigantic arch-cum-sniper's-nest. The president's rhetorical streams of semiconsciousness have made something patent: He is not well. There might be dark, dangerous days ahead.

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The GOP has a chance for a hard reboot



ABBY MCCLOSKEY

Texas is far and away the biggest upset of the 2026 midterms. The resounding defeat of MAGA here also offers the Republican Party a chance for a hard reboot — if the GOP is brave enough to take it.

Texas is the largest red state in the nation. It hasn't had national Democratic representation in three decades; it voted for President Donald Trump three times; and Trump held his midterm convention here just two months ago. The losing Republican Senate candidate, Ken Paxton, was hand-selected by Trump over incumbent Senator John Cornyn in the primary.

Democrat James Talarico beat him handily, 55 percent to 43 percent.

It's hard to overstate this. For all Democrats' long talk of turning Texas purple or blue, the last Democrat to come close was Beto O'Rourke in 2018, when he lost to Senator Ted Cruz. It's the kind of state that, when driving from North Texas to Round Top like I did last week, you'll see a billboard showing an evolutionary progression from a caveman to Jesus Christ to Donald Trump.

But there were too many Talarico yard signs to ignore; and not just in the city, but out in the country. I had too many conversations with moms, especially in the Dallas area, who were giddy to vote for him. And although 60 percent of Texas women voted for Talarico, it was Texas men (28 points) who swung even more Democratic than Texas women (24 points), relative to 2024.

There were too many bad Paxton corruption stories. Too many conservatives blanked Paxton, including former President George W. Bush, confirming many voters' gut instinct that he just wasn't fit for higher office. There were too many dirty campaign tricks.

And voters in Texas are just as fed up with high gas prices, corruption, and the war in Iran as voters anywhere else in America. According to the University of Texas/Texas Politics Project Poll, nearly 7 in 10 Texans felt the country is on the wrong track; in a democracy, that means the party in power is going to lose.

And then there was the money. Texan Elon Musk spent a historic sum on the midterms, nearly $250 million of which went right into Texas, according to the New York Times. But Texans are an independent bunch; we don't want to be bought.

To me, the race was sealed when a conservative Christian Hispanic woman I know put a Talarico bumper sticker on her car. She's been conservative for pro-life reasons, but then deportations came to her church. A quarter of the Texas electorate is Hispanic, and they moved more solidly left relative to 2024 than almost any other demographic — by a whopping 42 points. That trend also played out nationally.

Speaking of Hispanic representation, for the first time ever, Texas will have a Hispanic governor. Democrat Gina Hinojosa's win over incumbent Governor Greg Abbott came as much more of a surprise than Talarico's victory. Her victory was slightly smaller than Talarico's, 52.9 percent to 45.6 percent, but it is arguably even more telling. That's because Abbott is a long-time incumbent, a traditional conservative and was not plagued with Paxton's baggage. He also consistently polled ahead of Hinojosa throughout the campaign until the very end.

I attribute Abbott's defeat primarily to the anti-incumbent, anti-MAGA, anti-Trump energy, which affected races up and down the ballot. Data centers, I suspect, also played a role.

Given the unique dynamics of this cycle, it's too soon to tell whether Texas' blue swing is part of a broader realignment. Talarico is clearly a talented campaigner; if he proves to be a talented legislator, too, Democrats may hold that seat six years from now.

But my hope for Texas is bigger. Maybe it's where the GOP can be reborn. The party has strayed far from conservatism and moderation, character and accountability. It bears little resemblance to any of the values I hold dear — values that a progressive party, by its nature, is unlikely to represent. Conservatives need a movement that's humble, brave and forward-looking, not vindictive, corrupt or performative.

We needed a Texas-sized reset — and we got one.

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Trump left to weigh next move with Iran

Aamer Madhani, Linley Sanders, Samy Magdy and Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As he takes stock of his Republican Party's midterm drubbing, President Donald Trump now faces the difficult question of what to do about his unpopular 8-month-old war against Iran.

For weeks, Trump has threatened to return to a full-scale bombardment of Iran once the U.S. elections were in the rearview mirror if Tehran did not come to a settlement under terms acceptable to him.

In his first comments on Wednesday after Democrats' resounding election victory — a wave powered in part by the American electorate's dissatisfaction with the war — Trump largely agreed with Vice President JD Vance, who publicly ruminated on the war being a catastrophe for Republicans.

And in an Oval Office exchange with reporters Thursday, Trump suggested that the election losses aren't weighing on his calculations.

"If we have to do the rest of the Iran thing, we're very much locked in," Trump said.

The strikes, and counterstrikes, have caused tens of billions of dollars of damage in the region. And the conflict has reached into the pocketbook of families around the globe with elevated gas prices and rising costs in just about every sector.

Now, as Trump ponders his next move, the stakes couldn't be higher for Iran, the Middle East and the global economy writ large.

Trump may be less restrained, but the conflict is now more complicated

While oil is flowing again from the Strait of Hormuz with the help of U.S. Navy escorts for international tankers, the conflict has spread to the Red Sea with Iran-backed Houthi rebels and a Saudi Arabia -led coalition fighting it out.

The situation in the Red Sea remains particularly volatile. The Houthis are attacking Yemeni civilians and Saudi infrastructure, and are looking to bolster ties with militant groups across the Horn of Africa.

The attacks by the Yemen-based Houthis on areas controlled by the internationally recognized Yemeni government have also worsened a growing humanitarian crisis.

The threat that the region faces from Iran and its proxy groups, noted a senior Yemeni government official, "did not change overnight" with the U.S. elections, urging Washington to avoid hasty decisions. The official was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the basis of anonymity.

"There's reason to suspect that Trump may feel less restrained given that the political damage is done," said Brian Haggerty, a former senior analyst at the Central Intelligence Agency who focused on Middle East security issues. "At the same time, the strategic calculus or the strategic logic of what you hope to achieve through an escalation of strikes against Iran is no different today than it was a week ago or a month ago."

Trump has at least a few options, analysts say

Haggerty, who now works with Defense Priorities, a Washington think tank, said Trump could choose to maintain something close to the current posture, with the U.S. military carrying out what it calls "defensive strikes" while continuing its naval blockade to restrict the flow of Iranian oil to the global market.

Another option is striking Iran's Pickaxe Mountain, a facility linked to its nuclear program that is buried deep underground in central Iran, said David Schenker, who served as assistant secretary of state for Near Eastern affairs in Trump's first term. Trump has repeatedly suggested he was considering targeting the site.

Schenker said Trump could then walk away and contend he had done sufficient damage to Iran's nuclear program — and perhaps try to pursue a "fig leaf agreement" that restores freedom of navigation to the Strait of Hormuz, offers Iran some degree of sanctions relief, and punts additional nuclear talks to the future.

Yet another option would be to follow up on threats Trump made earlier in the war to launch massive attacks on Iranian infrastructure. "The Iranians may believe the president is wounded and constrained by Congress, but the opposite can also be true," Schenker said.

But such escalation would likely exacerbate the oil and energy price problem that many voters cited as a reason for supporting Democrats on Tuesday, Schenker said.

The price for a barrel of Brent crude oil tumbled below $95 on Wednesday after the election, touching its lowest level in two months, a signal that markets do not expect major strikes.

Iran, of course, also has a say, analysts note.

"Once you start a fistfight, you can stop throwing punches. That doesn't mean the other combatant will stop throwing punches," said Bradley Bowman, an analyst at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. "We can try to end the war, but what do we do if the Islamic Republic of Iran continues to attack shipping in the Strait of Hormuz?"

Regional officials are on high alert for what Trump does next

Middle East officials had been hanging on Trump's every word in the weeks leading up to the U.S. elections, looking for clues on how the Republican leader was weighing his next steps.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu pressed for renewed strikes on Iran during a call over the weekend with Trump, who would not commit to taking military action, according to a person who was briefed on it.

Three Middle Eastern government officials said on Wednesday that Trump and his administration had seemed to be signaling to Iran that its leverage would only diminish after the U.S. elections were over.

Administration officials had privately suggested in diplomatic channels that Trump might be more willing to restart strikes after Nov. 3 because he'd have little left to lose politically, according to the officials, who were not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

After Tuesday's electoral shellacking, there was lingering concern that Trump might be more emboldened to carry out full-scale or new limited strikes against Iran, the officials said.

A fourth official said the results of the election gave mediators a measure of optimism about finding a pathway to resolving the conflict.

Meanwhile, Vance appeared to more forcefully pin the electoral debacle on the Iran war than his boss Trump, who initially blamed the GOP's candidates for the big loss.

"The reason we lost," Vance said of the midterm elections in a lengthy social media post, "is the war."

Vance, a potential 2028 presidential contender, had been among the most skeptical inside the White House on the wisdom of launching the war but got on board with Trump's decision once he made it.

Voter data shows Iran had an impact but was not the top issue

Several Democratic candidates who scored upsets on Tuesday noted voter discontent with the Iran war in their victory speeches.

"Wherever I went, I heard the same thing," said Sen.-elect Josh Turek of Iowa. "They would say, Josh, I'm struggling just to keep food on the table, keep a roof above my head, pay my electric bill. And with this war in Iran, I'm struggling just to keep gas in my tank."

About 6 in 10 voters said the U.S. made the "wrong decision" in taking military action against Iran, according to The AP Voter Poll, a survey of more than 100,000 voters in the United States.

Most of those voters dissatisfied with the Iran war backed the Democratic candidate in their local U.S. House race, but the survey suggested the Iran war was not the top issue for most voters.

Only about one-third of voters said the war in Iran was "crucial" to shaping how they voted for Congress. That was well below the roughly half who said that about the cost of living or government corruption.

Nearly all voters who backed the Democratic candidate in their local U.S. House race said going to war with Iran was the "wrong decision," while roughly 8 in 10 voters who backed the Republican candidate said it was the "right decision."

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A public hearing was held on November 2, 2026 and continued to November 16, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for Variance Application #10-26-022 submitted by CIVPRO Engineering, LLC, 4450 Belden Village Street NW, Suite 800, Canton, OH 44718 for Southern Medina Veterinary Clinic, 4840 Poe Road, Medina, OH 44256 owned by Little Chippewa Realty LLC, 1665 N. Main Street, Orrville, OH 44667.
As opposed to a variance of 7.77 feet, a variance of 7.84 feet is requested, from the required 25-foot east side setback per Chapter 430, Commercial District Regulations, Section 430.5, Yard and Spacing Requirements. As opposed to an east side yard setback of 17.23 feet, the variance would allow an addition to the building to be 17.16 feet from the east side property line. The correction represents a .07 feet increase in the variance request. The property is located in the Community Business District.
Documentation is available in the Zoning Office (330-725-8313) on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursday and Friday from 7 a.m. to 10 a.m., excluding holidays.

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BRUNSWICK CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Variance applications have been submitted to the Brunswick City Board of Zoning Appeals by:

Case #2026-0044, Kathy Clarke on behalf of Hylan Dental Care, for property located at 1378 Pearl Road in Brunswick, Ohio 44212, Permanent Parcel # 003-18C-02-128, in the C-G General Commercial District. Pursuant to Brunswick Zoning Code Section 1270.07(b) and Section 1270.05 Table B pertaining to number of wall signs per street frontage. The applicant came before the Board on August 17, 2026 where she was granted a variance for the 10 sq. ft. wall sign on the west elevation of the building, which was in addition to the 40 sq. ft. wall sign on the east elevation that faces Pearl Road. The applicant was denied the variance for the 56.2 sq. ft. wall sign on the north elevation of the building. The applicant has revised the wording and size of the sign for the north elevation and is now seeking a variance for a 40 sq. ft. wall sign on the north side of the building. Code permits one wall sign per street frontage.

Case #2026-0048, Oak Ridge Preserve LLC, for property located at 2903 Grafton Road in Brunswick, Ohio 44212, Permanent Parcel # 003-18B-23-098, in the R-L Low Density Residential District. Pursuant to Brunswick Zoning Code Section 1284.04(a)(1) pertaining to minimum area for single-family cluster dwelling development. The applicant is seeking a variance of 2.0868 acres to construct a single-family cluster dwelling development on a 22.9132-acre site; Code requires a minimum of 25 acres. The subdivision will consist of 28 conventional single-family dwellings (65%) and 15 single-family cluster units (35%), as permitted by Section 1284.05(c) of the Zoning Code.

The Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a public hearing for this application on Monday, November 16, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in Council Chambers at the Brunswick Municipal Center, 4095 Center Road, Brunswick, Ohio.

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LEGAL NOTICE

The Unknown Heirs at Law or Under the Will, if any, of Harold T. Roberts, deceased, whose last place of residence/business is unknown, and The Unknown Heirs at Law or Under the Will, if any, of Suzanne P. Roberts, deceased, whose last place of residence/business is unknown, but whose present place of residence/business is unknown will take notice that on August 28, 2026, PennyMac Loan Services, LLC filed its Complaint in Case No. 2026CIV0864 and on September 9, 2026 its Amended Complaint in the Court of Common Pleas Medina County, Ohio, 225 E. Washington Street, Medina, OH 44256, alleging that the Defendant(s) The Unknown Heirs at Law or Under the Will, if any, of harold T. Roberts, deceased, and The Unknown Heirs at law or Under the Will, if any, of Suzanne P. Roberts, deceased, have or claim to have an interest in the real estate described below:

Permanent Parcel Number: 040-20D-08-114; Property Address: 383 3rd Street, Wadsworth, OH 44281. The legal description may be obtained from the Medina County Auditor at Medina County Treasurer's Office
144 North Broadway Street, Medina, Ohio 44256,
330-725-9754.

The Petitioner further alleges that by reason of default of the Defendant(s) in the payment of a promissory note, according to its tenor, the conditions of a concurrent mortgage deed given to secure the payment of said note and conveying the premises described, have been broken, and the same has become absolute.

The Pretitioner prays that the Defendat(s) named above be required to answer and set up their interest in said real estate or be forever barred from asserting the same, for foreclosure of said mortgage, the marshalling of any liens, and the sale of said real estate, and the proceeds of said sale applied to the payment of Petitioner's Claim in the proper order of its priority, and for such other and further relief as is just and equitable.

THE DEFENDANT(S) NAMED ABOVE ARE REQUIRED TO ANSWER ON OR BEFORE THE 18TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2026.

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PUBLIC HEARING BRUNSWICK CITY PLANNING COMMISSION

A conditional zoning certificate application and detailed site plan have been submitted on behalf of the City of Brunswick, for property located at 507 North Carpenter Road, Brunswick, Ohio, to construct Behner Park, which will consist of two ballfields, a 676 sq. ft. precast concession stand/restroom facility, and a 116-space asphalt parking lot, including five handicap spaces (one van-accessible).

Governmentally-owned recreational facilities are a conditionally permitted use in the R-L Low Density Residential District, pursuant to Section 1252.04(d), subject to Section 1274.08(a)(1) of the Zoning Code, which requires all structures and activity areas to be located at least 75' from all residential property lines, but does not include sports fields.

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for this proposal on Thursday, November 19, 2026 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The hearing will be held in Council Chambers at the Brunswick Municipal Center, 4095 Center Road. The application can be reviewed in the office of Community Development during normal business hours, or by appointment.

Pamela Plavecski,
Division of Planning
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MEDINA COUNTY GAZETTE

Obituaries & Memoriams

Robert Moteleski



Robert Moteleski, 86, of Seville, passed away peacefully Tuesday, November 3, 2026 at Medina Hospital, surrounded by his loving family.

Robert was born August 15, 1940 in Berea, to Stephen and Alice (Cecelich) Moteleski. He grew up as the oldest brother of Donald and Edward with a close-knit extended family. Bob loved sports, starring as a running back in football and a sprinter in track at Berea High School. After graduating in 1959, he proudly served his country in the United States Coast Guard from 1959 to 1963. He loved to share his 'sea stories' with anyone who would allow him, especially his tales of saving sunburned women and children fleeing from Cuba in 1961 when he was stationed in Key West, Florida.

After he was honorably discharged from the Coast Guard, Robert began to work for Bob Schmitt Homes in Strongsville. He began as a truck driver, and through hard work, diligence, and loyalty, became the well-respected supervisor of the cabinet shop. He enjoyed working there with his brother, Don. Robert always said that Bob Schmitt treated him 'like a son'.

In 1964, Robert met the love of his life, Denise Riley. While her blonde bouffant, blue eyes, and little red Corvette might have drawn him in, her infectious personality made him stay. They married in 1965 and later welcomed the other love of his life, his daughter, Kim. During that time, Robert designed and built the family's first home, a beautiful ranch on Ridge Road in North Royalton.

In 1970, the allure of country life sent the family to the Seville area, where Bob and Denise would live for their entire married life. A certified city boy, Bob adapted well to country living. He learned to herd cows, build barns, and clean stalls with the best of them. While he was always more comfortable in his beloved workshop than on a tractor, he did enjoy the peace and quiet that their expansive property afforded him.

Robert realized his lifelong dream of becoming an entrepreneur in 1983 when he established Moe's Cabinets. Using the skills and techniques that he had honed over the years, his craftsmanship was unparalleled. As his nephew, Scott, said, Bob was the original 'Bob the Builder.' He was self-employed until 2009. During that time, he worked countless hours, allowing for one exception, the REAL love of his life, his grandson, Craig. He thoroughly enjoyed cheering for Craig in all sports but particularly football, sponsoring his teams, fishing together, teaching him the tools of the woodworking trade, and sharing his passion of model railroading with him. To say that Craig and Grandpa Moe were buddies is an understatement.

Bob and Denise downsized in 2015 when they moved to Autumn Meadows on the other side of Seville, starting a new chapter of their lives. As Bob became less shy and more sociable, he was the self-proclaimed 'mayor' of the neighborhood. He was known to even ride around on his shiny red cruiser bike, a treasured birthday gift from Craig and his lovely wife, Katy. Shortly after Denise passed away in 2022, Robert moved to Western Reserve Masonic Community in Medina in 2023. He lived in the assisted living community until his death.

Preceded in death by his parents, brothers, and wife of 56 years, Robert is survived by his adoring daughter, Kim Snyder and his favorite son-in-law, Mark. Also surviving him is his beloved grandson, Craig Snyder and his wife, Katy, and their precious twin daughters, Ava and Brynn Snyder. He is also survived by niece, Lisa Moteleski Jordan and her husband, Jim; nephew, Jeff Moteleski and wife, Michelle; nephew, Scott Riley and his wife, Kathy; niece, Dawn Miller and her husband, Marc; and their families.

Robert will be remembered for his honesty, integrity, hard-working nature, and loyalty. He was the kind of man who could judge a person by a handshake and was the definition of a true gentleman.

Robert will be buried with Denise at Westfield Cemetery in Westfield Center.

The family would like to express their gratitude to Dr. Goyal, Dr. Ram, Dr. Shewbridge, and Dr. Abramovich for their years of tremendous care for Robert. The family would also like to thank Dr. Asmar, Dr. Esposito, the staff at Western Reserve Masonic Community, and the staff at Medina Hospital for their attentive care.



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Charlotte J. Harris

September 14, 1955 - October 22, 2026



Charlotte J. Harris (Cottingham), 71 of Marshallville, entered into rest Thursday, October 22, 2026, following a brief illness at Aultman Woodlawn hospice center in Canton, Ohio. She was born September 14, 1955, to Cone and Esther (Conrad) Cottingham in Wadsworth, Ohio. She remained in Medina and Wayne counties for the remainder of her life.

She married John Harris on December 1, 1984. They spent most of their time drag racing their car and working. John passed away July 29, 2025, after 40 years of marriage. Char worked for Parker Hannifin as a Senior Assembler for 33 years, retiring in 2018.

She is survived by her sister-in-law, Stephanie (Ralph) Simmons of Springfield, Tennessee and Andrea Beard- Cottingham of Orrville; her precious kitty, 'Fluffnut'; many nieces, nephews, and special friends, Trisha R., Trisha B., Julie, Jan and Jeena.

She was preceded in death by her parents; infant sisters, Linda and Rebecca; and brothers, Richard and Dewight.

Cremation has taken place and she will be laid to rest with her husband, John in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in the spring of 2027 with Celebration of Life to follow.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to The Wayne County Humane Society, 1161 Mechanicsburg Rd., Wooster, Ohio 44691.

Bollinger's Funeral Goods and Services in Brunswick is assisting the family.

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From A1

The detectors will help prevent contraband from entering the facility, protect staff and support the safety, accountability and well-being of those inside.

The security control and intercom upgrades will add to approximately $1 million in improvements made to the detention center over the past year. Recent work includes repaving the parking lot, installing concrete sidewalks and a new roof, replacing office carpeting and adding a bullet-resistant window at the entrance.

"By investing in modern security systems and facility improvements, we can ensure that our juvenile detention center remains a secure place for rehabilitation," Dunn said. "Investing in security and safety is an investment in rehabilitation of our youth."

For more information about the Medina County Probate and Juvenile Court or its programs, visit MedinaProbate.org.

Contact reporter Kellyn Flohr at 330-591-5392 or kflohr@medina-gazette.com.



AP

An airliner is pictured at Sofia's Vasil Levski Airport in Bulgaria on Thursday as three Ryanair flights bound for Sofia, had to make emergency landings because of bomb threats on board.

Bomb threats ground flights

Colleen Barry, Angela Charlton and David Biller
The Associated Press

MILAN — Bomb threats targeted more than a dozen flights in Europe on Thursday, leading to a slew of emergency landings and military escorts in some cases, authorities said. No hazardous or suspicious materials have been found in what a British official called "malicious" hoaxes.

Several similar threats targeted planes earlier this week, prompting searches and diversions. Europe has experienced a slew of other disruptions recently, such as attacks on supermarket refrigeration systems, drone incursions and mysterious triggers to alert apps.

While fake bomb threats are relatively common, it is unusual to see so many in a single day. They come at a time of increased geopolitical tensions and warnings from authorities that Russia may be ramping up so-called hybrid threats in Europe.

It wasn't known whether this week's threats were linked, who sent them or what they hoped to achieve.

An email containing the threat to Rome-bound planes was sent on behalf of a group that described itself as anti-feminist, according to a copy provided by an airport official and reviewed by The Associated Press. An official from another European airport said the threat they received also came from a group calling itself anti-feminist, and used some of the same language. It wasn't clear if the same group sent the two threats. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to share the information.

Travelers weren't too frightened

At Rome's airport, travelers whose flights weren't affected seemed to take the threats in stride.

"As of now, I am not scared of being in an airport or getting on board a plane," said Alessia Strada, a 19-year-old Italian returning from Kenya. "Probably this idea I have about traveling in Europe will change in the near future, but let's see how it goes."

Alex Langenkamper, a 38-year-old German headed to Munich, said "crazy people" exist and will in the future.

Meanwhile, Michael Romano, a 54-year-old traveler headed to Colombia, expressed concern about the world moving toward war.

"These things never used to happen here in Europe," he said. "This is all new, so it is a little bit scary."

'Stress-testing' governments and driving up costs

Jacob Funk Kirkegaard, senior fellow at the Bruegel think tank in Brussels, said the threats were "stress-testing" how European governments and airport officials respond, and whether their responses were coordinated.

The idea behind the threats "appears to be to sow chaos, uncertainty, about the reliability of air traffic across Europe" and could have "cascading effects" — like economic damage and costs related to inspection, investigation and cleaning aircraft.

Joji Waites, who heads flight safety at the British Airline Pilots' Association, said the industry has put in place "proved mechanisms" for dealing with such threats, including a team of assessors to grade the level of threat in a red-amber-green color-coding system, quick notification of flight crews, and the evacuation of planes on the ground.

Each flight disruption could cost airlines as much as $250,000, on a par with the possible costs of dealing with an unruly passenger, said Philip Baum, a visiting professor of aviation security at Coventry University in England.

"And that's because you might end up with the crew going out of hours. You might need replacement crew. You have got passengers that miss their flight connections," Baum said. "It knocks everything out of sync for the rest of the day for the airline in question."

Military escorts cost money, too, which would be borne by governments rather than airlines, he added.

Britain's transport secretary, Heidi Alexander, told British broadcasters that flights across Europe have been hit by "malicious hoax threats."

European Union Transport Commissioner Apostolos Tzitzikostas told reporters in Dublin that it was "too early to draw conclusions on whether the reported incidents are linked."

"National investigations remain ongoing," he said, adding that an EU information-sharing mechanism on aviation security had been activated.

French air base on high alert

An Aer Lingus flight from Dublin to Rome was diverted to a military air base in France after receiving a threat, French Prime Minister Sébastien Lecornu's office said. The flight landed safely at the base in Evreux, which was under high alert, and military bomb disposal teams were examining the plane, the office said.

Lecornu ordered warplanes to intercept the plane because the pilot "didn't cooperate as expected with the authorities," his office said. It declined to comment further.

Hours after the flight landed, the plane was sitting on the tarmac with a Red Cross vehicle nearby while explosive experts with dogs examined it.

An investigation was opened by French aviation security authorities. The regional prosecutor, Remi Coutin, said in a statement that the pilot and co-pilot were questioned about what happened.

1Italian air force fighter jets escorted a Finnair flight that departed Helsinki bound for Rome after a threat was received by email, the air force said in a statement. Croatia's defense ministry said one of its fighter planes first intercepted the commercial jet in Croatian airspace before handing it off to the Italians.

Finnair said that two of its flights, including the one that received the military escort and landed safely in Rome, "faced unfounded hoax bomb scares." The other flight, operated by Jettime from Helsinki to Vienna, landed safely at its destination, and was expected to return to service after an inspection, Finnair said.

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Friday, November 6, 2026

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL: THE PLAYOFFS

Weber making most of opportunity

Albert Grindle
The Gazette

Sitting around isn't Jake Weber's style. He'd probably lose his mind.

In a world of specialization, especially at larger schools like Highland, Weber is an anomaly. While already established as an honorable mention All-Gazette point guard for the basketball team, he had to bide his time in football and baseball heading into this school year.



Weber

Quitting the latter two sports never crossed his mind despite being a rotational wide receiver in football and a lightly-used middle infielder/pitcher in baseball. In his eyes, he'll only get to be a high school athlete once, so soaking in every moment has been a priority heading into a Division II, Region 5 quarterfinal tonight against Brecksville (7-4).

"I don't know what else to do with my free time, you know?" joked Weber, who has sisters aged 10, 13, 20 and 21. "Sports are my hobby, and that's something I look forward to. If I didn't have sports, I'd be kind of just sitting around all day."

Weber also had a message for athletes who are under pressure to specialize.

"There's so much time for three sports," he said. "You don't got to worry about one sport. If you really want to play and have fun playing, that's all that matters.

"I haven't really focused on basketball since the summer, which I know I'm going to be part of the team, but you always have time. Once football season's over, you're full throttle into basketball season. You've got to take it one step at a time. It's fun playing three sports. You've got something to do all the time. I really would encourage it to other people."

While Highland has big-time names such as H-back/running back/linebacker Evan Foust, defensive end Lukas Grillis and nationally-ranked kicker Jonah Kowza, no one has had a three-phase impact like Weber. Generously listed at 6-foot, 180 pounds, the well-spoken senior leads the team in receiving, interceptions, pass breakups and punt returns.

See **WEBER,** B3

GOLF

LIV, let die

Saudi league calling it quits after five years

Doug Ferguson
The Associated Press

LIV Golf is shuttering after five years that fractured the sport's landscape with promise of Saudi riches, announcing Thursday in bankruptcy court it plans to wind down operations instead of launching a new version because it didn't have enough support.

"The debtors are not currently proceeding with the LIV 2.0 plan," attorney Matthew Williams of Gibson Dunn said in a hearing in New Jersey. "Instead, the debtors are toggling to a value-maximizing wind-down in their business."

LIV Golf, which launched in June 2022 by offering nine-figure signing bonuses to lure top names away from the PGA Tour, lost Saudi Arabia funding in April after spending more than $5 billion.

It filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Sept. 8 and thought it had a lifeline in BC Partners Credit, which pledged a $300 million investment to pivot to a more financially sustainable "LIV 2.0." But players like Jon Rahm and Sergio Garcia, Tyrrell Hatton and Louis Oosthuizen, weren't interested.

"BC Partners Credit supported a transaction that aligned the interests of players and investors, offering a credible path toward building a sustainable future for LIV Golf," BC Partners said in a statement. "While there was great support for the league, we are disappointed that mutually acceptable terms could not be reached among the various stakeholders."

Instead of planning for a new version for 2027, LIV enters a liquidation phase.

Rahm already agreed to forfeit all claims against LIV — said to be worth some $100 million — to get out of his contract. He is back to playing the European tour, with hopes there will be a path back to the PGA Tour. The tour currently has a one-year ban dating to players' last LIV appearance.

LIV Golf paid $15.6 million to retain seven of its executives, including $6.375 million to CEO Scott O'Neil, in the months between the Public Investment Fund of Saudi Arabia and LIV filing for bankruptcy. Those payments are not unusual for a company trying to emerge from bankruptcy. The question now is whether those payments can be voided since LIV isn't going forward.

"Building a global platform designed to bring new, younger, and more diverse fans to the sport of golf has been the round of a lifetime for all of us," said Scott O'Neil, the CEO of LIV who took over from Greg Norman at the start of 2025.

"LIV Golf was fun, demanding, inspiring, at times challenging — but always rewarding."

LIV suffered a number of setbacks this year, none bigger than losing its source of its money when PIF changed its investment strategy and said it would no longer pay for the league at the conclusion of its fifth season.

See **LIV,** B2

BROWNS



AP

Browns defensive end Jared Verse plays during a loss to the Steelers at Acrisure Stadium in Pittsburgh on Sunday.

DE Verse wants a big happy family

Thought teammates should have had his back more in Pittsburgh

Scott Petrak
The Gazette

BEREA — Jared Verse looked around after he got dumped on his head Sunday by Steelers guard Mason McCormick and didn't see anyone rushing to his defense. No teammates in McCormick's face. No one fighting.

"The lack of reaction by those around me upset me a lot," Verse, a defensive end, said Thursday. "We're focused on the game and everything like that. But the similar play had happened, Derek Barnett, I think the next field goal and I spazzed. I lost it, because it was my brothers and my teammates. When you do something like that, it really upsets me very deeply."

Verse

Barnett wasn't picked up and body slammed and no flag was thrown for unnecessary roughness, like happened with McCormick and Verse. Brock Hoffman appeared to go low, hook Barnett and push him. Verse and other teammates barked at members of the Steelers.

"So I could tell that from that point on, we have to do better. We have to get better on every aspect of the game of being mentally aware of, these are my brothers and we're not fighting for each other," Verse said.

Never afraid to express himself, Verse brought up with teammates what he perceived as a lack of support.

"That's a conversation that we've had," he said. "I've made my concerns

See **BROWNS,** B2



AP

Browns QB Deshaun Watson is sacked by the Steelers' Cam Heyward during Cleveland's loss at Acrisure Stadium on Sunday.

Shedeur to the rescue?

Watson misses second straight practice

Scott Petrak
The Chronicle-Telegram

BEREA — Quarterback Deshaun Watson (concussion) missed his second straight practice Thursday, making it more likely Shedeur Sanders would start Sunday against the Saints in New Orleans.

Sanders was the No. 2 for the first eight games, so Wednesday was the first time during the regular season he worked with the first-team offense during practice.

"I thought he had a good day, really," offensive coordinator Travis Switzer said. "His urgency and his ability to command and operate was good. We were getting in and out of the huddle pretty well, which is some of the things we emphasized.

"Just overall he let it rip. He made some good throws and checked it down when he should. I thought it was a pretty good day for him."

NEXT UP

WHO: Cleveland vs. New Orleans
WHEN: Sunday, 1 p.m.
WHERE: Caesars Superdome, New Orleans
TV/RADIO: CBS; WNCX 98.5-FM, WKRK 92.3-FM, ESPN 850-AM

See **WATSON,** B2

TV & RADIO

Australian Rules Football (women)

11 p.m., FS2 — AFL: Postseason, first qualifying final, Carlton at North Melbourne

Basketball (men)

5 p.m., ACC — College: Northeastern at Virginia
6:30 p.m., BTN — College: Valparaiso at Purdue
7 p.m., ACC — College: Wofford at North Carolina
7 p.m., ESPNU — College: Saint Louis at Missouri
7 p.m., SEC — College: James Madison at Kentucky
7:30 p.m., PRIME VIDEO; WMMS 100.7-FM, WTAM 1100-AM — NBA: Philadelphia at Cleveland
8 p.m., NBCSN, PEACOCK — College: St. Thomas at Minnesota
8 p.m., TNT, truTV — College: UConn vs. Michigan, from Boston
8:30 p.m., BTN — College: E. Illinois at Iowa
9 p.m., ACC — College: Wagner at Miami
9 p.m., ESPNU — College: MTSU at Kansas
10:30 p.m., BTN — College: North Florida at UCLA
10 p.m., PRIME VIDEO — NBA: Portland at L.A. Lakers

Football

7 p.m., ESPN — College: Virginia Tech at SMU
7:30 p.m., ESPN2 — College: South Florida at East Carolina
8 p.m., FOX — College: Nebraska at Illinois
9 p.m., CBSSN — College: New Mexico at Nevada
10:15 p.m., ESPN — College: TCU at Arizona

Golf

3 p.m., GOLF — PGA Tour: World Wide Technology Championship, second round, from Mexico
9:30 p.m., GOLF — LPGA Tour: TOTO Japan Classic, third round, from Ibaraki, Japan
2 a.m. (Sat.), GOLF — DP World Tour: Abu Dhabi Aldar Championship, third round, from Abu Dhabi, UAE

Hockey (men)

8 p.m., NHL — NHL: San Jose at Minnesota

Horse racing

11:30 p.m., FS1 — Melbourne Cup Carnival Champions Day

Motorsports

2:30 p.m., FS2 — NASCAR Truck Series: Qualifying, from Homestead, Fla. (practice at 5:30 on truTV)
3:30 p.m., APPLE TV — Formula 1: Practice, from São Paulo
7 p.m., APPLE TV — Formula 1: Practice, from São Paulo
7:30 p.m., FS1 — NASCAR Truck Series: NASCAR Truck Series Championship Race, The Chase, from Homestead, Fla.

Soccer (men)

9:45 a.m., FS2 — Saudi Pro League: Al Nassr at Al-Hazem
2:45 p.m., CBSSN — Serie A: Udinese at Venezia
3 p.m., USA — English Premier League: Coventry City at Everton

FOOTBALL

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
Buffalo	6	1	0	.857	233	181
New England	5	3	0	.625	184	162
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250	170	188
Miami	1	6	0	.143	117	181
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Jacksonville	5	2	0	.714	196	111
Houston	2	5	0	.286	165	170
Indianapolis	2	6	0	.250	161	222
Tennessee	1	7	0	.125	144	199
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750	180	144
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714	206	158
Cleveland	**5**	**3**	**0**	**.625**	**139**	**173**
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500	179	203
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	6	2	0	.750	172	165
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714	167	131
Las Vegas	4	4	0	.500	221	230
L.A. Chargers	0	7	0	.000	99	175

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct.	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	4	2	1	.643	163	161
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	219	213
Washington	2	4	1	.357	159	182
Philadelphia	2	6	0	.250	137	202
South	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Carolina	3	4	0	.429	178	193
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375	178	151
Atlanta	3	5	0	.375	171	189
New Orleans	2	5	0	.286	162	194
North	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857	140	93
Chicago	6	2	0	.750	214	160
Detroit	5	2	0	.714	203	180
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625	171	164
West	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct.**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	6	1	0	.857	197	139
Seattle	4	4	0	.500	185	159
L.A. Rams	4	4	0	.500	194	168
Arizona	3	5	0	.375	175	238

Thursday's game
Jacksonville at Baltimore, 8:15 p.m.
Sunday's games
Cincinnati vs. Atlanta (at Madrid), 9:30 a.m.
Cleveland at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Dallas at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Denver at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Miami, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Washington, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Kansas City, 1 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Green Bay at New England, 4:25 p.m.
Las Vegas at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8:20 p.m.
Bye week: Pittsburgh, Tennessee
Monday's game
Buffalo at Minnesota, 8:15 p.m.

BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Philadelphia	8	1	.889	—
Boston	6	2	.750	1½
New York	4	4	.500	3½
Toronto	4	4	.500	3½
Brooklyn	2	6	.250	5½
Southeast Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Atlanta	5	4	.556	—
Washington	4	4	.500	½
Miami	3	5	.375	1½
Charlotte	3	6	.333	2
Orlando	2	5	.286	2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Detroit	6	2	.750	—
Cleveland	**4**	**4**	**.500**	**2**
Indiana	3	6	.333	3½
Chicago	1	7	.125	5
Milwaukee	1	7	.125	5

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	7	2	.778	—
San Antonio	6	2	.750	½
Memphis	6	2	.750	½
New Orleans	4	4	.500	2½
Dallas	4	4	.500	2½
Northwest Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Portland	6	1	.857	—
Oklahoma City	6	2	.750	½
Minnesota	6	3	.667	1
Denver	4	3	.571	2
Utah	1	7	.125	5½
Pacific Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
L.A. Lakers	7	2	.778	—
Golden State	5	3	.625	1½
Phoenix	1	5	.167	4½
L.A. Clippers	1	7	.125	5½
Sacramento	1	7	.125	5½

Wednesday's games
Atlanta 120, Washington 105
Boston 109, Milwaukee 102
Philadelphia 112, Detroit 106
New York 135, Chicago 105
Brooklyn 114, Charlotte 104
Indiana 107, Memphis 103
Oklahoma City 124, Cleveland 116
New Orleans 120, Utah 113 (OT)
Minnesota 117, Houston 107
Denver 128, Toronto 109
Portland 132, Phoenix 119
San Antonio 112, Dallas 111
L.A. Lakers 116, Sacramento 103
Miami 117, L.A. Clippers 116 (OT)
Thursday's games
Orlando at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Miami at Golden State, 10 p.m.
Today's games
Boston at Charlotte, 7 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Oklahoma City at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Utah at Dallas, 8 p.m.
Portland at L.A. Lakers, 10 p.m.
San Antonio at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	16	11	4	1	23	58	38
Montreal	15	9	3	3	21	52	47
Ottawa	17	10	6	1	21	54	52
Tampa Bay	14	9	3	2	20	52	45
Florida	16	9	5	2	20	52	47
Toronto	17	8	7	2	18	62	56
Buffalo	15	7	5	3	17	44	51
Detroit	16	7	6	3	17	48	50
Metropolitan Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Carolina	17	12	3	2	26	64	40
New Jersey	15	10	5	0	20	52	43
N.Y. Rangers	16	8	7	1	17	48	47
Washington	14	8	6	0	16	49	48
N.Y. Islanders	14	7	5	2	16	40	39
Columbus	13	6	7	0	12	36	41
Pittsburgh	15	5	8	2	12	49	52
Philadelphia	17	4	9	4	12	37	58

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	17	11	3	3	25	56	38
Utah	16	10	6	0	20	57	54
Dallas	15	9	5	1	19	44	36
Colorado	16	9	6	1	19	66	53
Nashville	15	6	4	5	17	46	48
St. Louis	15	7	7	1	15	45	45
Winnipeg	16	5	8	3	13	39	58
Chicago	16	4	11	1	9	36	63
Pacific Division	**GP**	**W**	**L**	**OT**	**Pts**	**GF**	**GA**
Edmonton	16	11	2	3	25	67	48
Vegas	17	10	5	2	22	58	49
Seattle	15	9	5	1	19	54	53
Anaheim	15	7	7	1	15	54	57
Calgary	16	7	8	1	15	39	55
San Jose	17	7	9	1	15	44	61
Los Angeles	14	5	7	2	12	43	47
Vancouver	17	3	13	1	7	51	77

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.
Wednesday's games
Ottawa 2, Buffalo 1
Florida 5, Chicago 3
Seattle 2, Calgary 1 (OT)
Los Angeles 7, San Jose 2
Thursday's games
Boston at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Carolina at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Utah at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Vegas at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
Today's games
Columbus at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Minnesota, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Top 25 schedule

Today's games
No. 22 New Mexico (7-1) at Nevada (3-5), 9 p.m.
No. 24 Arizona (6-2) vs. TCU (4-4), 10:15 p.m.
Saturday's games
No. 1 Miami (8-0) at No. 4 Notre Dame (7-1), 7:30 p.m.
No. 2 Georgia (7-1) at No. 12 Mississippi (6-2), 7:30 p.m.
No. 3 Utah (8-0) vs. No. 7 BYU (7-1), noon
No. 5 UCLA (8-0) at Minnesota (5-3), noon
No. 8 Kentucky (7-1) at No. 16 Tennessee (6-2), 6:15 p.m.
No. 9 Alabama (6-2) at No. 15 LSU (6-2), 3:30 p.m.
No. 10 Texas (6-2) at No. 19 Missouri (6-2), noon
No. 11 Ohio State (6-2) vs. Oregon (5-3), 3:30 p.m.
No. 13 Texas Tech (7-1) vs. West Virginia (5-3), 9:30 p.m.
No. 14 Wake Forest (7-1) vs. Merrimack (4-5), 3:30 p.m.
No. 17 Houston (6-2) vs. Cincinnati (5-3), 3:30 p.m.
No. 20 Boise State (7-1) at Colorado State (3-5), 6 p.m.
No. 21 Iowa (6-2) at Northwestern (6-2), 7:30 p.m.
No. 23 South Carolina (5-3) vs. Texas A&M (4-4), 3 p.m.
No. 25 Florida (5-3) vs. Oklahoma (4-4), 7:45 p.m.

LOCAL SCHEDULE

Today

NBA
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 7:30 p.m.

FOOTBALL
Buckeye at Ottawa-Glandorf, Division IV, Region 14 quarterfinal, 7 p.m.
St. Marys Memorial at Cloverleaf, Division III, Region 10 quarterfinal, 7 p.m.
Brecksville at Highland, Division II, Region 5 quarterfinal, 7 p.m.
Wadsworth at Mayfield, Division II, Region 5 quarterfinal, 7 p.m.

Saturday

NBA
New York at Cleveland, 8 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL
Wadsworth vs. Olmsted Falls, Division II, Region 5 final (Ravenna), 2 p.m.
Highland vs. CVCA/Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin, Division III, Region 9 final (Mentor), 5 p.m. (if necessary)

GIRLS SOCCER
Highland vs. Hudson, Division II, Region 7 final (Brooklyn), noon
Medina vs. Strongsville, Division I, Region 4 final (Byers Field), 7 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY
Brunswick/Medina at Division I state meet (Fortress Obetz), 10 a.m.
Buckeye/Cloverleaf/Highland/Wadsworth at Division II state meet (Fortress Obetz), 11:50 a.m.
Black River at Division IV state meet (Fortress Obetz), 4:10 p.m.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

Belichick among 5 coaching candidates

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The Associated Press


Belichick


Coughlin


Holmgren


Reeves


Shanahan

Bill Belichick again is among five coaching candidates for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Tom Coughlin, Mike Holmgren, Dan Reeves and Mike Shanahan join Belichick in the Coach category for possible election into the Hall's Class of 2027.

The list was announced Thursday by the Canton, Ohio-based Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Members of the Hall's coaching subcommittee made their selections from an original field of 14 nominees. The subcommittee will select one candidate to be considered when the Hall's selection committee determines a new class of enshrinees in early 2027.

All five reached this stage last year when Belichick advanced in the process but the six-time Super Bowl champion head coach was not elected in his first year of eligibility. Belichick's snub was criticized intensely around the NFL.

"If he's not a first-ballot Hall of Famer, there's really no coach that should ever be a first-ballot Hall of Famer, which is completely ridiculous because people deserve it. He's incredible," Tom Brady said.

Belichick and Brady won six Super Bowls with the New England Patriots. Belichick also won two as a defensive assistant coach with the New York Giants.

Belichick's career included a sign-stealing scandal dubbed "Spygate" in the 2007 season. He was fined $500,000 after the team was caught filming defensive signals from the New York Jets during a game.

Belichick's final season in New England was 2023. He's in his second season coaching in college at North Carolina.

Coughlin won two Super Bowls with the Giants, beating Belichick, Brady and the Patriots both times. He was 182-157 in 20 seasons with the Giants and Jacksonville Jaguars. Coughlin also won a title with Giants as an assistant coach.

Holmgren led the Green Bay Packers to one Super Bowl title and was 174-122, including postseason, in 17 seasons with the Packers and Seattle Seahawks. He also won two Super Bowls as an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers.

Reeves was 201-174-2 in 23 seasons with the Denver Broncos, Giants and Atlanta Falcons. He led the Broncos to the Super Bowl three times and the Falcons once, going 0-4. Reeves won a title as an assistant with the Dallas Cowboys.

Shanahan won back-to-back Super Bowls with Denver and was 178-144 in 20 seasons with the Broncos and Washington Redskins. He also won a title with the 49ers as an assistant coach.

On Wednesday, the Hall of Fame announced the five contributors who have advanced in the process: Ralph Hay, Robert Kraft, Virginia McCaskey, Doug Williams and John Wooten.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame's Class of 2027 will be announced at "NFL Honors" in Los Angeles in February and enshrined next August in Canton.

WATSON

From B1

Sanders lost the close preseason competition for the starting job to Watson. Switzer said Sanders has handled life as the backup well.

"He's done a nice job of staying engaged," Switzer said. "Our quarterback coaches in that room have done a great job, Mike (Bajakian) and Matt Baker, of trying to continue to challenge him and keep him involved. And he's asked questions in meetings. He's doing a nice job staying engaged and trying to go about it like he's playing."

Sanders was a fifth-round pick in 2025 and started the final seven games of the season. Switzer arrived this year with coach Todd Monken and has never coached Sanders in a regular-season game.

"I'm just excited to see him go play and hopefully let it rip, which I think he'll do. He did it yesterday in practice," Switzer said. "Go lead, be in command, which I think he's grown tremendously in that area, really since we got here. Play with confidence."

Defensive end Jared Verse likes the development he's seen from Sanders in practice.

"Shedeur's getting better every week, especially going up against him on scout (team)," Verse said. "You see him reading the defense a lot better. You see how confident he is in the pocket, rolling around, dodging sacks and stuff like that. So I'm confident whoever we have at quarterback, but he's been growing a lot."

Injury report

Defensive tackle Maliek Collins (elbow) missed practice for the second straight day.

- Rookie right guard Austin Barber (calf) and linebacker Quincy Williams (hamstring) practiced in a limited capacity after missing Wednesday.
- Tight end Harold Fannin Jr. (groin) and rookie safety Emmanuel McNeil-Warren (hip) were added to the injury report as limited participants.
- Rookie receiver Denzel Boston (calf) and linebacker Carson Schwesinger (wrist/ankle) were limited for the second straight day.

Bouncing back

Schwesinger, the reigning NFL Defensive Rookie of the Year, had a rare disappointing game against the Steelers. He had a team-high 10 tackles but missed a couple and gave up two long completions to tight end Darnell Washington.

"It wasn't good enough across the board defensively, whether it's tackling, being where you're supposed to be, staying in man coverage, just across the board," he said. "The nice part about a lot of that is those are pretty simple fixes in terms of have your tracking angles right, keep your eyes on your man in coverage and be where you're supposed to be in the run gap and expect what's coming based off the look that you have."

Coordinator Mike Rutenberg has no doubt Schwesinger will rebound.

"Carson's unbelievable. He fixes problems before we fix the problems. That's who Carson is," Rutenberg said. "He is so humble. He cares so much about playing for his teammates and his coaching staff. He's had a great start to the week. I can't wait to watch him play Sunday."

Signed, then cut

Rookie tight end Carsen Ryan, a seventh-round pick, was waived after practice. He began the season on the active roster, was waived, re-signed to the practice squad, then signed to the active roster Wednesday.

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BROWNS

From B1

known. But also I didn't let them know beforehand I was going to talk the way I talked to Steelers and the Steeler Nation or whatever they are. I got to be better than that. I didn't do enough on my part and we all got to pick it up."

Linebacker Carson Schwesinger said teammates were unaware of what happened to Verse, and the film supports that.

"A lot of times there's a lot of stuff that goes on in the field that you don't see," he said. "You asked me about it after the game and I still hadn't seen it at that point. So obviously it's something if you see it, you go to his defense and something that you don't want to see in the game of football at all. If that's something that I had seen, definitely would've been going to his defense."

Verse made himself a target with comments after Cleveland's 27-24 win over the Steelers on Oct. 1 and last week before the rematch. He called them "dirty" and said he'd dominate.

McCormick said he didn't know it was Verse whom he dumped. Just that he saw someone jumping to try to block the extra point.

"I'll be quite honest with you, that was the play that made me kind of get really angry," Verse said. "I was really, genuinely upset about the game and the way things were moving, but at that point it became really deep. You're doing dirty sh**. You're going to try to sweep my legs. It honestly could have put me in a position to not be able to finish the season, put me in a position to change my life in a very bad aspect. So that upset me."

Browns special teams coordinator Byron Storer said grabbing a guy and throwing him to the ground is not how they deal with jumpers.

"Oh, we don't teach a guy to take his legs out and slam him to the ground," he said. "There's no way we would discuss that. That's not what we're about … we're not trying to hurt anybody.

"I don't agree with that, the way that play went down. We got to be careful there. And I think that play should be penalized."

He agreed with Schwesinger that Verse's teammates didn't see what happened in the moment.

"I really, to tell you the truth, didn't really see it, either," Storer said. "I didn't see the severity of it until after the game. And watching it on film, you're like, 'whoa.'"

Verse, who turned 26 on Wednesday, was quickly embraced by teammates when he arrived in June in the trade that sent Myles Garrett to the Rams. Verse immediately took on a vocal leadership role.

Vocal is an understatement.

He trash talks constantly during practice and games, and in the case of the Steelers after and before games. He said he plays better when he makes it personal.

The bravado, which comes without a sack through eight games, could be considered too much by some.

Coach Todd Monken, without mentioning Verse, said Monday "you are how you play, not how you talk."

"I don't think it's any secret that I like to talk," Verse said. "I like to attack things. I like to be verbal in the way I play and the way I talk and the way I move around and everything. If you guys haven't figured that out by now, that's on all y'all.

"That's the way I am. Obviously I could have invited my teammates in on the conversation of letting them know what I was going to do."

The spotlight on Verse is intense given his lack of results. In addition to no sacks or turnovers, he has only 13 pressures, according to Pro Football Focus. And ESPN Analytics have Verse with six initial pressures and a 3.3 percent pressure rate that ranks 185th of 198 qualifying players.

"I think I've not done myself a service in playing the way I want," he said. "I think it's been a lot of attention that's been focused on me not doing enough on this aspect, that aspect. I don't think we've been getting enough third-and-longs for me to put myself in position to get the stats and stuff like that. But I think stats can be rather confusing for a lot of people."

He made it clear he isn't happy with the numbers.

"Yeah, I'd be lying to you if I said I wasn't disappointed in myself and I wasn't wanting more for myself," he said. "How much work I put into this game, I spent all offseason just working to push myself to the limit of my physical capabilities, getting stronger and faster. I've been working tons of moves to try to advance my arsenal. So I'd be lying to you if I said it wasn't disappointing or upsetting to say I'm not getting the stats or the attention I feel is deserving of the work that I put in.

"Crying about it, complaining about it's not going to change anything. We're 5-3, that's a good record for what we are supposed to be. And I think we can be a lot better than that. We got to keep pushing."

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LIV

From B1

The Asian Tour, which received financial support from LIV for an International Series, decided in July to renew an alliance with the PGA Tour and the commercially known DP World Tour in Europe.

And as the league was trying to pivot to LIV 2.0, European tour CEO Guy Kinnings last month said anyone signing up for LIV need not apply for membership on the European tour, which put European players at risk of having no part in the Ryder Cup.

Kinnings said in an interview with The Scotsman newspaper earlier this week, "But we also have to protect the tour against an entity who spent, so we are told, over $7 billion, with one of their aims being to 'destroy the DP World Tour.'"

LIV was originally run by Norman, who tried unsuccessfully to start a world tour in 1994 only to have it quashed by Arnold Palmer and the PGA Tour. Norman had Saudi money at his disposal, and promoted LIV as "Golf, but louder" with its blaring music, 54-hole shotgun starts and $25 million in prize funds — individual and team — at each event.

But it had no broadcast deal the first year, meaning it had to cover production costs. It got the CW Network in 2023, and eventually got Fox Sports to sign on in 2025.

Key to a new version of LIV was a "critical mass" of players to stick around, and BC Partners extended the Oct. 25 deadline. This was more about names than numbers, ultimately, and it couldn't reach agreement with enough players.LIV jump"Ultimately, despite everyone's best efforts, we just couldn't get to the level of combined financial and player support necessary for a viable LIV 2.0 within the required timeline," Williams said.

In the end, LIV held 62 tournaments on every continent golf is played except for South America. It had a feel-good moment in Australia this year when Anthony Kim returned from a 12-year hiatus of addiction to win again. Bryson DeChambeau shot a 58. Joaquin Niemann won seven times.

They are part of a short history, and now have to find a way back.

Brooks Koepka was the first to return. The five-time major champion got out of his LIV deal with one year remaining, and the PGA Tour created a path — with financial penalties — to return. Patrick Reed chose not to extend his deal in January and now is poised to return to the PGA Tour next year through his performance in Europe.

Rahm had said on Tuesday he would be willing to pay the same price as Koepka, though it was unlikely that same deal would be offered.

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County Football Week 12


Albert Grindle

Standings

CLEVELAND WEST CONFERENCE

School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Rocky River	10-0	7-0	46.4	9.3
Lakewood	8-3	5-2	33.1	25.2
Buckeye	**6-5**	**5-2**	**27.1**	**25.0**
North Olmsted	5-6	4-2	26.1	30.7
Bay	3-7	3-4	22.1	25.1
Valley Forge	2-8	2-5	12.9	30.1
Westlake	2-8	1-6	30.2	32.4
Normandy	0-10	0-7	3.7	51.6

GREATER CLEVELAND CONFERENCE

School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Mentor	8-2	6-1	36.2	22.6
Strongsville	8-3	6-1	35.9	20.0
Riverside	7-4	6-1	31.2	23.6
Brunswick	**6-5**	**4-3**	**27.5**	**36.2**
Euclid	4-7	3-4	19.0	26.5
Lorain	2-8	1-6	23.1	42.7
Shaker Heights	2-8	1-6	11.4	32.5
Cleveland Heights	1-9	1-6	15.9	27.3

LORAIN COUNTY LEAGUE

School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Keystone	9-0	6-0	37.6	10.9
Columbia	9-1	5-1	41.5	17.3
Firelands	7-4	4-2	29.0	20.8
Brookside	3-7	3-3	33.0	45.0
Black River	**3-7**	**2-4**	**18.8**	**30.0**
Clearview	1-9	1-5	15.4	41.8
Wellington	1-8	0-6	13.8	31.3

METRO ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Norton	9-1	6-1	38.7	12.1
Cloverleaf	**8-2**	**6-1**	**33.4**	**14.6**
Streetsboro	8-2	6-1	37.5	21.8
Woodridge	8-3	5-2	35.5	17.3
Roosevelt	6-4	4-3	30.3	16.3
Tallmadge	5-5	3-4	19.8	20.0
Ravenna	4-6	2-5	23.6	29.6
Field	3-7	2-5	11.7	39.6
Cuyahoga Falls	3-7	1-6	20.9	32.9
Springfield	0-10	0-7	2.9	40.7

SUBURBAN LEAGUE
National Conference

School	Ovr.	Conf.	PF	PA
Highland	**9-1**	**7-0**	**34.3**	**16.8**
Nordonia	9-1	6-1	38.3	18.9
Wadsworth	**9-2**	**5-2**	**33.1**	**14.5**
Hudson	8-3	4-3	35.9	15.3
Solon	5-6	3-4	14.9	27.5
Medina	**2-8**	**2-5**	**18.6**	**35.3**
North Royalton	4-7	1-6	19.7	32.7
Stow	2-8	0-7	26.3	33.8

County leaders

SCORING

Player (School)	TD	FG	1x	2x	Pts.
D. Shevchenko (Buc)	21	0	0	1	128
Price (C)	15	0	0	1	92
King (W)	15	0	0	0	90
Varney (BR)	14	0	0	0	84
Phillips (Buc)	11	0	0	6	78
Gamboa (Bru)	12	0	0	0	72
Kowza (H)	0	10	38	0	68
Foust (H)	10	0	0	0	60
Todd (W)	10	0	0	0	60
Haller (W)	9	0	0	0	54
Sokolowski (M)	8	0	0	1	50
Sustersic (C)	0	3	40	0	49
Eicher (Bru)	8	0	0	0	48
Weber (H)	8	0	0	0	48
Wagner (W)	0	2	42	0	48

RUSHING

Player (School)	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
Phillips (Buc)	292	1,688	5.8	11
D. Shevchenko (Buc)	150	1,149	7.7	21
Price (C)	154	959	6.2	15
Varney (BR)	101	821	8.2	8
Hendershot (BR)	125	513	4.1	3
Haller (W)	82	464	5.7	9
Todd (W)	75	429	5.7	8
DePompei (H)	86	378	4.4	6
Clark (H)	38	300	7.9	4
As. Gray (C)	50	284	5.7	2

RECEIVING

Player (School)	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD
King (W)	62	1,094	17.6	15
Gamboa (Bru)	73	1,015	13.9	9
Evert (Bru)	46	776	16.9	7
Tolley (C)	45	675	15.0	7
Weber (H)	32	594	18.6	6
Sokolowski (M)	56	553	9.9	5
Ostervich (W)	45	518	11.5	5
Burch (M)	37	489	13.2	6
Eicher (Bru)	31	427	13.8	6
Radigan (H)	18	412	22.9	3

PASSING

Player (School)	Co-At.	Pct.	Yds.	TD-I
Jamison (Bru)	199-384	.518	2,838	28-12
Hall (W)	220-338	.651	2,837	30-9
Barr (M)	143-224	.638	1,469	13-6
Wadle (H)	73-108	.676	1,332	13-3
Smith (C)	51-91	.560	767	11-2
Patrick (M)	70-140	.500	691	7-5
Bell (BR)	61-101	.604	690	5-4
Varney (BR)	61-106	.575	652	6-4
Price (C)	28-53	.528	495	5-2
Metter (Buc)	25-46	.543	355	3-3

KICKING

Player (School)	FG	Pct.	XP	PTS
Kowza (H)	10-12	.833	38-38	68
Sustersic (C)	3-6	.500	40-42	49
Wagner (W)	2-3	.667	42-43	48
Evans (Bru)	3-6	.500	31-34	40
Waltos (Buc)	0-0	.000	24-31	24
Cusick (M)	0-1	.000	16-19	16
Burkholder (BR)	0-1	.000	16-24	16
Pavlik (C)	1-2	.500	2-2	5
Nadeau (W)	0-1	.000	4-7	4
Swann (H)	0-0	.000	3-3	2

TEAM STATISTICS
Offense

School	Rush	Pass	Total
Wadsworth	134.4	263.3	397.6
Cloverleaf	226.5	131.8	358.3
Brunswick	76.6	274.2	350.8
Buckeye	302.8	43.7	346.5
Highland	155.9	167.8	323.7
Black River	139.8	141.0	280.8
Medina	56.7	215.4	272.1

Defense

School	Rush	Pass	Total
Cloverleaf	129.8	74.8	204.6
Wadsworth	92.0	142.6	234.6
Highland	112.7	156.6	269.3
Black River	146.8	148.2	295.0
Buckeye	130.1	181.5	312.4
Brunswick	204.2	169.5	373.7
Medina	175.0	216.1	391.1

DEFENSE

Player (school)	Tkls	Solo	Ast.
Colon (M)	104	28	76
Hendershot (BR)	102	31	71
Ad. Gray (C)	97	39	58
Foust (H)	96	47	49
D. Shevchenko (Buc)	84	21	63
Rebraca (Bru)	79	24	55
M. Hilvert (M)	74	11	63
Todd (W)	72	22	50
As. Gray (C)	70	24	46
Dishauzi (W)	66	36	30
Delesky (BR)	66	35	31
Leichliter (Bru)	66	31	35
Phillips (Buc)	65	28	37
Grillis (H)	65	23	42
Kinser (W)	65	23	42
Capotosto (H)	63	16	47
Goga (Bru)	61	21	40
Beier (C)	60	21	39
Morano (M)	60	17	43
Wickes (Bru)	58	21	37
Petruzzi (BR)	56	18	38
Ware (Buc)	55	14	41
Powell (M)	54	20	34
Haller (W)	53	18	35
Carey (M)	53	15	38

Tackles for loss — Grillis (H) 20, Delesky (BR) 15, Ad. Gray (C) 13½, Wickes (Bru) 13, Beier (C) 12, Powell (M) 10, Foust (H) 9, Hendershot (BR) 8½, Johnson (C) 8½, Sterpka (W) 8.

Sacks — Grillis (H) 15½, Wickes (Bru) 5, Powell (M) 4½, Kinser (W) 4½, Demming (H) 4, Beier (C) 4, Hendershot (BR) 3½, Bupp (W) 3½, Arvanetes (H) 3, Matousek (Bru) 2½, Ad. Gray (C) 2½, Haney (H) 2½.

Interceptions — Close (W) 5, Phillips (Buc) 3, Price (C) 3, Weber (H) 3, Carey (M) 3, Smith (C) 2, Radigan (H) 2, Foust (H) 2, Capotosto (H) 2, Phillips (H) 2, Brown (M) 2, Todd (W) 2, Dishauzi (W) 2.

Forced fumbles — Kinser (W) 3, Dishauzi (W) 3, Ballok (Bru) 2, Leichliter (Bru) 2, Garth (Bru) 2, Homchik (Buc) 2, Perkins (Buc) 2, Ad. Gray (C) 2, Powell (M) 2, Carey (M) 2, Todd (W) 2.

Fumble recoveries — Varney (BR) 2, J. Vancooney (BR) 2, D. Shevchenko (Buc) 2, Homchik (Buc) 2, Petruska (C) 2, Beier (C) 2, Foust (H) 2, Radigan (H) 2, Gamble (M) 2, Carey (M) 2, Smith (M) 2.

Pass breakups — Price (C) 8, Prouza (Buc) 8, Weber (H) 8, Haller (W) 6, Heilman (Bru) 5, Radigan (H) 5, Brown (M) 5, Colon (M) 5, Thompson (W) 5, Miller (BR) 4, Hughes (Bru) 4, Williams (Bru) 4, Neville (W) 4, Todd (W) 4, Close (W) 4, Dishauzi (W) 4.

Editor's note: *Offensive leaders compiled using a combination of Gazette box scores and video. All defensive statistics compiled by Albert Grindle using video.*

Buckeye

PREVIEW: Ottawa-Glandorf's strength of schedule is ranked fourth in Division IV by fantastic50.net with quality wins over Wapakoneta (27-24), St. Marys Memorial (46-28) and Celina (22-20). Sophomore quarterback Tanner Vogt has thrown for 1,784 yards and 17 touchdowns and rushed for 595 yards and 12 scores, while Oscar Salsburey (116 carries, 983 yards, 13 TDs), Deegan Miller (36 catches, 613 yards, 5 TDs) and Gage Bellman (30, 406, 4) are others to watch.

STAT PACK: The Bucks have 3,331 rushing yards this season, ranking fourth in school history behind 2023 (3,570), 2024 (3,416), 1979 (3,365) and 2019 (3,345).


Phillips

- Liam Phillips needs 205 rushing yards to break the school season record of 1,892 set by Troy McCann two years ago.
- Buckeye's final scoring drive last week at Upper Sandusky was 16 plays, 95 yards and more than 10 minutes. Phillips had 10 carries for 63 yards and the touchdown.
- Denis Shevchenko led the defense at Upper Sandusky with eight tackles (1½ for loss, sack), Mark Shevchenko added 2½ TFL (2 sacks), Colton Homchik had 1½ sacks, Phillips forced a fumble and the Shevchenkos, Aiden Mangin, Phillips, Brayden Sopko, Nick Prouza and Tony Kobasuk broke up passes.
- Buckeye's 129 penalty yards at Upper Sandusky, which included three unsportsmanlike conducts on its final defensive possession, were unusual. The Bucks entered play averaging only 48.8 yards on the season.

LW: W, 28-18 at Upper Sandusky. **TW:** Division IV, Region 14 quarterfinal at Ottawa-Glandorf (10-0; 0-0 all time). **NW:** Potential regional semifinal at Clear Fork (8-2) or Tontogany Otsego (8-3).

Cloverleaf

PREVIEW: St. Marys Memorial is as old school as they come, operating almost exclusively out of a double-tight wing-T or T-formation. The Roughriders, who are physical at fundamentally sound up front, boast Dylan Fink (197 carries, 1,505 yards, 13 TDs) and Tyler Holsinger (166, 1,060, 16). The defense, however, is another story, as Memorial allows an average of 30.4 points, including 33, 36, 20, 31, 42, 46 and 49 over the last seven games, on 372.7 yards.

- St Marys Memorial is located near Grand St. Marys Lake, which is the largest manmade lake in Ohio but only 5-7 feet deep. The drive to Cloverleaf is approximately 2½ hours, predominately along U.S. Route 30 and Interstate 71.

STAT PACK: With 45 catches for 675 yards and seven touchdowns, Jimmy Tolley needs 13, 169 and three to tie the school season records in each category.


Tolley

- Over the last six games, middle linebacker Adam Gray has has 60 tackles (10½ for loss). Meanwhile, outside linebacker Brayden Beier has 22 tackles over the last two games to move to 60 on the season.
- Allowing 14.6 points, Cloverleaf is on pace to be under 20 for the first time since 2010 (17.5).
- The Colts have completed only 49.2% of their passes (29-of-59) over the last three games.

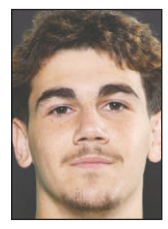
LW: Division III, Region 10 first-round bye. **TW:** Regional quarterfinal vs. St. Marys Memorial (8-3; 0-0 all time). **NW:** Potential regional semifinal vs. Ontario (9-1) or Tiffin Columbian (8-3).

Highland

PREVIEW: Brecksville has been carried by a defense that allows only 14.1 points per game on 200.5 yards. The Bees feature Zach Woods, who has 20 tackles for loss, (10 sacks) and Michael Ziegler (13 TFL, 10 sacks). Brecksville upset Greater Cleveland Conference tri-champion Riverside 28-16 last week, when state champion wrestler Zach Aquila, who came out for the team in Week 8, rushed for three touchdowns.

- The only meeting between Highland and Brecksville came last season, when the Hornets won 38-7 in the first round of the Division II, Region 6 playoffs.
- Highland is 12-0 all time in the playoffs at North Gateway Tire Field and 14-0 at home overall when Highland Stadium is included.

STAT PACK: Jonah Kowza has made 10-of-12 field goals this season — both misses were blocked — while Medina County's other six schools have combined to make 9-of-20.


Iannaggi

- Opposing teams have committed only 289 penalty yards this season.
- Despite committing three turnovers two weeks ago at Hudson, Highland remains plus-9 in turnover margin this season.
- Frankie Iannaggi is averaging 26.5 yards per kickoff return.
- Highland is averaging 155.9 rushing yards, on pace to be its lowest since 2019 (146.5).
- With 1,332 passing yards this season, Colton Wadle needs 10 to crack the Highland top 10.

LW: Division II, Region 5 first-round bye. **TW:** Regional quarterfinal vs. Brecksville (7-4; 1-0 all time). **NW:** Potential regional semifinal vs. Wadsworth (9-2) or Mayfield (10-0).

Wadsworth

PREVIEW: Undefeated Mayfield's strength of schedule is ranked 65th out of 100 Division II teams by fantastic 50.net. The Wildcats had scares against Brecksville (21-7) and Kenston (7-3) and are carried by a defense that allows only 9.2 points on an impressive 99.8 yards per game behind John Harris (19 tackles for loss, 6 sacks), C.J. Melaragno (17, 6), Heikkila (13), De'Onta Worthams (10½, 10½), Luciano Traczyk (10, 7.5). The offense is balanced between Dario D'Agostino (89-for-143, 1,446 yards, 19 TDs, 6 INTs), Brody Collelo (93 carries, 482 yards, 5 TDs), Ben Koret (47, 388, 9), Jayden Hanes (50 catches, 568 yards, 6 TDs), Ryan Eppich (27, 414, 9) and Biagio Pietrafese (20, 319, 2).

STAT PACK: Luke Kinser led the defense last week against North Royalton with 2 tackles for loss (1½ sacks) and a pass breakup. Brandon Dishauzi had a momentum-swinging interception and a team-high eight tackles, Bryson Bupp added a half-sack, Braydan Todd posted eight tackles and Daniel Boarman forced a fumble.


Bupp

- Kinser has 26 tackles over the last three games.
- Jay'len King needs two receiving touchdowns to tie the school season record of 17 set by Mitchell "Goose" Blackburn in 2017. With 1,094 receiving yards, King needs 26 to crack the Medina County top 10.
- Averaging 33.1 points, the Grizzlies are on pace to be north of 30 for the ninth time in the last 10 seasons.

LW: W, 42-7 vs. North Royalton. **TW:** Division II, Region 5 quarterfinal at Mayfield (10-0; 0-0 all time). **NW:** Potential regional semifinal vs. Highland (9-1) or Brecksville (7-4).

Playoff pairings

(Medina County divisions only)

DIVISION I

Region 1 — No. 8 St. Ignatius (6-5) at No. 1 St. Edward (9-1); No. 7 Canton McKinley (8-3) at No. 2 Austintown Fitch (8-1); No. 6 Strongsville (8-3) at No. 3 Mentor (8-2); No. 5 Hudson (8-3) at No. 4 Massillon Jackson (8-2). **Region 2 —** No. 8 Hilliard Darby (7-4) at No. 1 Toledo Whitmer (9-1); No. 10 Kettering Fairmont (5-6) at No. 2 Springfield (8-2); No. 6 Galloway Westland (8-3) at No. 3 Perrysburg (9-1); No. 12 Beavercreek (5-6) at No. 4 Huber Heights Wayne (6-4). **Region 3 —** No. 9 Lewis Center Olentangy Orange (6-5) at No. 1 Gahanna Lincoln (10-0); No. 10 Reynoldsburg (7-4) at No. 2 Upper Arlington (8-2); No. 6 Pickerington North (8-3) at No. 3 Worthington Kilbourne (9-1); No. 5 Delaware Olentangy Berlin (9-2) at No. 4 Powell Olentangy Liberty (6-4). **Region 4 —** No. 9 Middletown (7-4) at No. 1 Cincinnati Princeton (10-0); No. 7 Springboro (8-3) at No. 2 Cincinnati Elder (8-2); No. 6 Cincinnati St. Xavier (6-5) at No. 3 West Chester Lakota West (9-1); No. 5 Cincinnati Winton Woods (9-2) at No. 4 Cincinnati Archbishop Moeller (7-3)

DIVISION II

Region 5 — No. 9 Brecksville (7-4) at No. 1 Highland (9-1); No. 10 Archbishop Hoban (4-6) at No. 2 Walsh Jesuit (7-2); No. 6 Eastlake North (10-1) at No. 3 Nordonia (9-1); **No. 5 Wadsworth (9-2) at No. 4 Mayfield (10-0). Region 6 —** No. 8 Avon Lake (6-5) at No. 1 Toledo Central Catholic (8-2); No. 7 Findlay (7-4) at No. 2 Olmsted Falls (8-2); No. 11 Rhodes (7-4) at No. 3 Avon (8-2); No. 5 Fremont Ross (8-3) at No. 4 Oregon Clay (8-2). **Region 7 —** No. 8 Whitehall-Yearling (9-2) at No. 1 Columbus Bishop Watterson (9-0); No. 7 Louisville (9-2) at No. 2 Sunbury Big Walnut (10-0); No. 6 Columbus St. Francis DeSales (8-3) at No. 3 Massillon (9-1); No. 5 Canal Winchester (8-3) at No. 4 New Albany (8-2). **Region 8 —** No. 9 Cincinnati Withrow (8-3) at No. 1 Cincinnati Anderson (9-1); No. 7 Oxford Talawanda (9-2) at No. 2 Harrison (8-2); No. 11 Trenton Edgewood (7-4) at No. 3 Trotwood-Madison (7-2); No. 5 Troy (9-2) at No. 4 Lima Senior (9-1).

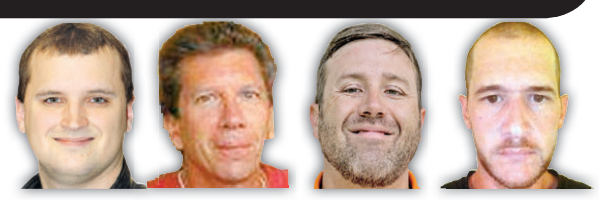
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Region 9 — No. 8 Youngstown Ursuline (7-4) at No. 1 Willoughby South (10-0); No. 10 Hawken (8-3) at No. 2 Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin (9-1); No. 11 Benedictine (6-4) at No. 3 Garfield Heights (8-2); No. 4 Salem (8-2) will host either No. 5 Glenville (8-2) or No. 12 University School (6-4) pending legal outcome this week. **Region 10 —** No. 8 Revere (7-4) at No. 1 Celina (9-1); No. 7 Tiffin Columbian (8-3) at No. 2 Ontario (9-1); **No. 6 St. Marys Memorial (8-3) at No. 3 Cloverleaf (8-2);** No. 12 Padua Franciscan (5-6) at No. 4 Wapakoneta (7-3). **Region 11 —** No. 9 Jackson (8-3) at No. 1 Steubenville (8-2); No. 7 Granville (8-3) at No. 2 Newark Licking Valley (10-0); No. 6 Thornville Sheridan (9-2) at No. 3 Columbus East (9-1); No. 5 Dover (9-2) at No. 4 The Plains Athens (9-1). **Region 12 —** No. 8 Chillicothe Unioto (8-3) at No. 1 Bellbrook (10-0); No. 10 Goshen (10-1) at No. 2 Tipp City Tippecanoe (9-1); No. 11 Kettering Archbishop Alter (7-4) at No. 3 Cincinnati Archbishop McNicholas (8-2); No. 5 Washington Court House Miami Trace (10-1) at No. 4 Chillicothe (8-2).

DIVISION IV

Region 13 — No. 8 Orrville (8-3) at No. 1 Streetsboro (8-2); No. 7 Northwest (9-2) at No. 2 Rocky River (10-0); No. 11 Poland Seminary (7-4) at No. 3 Beloit Branch (9-1); No. 5 West Geauga (9-2) at No. 4 Norton (9-1). **Region 14 — No. 9 Buckeye (6-5) at No. 1 Ottawa-Glandorf (10-0);** No. 7 Firelands (7-4) at No. 2 Shelby (10-0); No. 6 Bellevue (8-3) at No. 3 Sandusky Perkins (10-0); No. 5 Tontogany Otsego (8-3) at No. 4 Clear Fork (8-2). **Region 15 —** No. 8 Zanesville West Muskingum (9-2) at No. 1 Gnadenhutten Indian Valley (9-0); No. 10 Heath (8-3) at No. 2 New Lexington (9-1); No. 11 Columbus Marion-Franklin (7-4) at No. 3 West Holmes (8-2); No. 5 Uhrichsville Claymont (10-1) at No. 4 Johnstown (8-2). **Region 16 —** No. 9 Springfield Kenton Ridge (9-2) at No. 1 Cincinnati Wyoming (9-1); No. 7 Germantown Valley View (8-3) at No. 2 London (8-2); No. 6 Wilmington (7-4) at No. 3 Cincinnati Hills Christian Academy (9-1); No. 5 Urbana (8-3) at No. 4 Cincinnati North College Hill (9-0).

Gazette Pick-It Line


Albert Grindle | Rick Noland | John Urchek | Chad Grant

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Overall	56-12	55-13	53-15	52-16
Last week	3-0	2-1	3-0	3-0
Buckeye at Ottawa-Glandorf				
Cloverleaf vs. St. Marys Memorial				
Highland vs. Brecksville				
Wadsworth at Mayfield				

WEBER

From B1

Weber also was part of one of the most thrilling plays in program history, catching a 6-yard touchdown from Colton Wadle as time expired to stun Wadsworth 29-28 and capture a share of the championship in Highland's Suburban League National Conference debut.

None of these accomplishments would have been possible had Weber quit football, just like he did in fifth grade before coming back after a year hiatus. Instead, he stuck with it, bided his time behind two of the deepest classes in school history and became one of Medina County's breakthrough standouts as a first-year starter.

"If I could compare him to someone we've had recently, he's like a Dan Miller," Gibbons said of the 2025 All-Gazette defensive end who didn't start until he was a senior. "Even though they're different positions, Dan was a very smart, heady player.

"I look at Jake the same way. He's like a coach on the field because he understands the game really, really well, whether it's offense, defense or as a punt returner."

Weber got his first taste of varsity action last season, when he began as a backup wide receiver. A trend soon was established, as Weber caught touchdowns of 44 yards against McPowell (Pa.), 36 against Aurora and 39 and 13 against Copley, giving him four scores on only six touches. Weber ultimately locked into the No. 3 receiver after All-Gazette picks Lucas Gerding and Nick Dobkowski, finishing with 14 catches for 305 yards and six touchdowns.

The role hasn't changed slightly this season, splitting targets with classmates Ben Radigan, Anthony DePompei and Foust for a remarkably balanced offense. Weber has 32 grabs for 594 yards and six touchdowns, highlighted by an 80-yard TD against North Royalton and a virtuoso second half against Wadsworth in which he had seven catches for 79 yards.

Weber's 12 career receiving touchdowns rank sixth in school history and are within reach of the record 17 set by Cory Moncol from 2011-13.

"It takes a team effort. It's not just one player," Weber said. "The line's got to block so I can open downfield, and obviously the quarterback (Wadle) has got to give me a chance. He's been doing a really good job of being on the money.

"It's something we work at in practice. There's good corners across from me, so it's not like I'm going out there and being wide open every singe play in practice. I've got to make contested catches against good corners. Some days they have me, some days I have them. We just push each other to be better. That's why I've been really able to succeed."

Defensively, Weber mainly mans a cornerback spot but moved to middle safety when Highland used a three-man line and dropped eight into coverage against pass-heavy Medina. He's extremely active when the ball's thrown his way, as evidenced by his eight pass breakups that are tied with two others for the county lead, and has picked off three passes.

Where Weber is the area's unquestioned best, however, is punt returning. His 16 attempts and 235 yards lead the county by massive margins, and his school-record 82-yarder for a score against Solon was the program's 22nd punt return for a TD in 12 seasons under Gibbons.

Weber puts his three-sport skills to good use. The vision from being a point guard allows him to see lanes when returning punts, while the hand-eye coordination from baseball is valuable when high-pointing a pass or knocking the ball free from a would-be receiver.

"We do stress multiple-sport athletes," Gibbons said. "I know it's hard for kids to do, especially when there are so many club sports out there, but we try to get our kids as many examples as possible. Jake Weber is one of those for kids to look up to for years to come. Nick Dobkowski last year, Casey Myser, you go down the list and there a lot of really good football players."

As one of 12 senior starters, Weber is proud of what Highland has accomplished. No one gave the Hornets a chance to go 9-1 and win the SL National outright, but they survived close games against Strongsville (31-27), Nordonia (23-21), Wadsworth (29-28) and Hudson (13-10) to capture three straight league titles for the first time since 1966-69 in the Inland Conference.

The journey is not finished, and a rematch with the Grizzlies will take place if both teams win tonight. It's been made possible partly because of seniors Weber, Radigan (WR/CB), Ethan McCarthy (RT), Chatham Phillips (S) and Ryan Haney (S), who understood they'd eventually get their shot.

"It's been great," Weber said. "There's been great classes before us the last two years. There's been loaded teams, and we heard people talking that we weren't going to be this (good) because we lost that.

"That's never the mentality we've had. We've been good growing up, and we trust each other. We have that chemistry. We knew we were going to be good coming into this season."

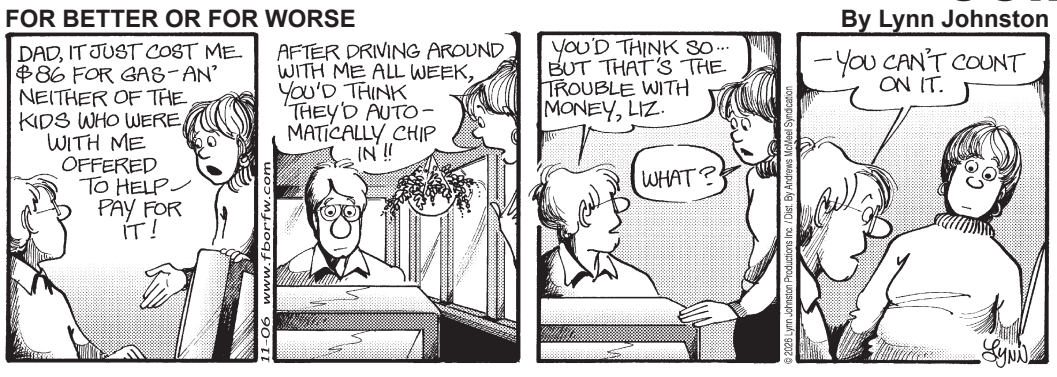
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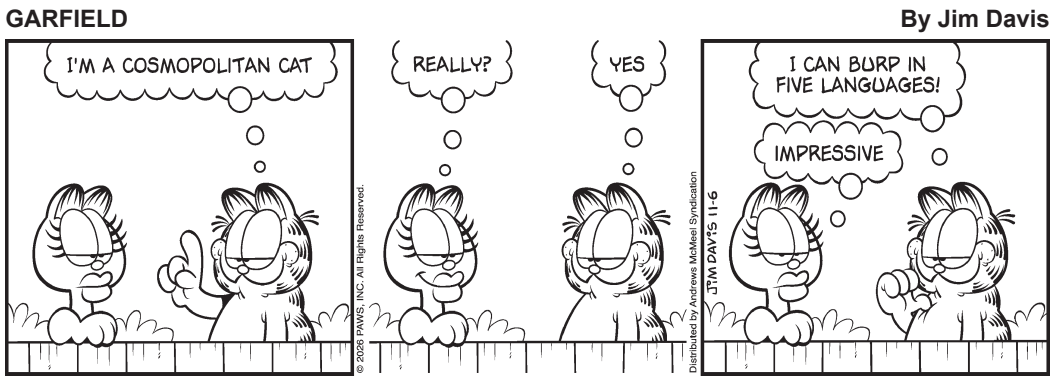
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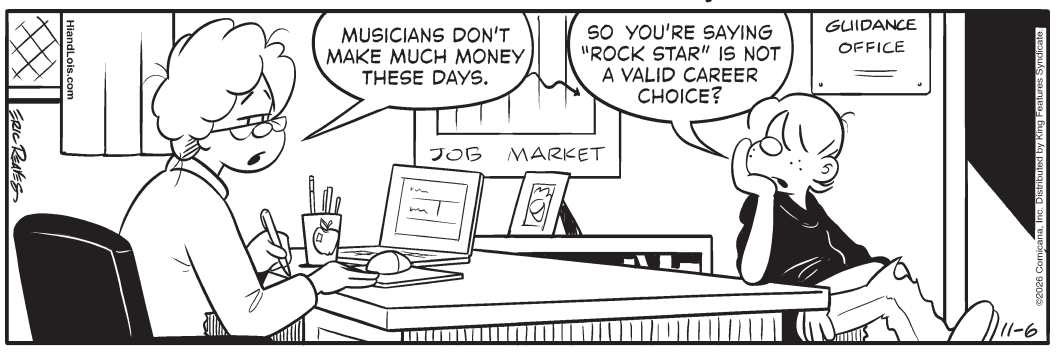
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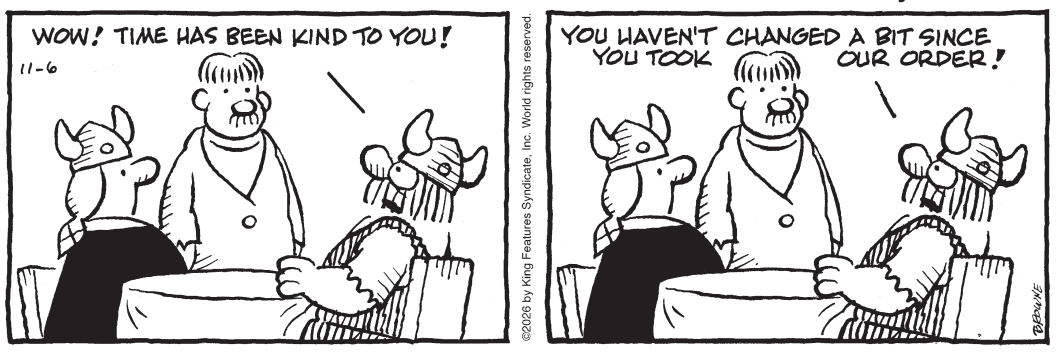
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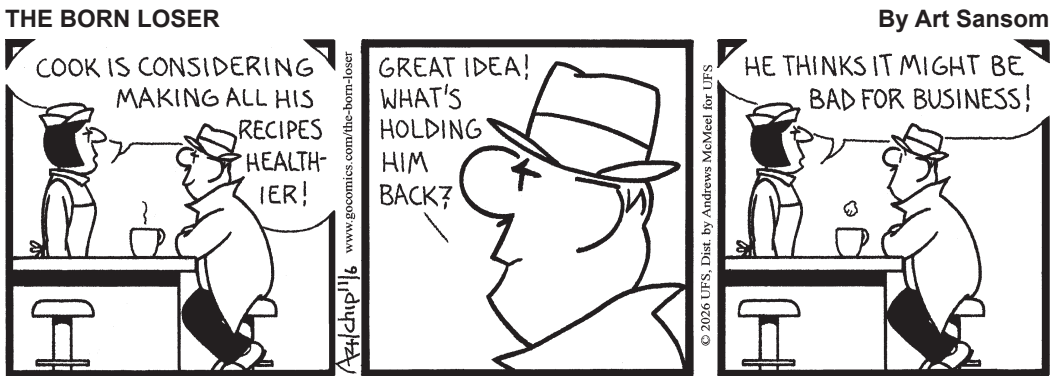
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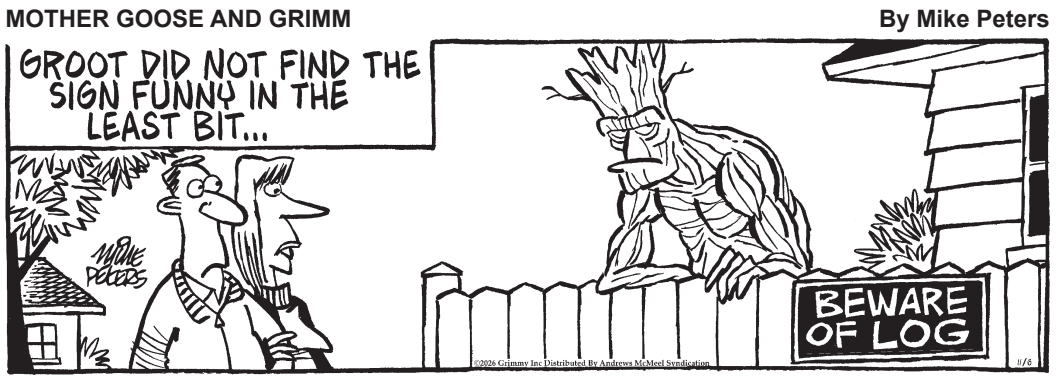
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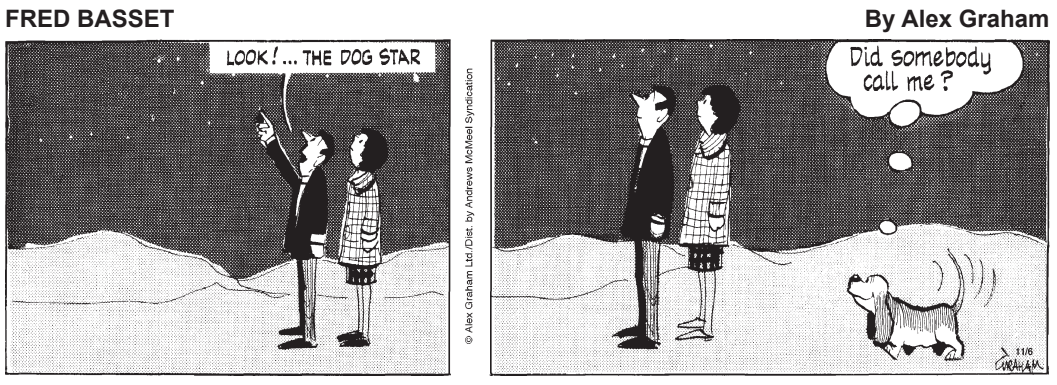
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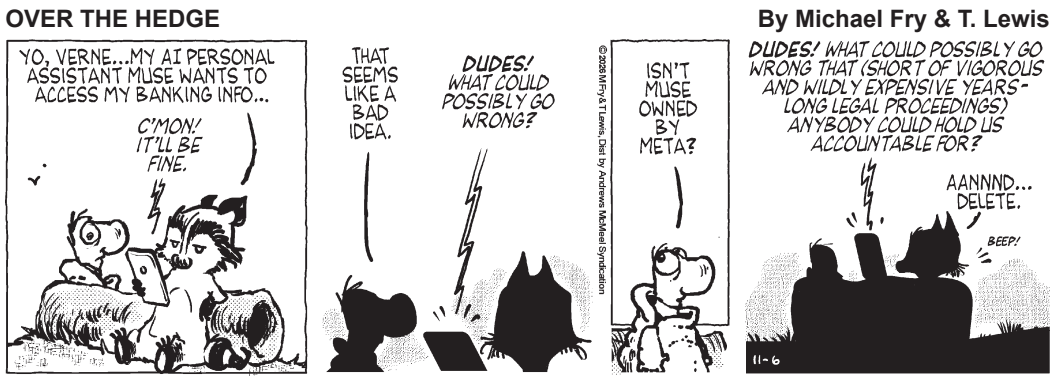
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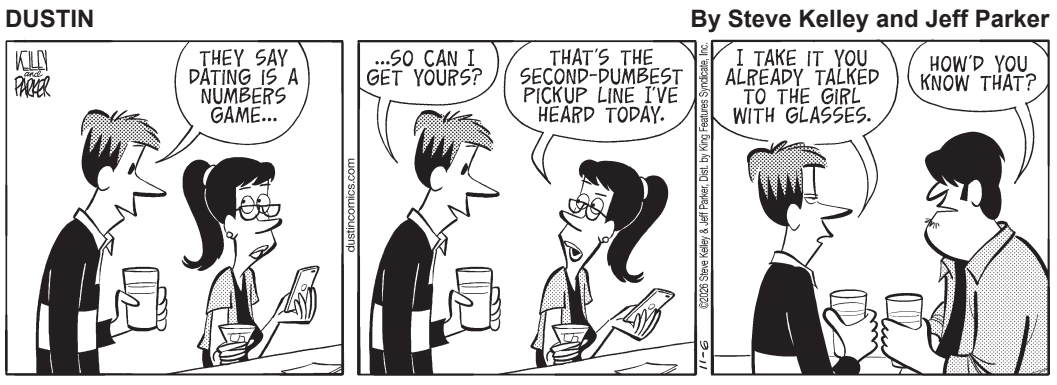
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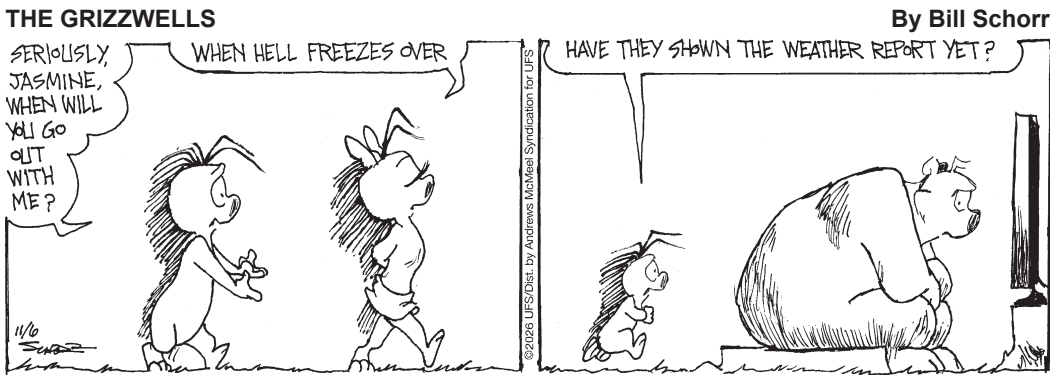
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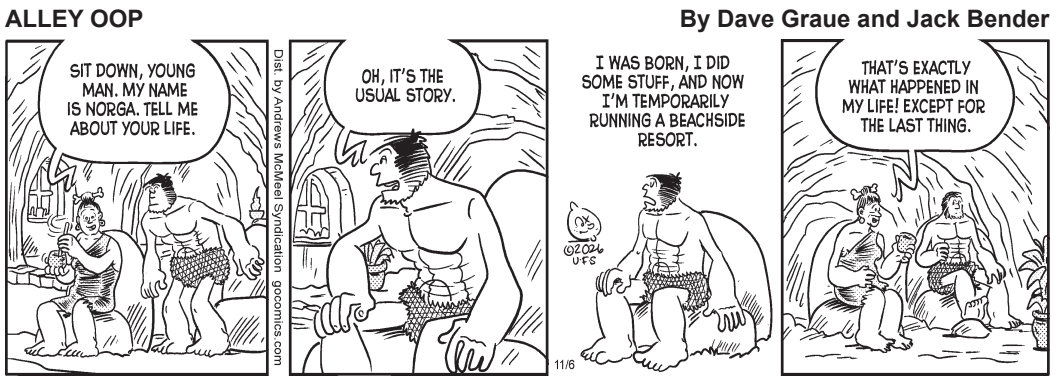
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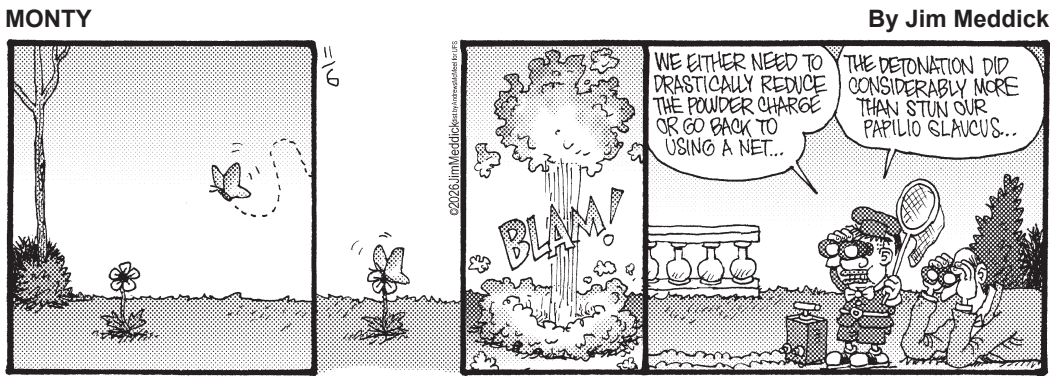
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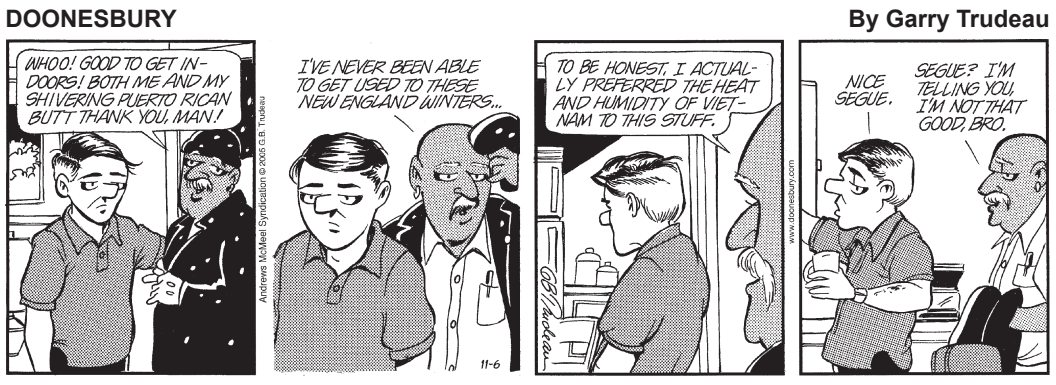
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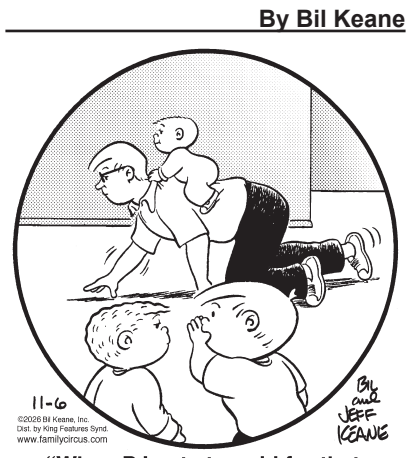
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By Bil Keane



"When PJ gets too old for that, I guess we'll hafta put Daddy out to pasture."

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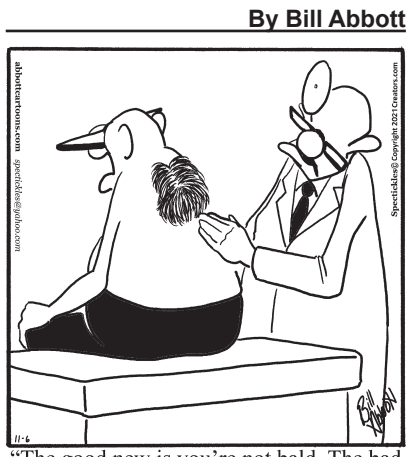
By John McPherson



Although dinner went great, Dirk sensed some negative vibes from Sandy as the evening wore on.

SPECTICKLES

By Bill Abbott



"The good new is you're not bald. The bad new is the weight you've put on has pulled your scalp closer to the equator."

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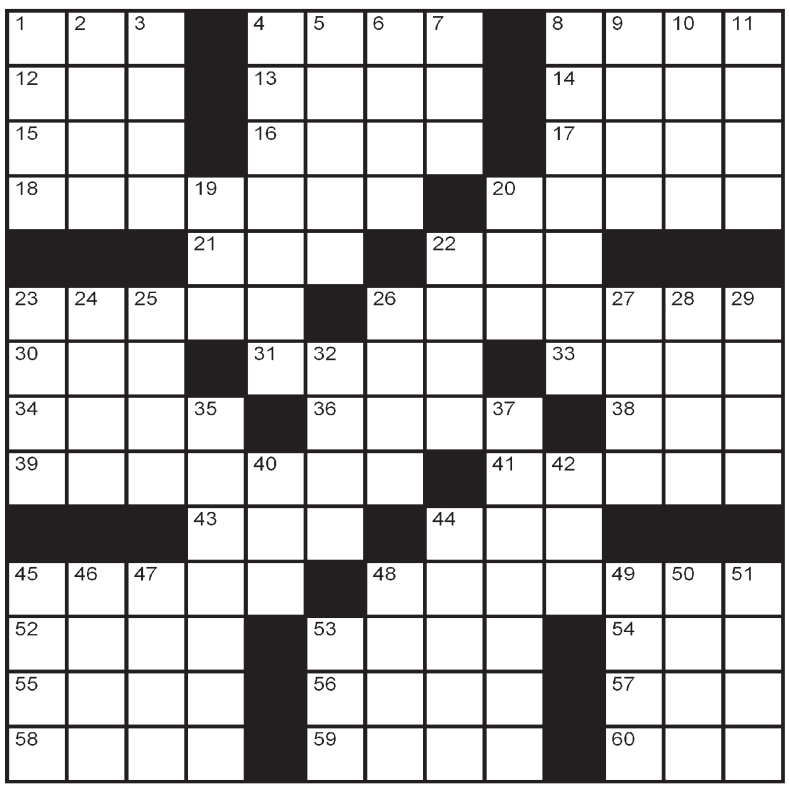
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Answer to Previous Puzzle

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ASTROGRAPH

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): Today could be a productive and helpful day, but earlier in the day is much stronger than later, stars begin to slide downward as the day progresses. It's not a good day to begin something that needs to last past a few months.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Logic and grace could combine to support you in your daily routines, though earlier in the day you'll get more help from the Universe than later. Likewise, communication with a partner would also be easier earlier today.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Today your creative juices could flow nearly effortlessly — you could produce something you are especially pleased with, possibly introducing a new and more elevated path. You should still have time to get needed tasks accomplished.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): A bit of home beautification could bring joy. Even if it's just a tiny change, it could open your heart just a little more to Universal grace. You should be able to use creative problem-solving skills well today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Speak it with love and gentleness and it should land as intended, especially earlier today — later the odds begin to sink. You home world is a big part of your foundation in life, be sure it supports you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Financial insights could abound but put a pin in the best ideas for when the stars begin to support longer-term actions again, wait until next Tuesday at least and also for when your own financial transits align.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Finances could be highlighted along with inner values. Do not initiate anything though until at least mid-next week. A combo of compassion with stellar-level logic could make you a go-to person today.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): How you present yourself is only the album cover, not the music, but it's still of key importance as that's how you're often judged. Consider your truest self as well as your objectives as you design the right cover art.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): A friend could have the perfect answer or insight, or today you might be the oracle for someone else. A new you is just an inner journey away, the next two weeks could be especially powerful for your growth.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could have an interest in building networks and alliances but wait before you get out there and start shaking hands. Though today is a strong day, nothing started now is likely to live on. Wait until next Tuesday or after.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Something you come across could make good sense, but actions taken today could devolve into problems quickly. Wait until the stars stabilize next Tuesday and onward. Your contributions to the world could be a continuing focus.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Teach what you know or at least make the offer for another time. Financial growth is building even if you don't know how right now, even if there seems to be more confusion than good ideas.

IF TODAY IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Take a breath or six and get ready for what could be a fabulous end to a challenging year — there are still more opportunities and blessings coming to you for 2026. While November will likely be relatively quiet, December could bring a lot more than holiday celebrations. Avoiding a temptation to shoot yourself in the foot is a boss move, but you'll need to see it coming and say 'no' in the moment. After this, resources could begin to descend. They could include more help, great ideas, and a nice increase in money — much of what's needed could come in at this time. Your life could take a quantum leap upward. Something you've given up on could find resolution or healing — a situation, a relationship, or someone's health. Last in December, your best talents could be in full view. Be proud of yourself and be open to recognition opening new doors in January.

PARDON MY PLANET — **By Vic Lee**



CELEBRITY CIPHER

By Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"R W Y I J S W Y G G S I H A D ... H X Y T X U I J Y K U Y E C J Z S Q U X W X W S G S C G E S Q W C Y T S K C U I J H C F S X W U I J D C Z K C I ' X A S E U S N S U H T U J W X ." — P Y I S J C C K Y E E

Previous Solution: "I wish I could tell myself that I should nap, and that I knew how ... I just have more coffee and get my eighth wind." — Ariana Grande

TODAY'S CLUE: T = equals X

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ASKING ERIC



ERIC THOMAS

Dear Eric: I am writing to you from Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

I am the primary caregiver to my mother. She has had serious health issues that made the use of a wheelchair necessary.

I was OK with stepping up to care for her, and told her so, too. I have a mild disability (cerebral palsy) that prevents me from doing more for my mother compared to someone with no disability.

The issue is that her surviving younger siblings didn't do a thing to relieve me, even though they both knew help was needed.

It got to the point where I was totally overwhelmed, suffered from severe primary caregiver burnout and went to the hospital emergency room as a direct result of getting seriously hurt from doing activities that my mother and I knew were risky and ill-advised for me.

However, I was the only mature, responsible and willing person available to help my mother when she needed help. I did everything out of love for my mother.

How do I go about respecting my mother's wishes while at the same time reclaiming my physical, mental and emotional health to restore it to some semblance of normalcy without getting hurt further? My family doctor refused to do anything constructive to ensure that proper extra help would be arranged.

Need More Help

Dear Help: There are a number of support systems in place that may be able to help you. Ontario Health atHome (ontariohealthathome.ca), for instance, helps seniors to age in place and also has a caregiver support page. The city of Toronto's page (toronto.ca) also has a comprehensive page dedicated to senior health and home care services plus a helpline (416-217-2077) for general questions and referrals.

The Ontario Caregiver Organization (ontariocaregiver.ca) also has resources, even if your mother isn't a senior.

I'm sorry that her siblings and her doctor aren't being more helpful. Down the road, it may also make sense to change doctors.

Dear Eric: My husband and I have been together since his sons were 6 and 9. He and the boys had all experienced years of abuse before their mother left.

We put the boys in counseling, sought counseling ourselves, and tried to create a safe, consistent home while helping them avoid unhealthy relationships.

Over the years, I made sacrifices I never imagined. I gave up my dream of having children because we worried a new baby might make the boys feel replaced. I also changed to a career that provided stability but isn't fulfilling.

As adults, the boys moved away, but we continued to support them however we could.

Despite everything we tried to do, both sons, now 21 and 24, seem to resent us and want little to do with us. I know growing up with trauma affected all of us, and I also carry my own wounds from some of the older son's behavior toward me over the years.

I understand that love and sacrifice don't guarantee a close relationship. Still, I genuinely believe we did everything we knew how to do and always put the boys' needs first.

How do we accept that our best efforts may never be enough for them? How do I come to terms with giving up so much of the life I imagined and still feeling as though I failed?

After Giving My All

Dear All: The first thing to remember is that these relationships aren't completed stories. This moment is difficult and it feels particularly hard in light of how much you sacrificed and how hard some of those sacrifices were for you.

These feelings aren't anything to be ashamed of, but you would do well to reframe the story. They were in a terrible position; you made what you considered the best choice available. Though it benefited them, they didn't ask you to do it.

They should recognize what you've done for them, but part of parenthood is acknowledging that children rarely have a full grasp about what the adults in their lives are doing. And that's as it should be.

Adulthood grants us greater perspective. They still have a lot of growing to do, a lot of trauma to process.

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DEAR ABBY



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Dear Abby: My husband and I have been happily married for 30 years. We both were previously widowed and have grown children and a large number of grandchildren. From the beginning of our marriage, we funded many things for our children — cars, college, weddings, eating out, shopping trips, vacations, etc. Because we're now retired, we can no longer afford to foot the bill for everyone. Yet, since this pattern has gone on so long, it's expected. No one even offers to pay for anything if they're with us.

Because of this, we have decided to no longer participate in some family activities. We simply can't pay for everything. None of the "kids" seems to realize that we're trying to live within our adjusted means, or that even if we had the money, we should not be obligated to continually foot the bill.

On the other hand, on our special days (Father's Day, Mother's Day, birthdays, etc.) only one of the grown children even bothers to send us a card. At Christmas, all of them receive a nice card and a family check from us. The one who sends us the Christmas card includes a gift card. The other five seldom even respond with a "thank you." Sadly, most of the grandchildren are the same way. Their birthday cards and checks are never acknowledged.

I'm ready to quit sending anything to anyone and act ignorant when a server brings the bill to our table filled with family. My husband feels these expenditures are like doling out their inheritance early. We both are by nature generous people, but I think we've been taken advantage of by those we love. Do you agree?

Money Mama in Michigan

Dear Mama: Your children's manners are atrocious, so it's no wonder their laziness has been passed down to the next generation. However, some of the blame for this state of affairs lies with you and your husband, so I hate to accuse anyone of taking advantage of you.

At the time of your husband's retirement, a family conference should have been held in which you explained your new financial reality to your children. Because that didn't happen, they should not be blamed for assuming nothing has changed. Schedule that overdue conversation as soon as possible. When you do, feel free to mention how it makes you feel when your gifts are not acknowledged.

Dear Abby: Is it rude to tell a stranger or a customer that their zipper is down? I asked a few colleagues, and they all said they would want to be told. I did this twice with customers last week. Both appreciated it, and one said I was his "new best friend" for speaking up. What's proper? Or should I "zip it"?

Just Trying To Help

Dear Trying: As long as the message is delivered subtly or privately, you are doing the person a favor. It falls into the category of telling someone there is toilet paper on their shoe, lipstick on their teeth or, perhaps, that they should wipe their nose again. It is a kindness.

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SENSE AND SENSITIVITY



HARRIETTE COLE

Dear Harriette: I have an amazing husband who genuinely makes our marriage feel like a partnership. Not only does he pay all the bills — even though I have a job and make a pretty good living — he also helps cook, clean and take care of the kids. He does all of this and never complains about any of the support he gives his family. My husband being this wonderful has led to many other women in my life being jealous and unsatisfied with their husbands. Whenever we get together with friends, the women often comment on how lucky I am and make jokes about how their husbands could never compare. At first, I took these comments as compliments, but lately, some of them have started making passive-aggressive remarks about my marriage. One friend even suggested that my husband is only so helpful because he must be trying to make up for something.

I don't want to hide how happy I am just to make other people feel better about their relationships, but I also don't want my marriage to become a source of tension among my friends. Should I start being more discreet about the ways my husband supports me, or should I be able to celebrate my marriage without feeling guilty? How do I handle the jealousy without damaging my friendships?

Say Less

Dear Say Less: What you need to do is read the room. Clearly, your friends are jealous and do not know how to process the difference between your marriage and theirs. Stop talking about your marriage all the time. Deflect the conversation to another topic. People typically love to talk about themselves, so switch to asking them questions about their lives. This is how you can protect your marriage and your friendships.

Dear Harriette: Regarding "No Holds Barred," who wrote "I feel entitled to certain parts of my friends' personal lives": Wow. No. Friends get to share what they want of their personal lives when they want. You are entitled to ask for more from a friendship or leave a relationship when the terms don't align with your needs or desires. But your friends also have agency to share what they are comfortable sharing when they are ready.

I can't help but wonder whether NHB's friend, who is downplaying a new relationship, is withholding because of NHB's entitled behavior. NHB reminds me of someone I know who treats information as currency in her relationships; I share almost nothing with that person because I know I cannot trust her with private information. She'll either share it with others (gossip) or weigh in on my choices without invitation (judgment).

NHB needs to build trust by proving she's a good friend, not by measuring the relationship by how much her friends are willing to disclose.

Enough

Dear Enough: Friends! We love them and often find it challenging to define boundaries around what we want to share — or not. These relationships are precious, and we all want to have confidants with whom we share our lives. But there's no question that the relationship can sometimes be a delicate dance. Occasionally, the dance has to end, as you point out, especially when trust is broken.

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Cold-Season Container Gardening 101: Adding color outdoors to fall and winter

Feature Impact

Although gardening is typically considered more of a spring or summer activity, fall and winter are excellent opportunities to add some color and freshness to your outdoor spaces.

With container gardening, you can create everything from cheerful porch flower displays to miniature winter herb gardens with the flexibility to rearrange your setup as needed.

Consider these tips to create a cold-season container garden that's ready to thrive.

Choose hardy plants and flowers

Work with the cold, not against it, by looking for fall and winter plants suited to your local climate and hardiness zone.

Cold-season flowers like pansies, violets and chrysanthemums can survive light frosts and give you cheerful pops of color to enjoy. Fill out the design by adding ornamental grasses or trailing evergreen foliage like ivy.

If you're hoping to grow vegetables and herbs during the fall and winter, choose tolerant varieties like kale, spinach, chives, rosemary, parsley or thyme.

Get the right kinds of containers

Almost as important as the plants themselves are the pots you decide to plant them in. Look for containers large enough to accommodate growing plants, but small enough that you can move them if necessary.

Proper drainage is another important factor, since soil that stays too wet during cold weather can freeze and thaw, which may damage the roots or pots. Choose sturdy materials that can stand up to changing temperatures, like thick plastic, resin or metal, and avoid more fragile materials like terracotta and ceramic.

Consider location

Placement can determine whether your container garden thrives or struggles. When you're deciding where to keep your containers, think about sunlight, wind protection and ease of access for watering and maintenance. A spot near a south- or west-facing wall may help keep the soil warmer and the plant more sheltered from gusty autumn and winter days.

Don't overwater

If you usually garden during warmer months, you might be accustomed to watering your plants frequently. However, plants generally use less water when temperatures are cool, so if you stick to a summer schedule you could wind up drowning them instead of nurturing them.

Water your containers when the soil is dry enough to need it, preferably when temperatures are above freezing so it doesn't turn to ice around the roots.

Protect plants from extreme weather

A light layer of snow usually isn't a death sentence, but even cold-resistant plants are bound to struggle during a howling blizzard or a deep freeze.

Depending on what kinds of plants and containers you have, follow professional recommendations to move containers into sheltered locations or wrap the pots with insulating materials to keep the roots warmer.

Find more seasonal home and garden tips at eLivingtoday.com.



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Fireplace Readiness:
Why November is Chimney Sweep Month



Before you light that first cozy fire, November is the absolute last call to ensure your chimney and fireplace are safe for the winter season. A poorly maintained chimney is one of the leading causes of house fires, and creosote buildup is the primary culprit.

Creosote is a highly flammable residue created by burning wood. Over time, it coats the inside of the chimney flue. If the buildup is more than one-eighth of an inch thick, it poses a significant fire risk and should be professionally removed. Scheduling a chimney sweep now ensures a clean flue and gives the technician a chance to inspect the **flue liner** and **damper** for cracks or obstructions.

In addition to the sweep, test your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors, especially those near the fireplace or in bedrooms. Replace any battery-operated detectors that are more than 10 years old.

Finally, ensure you have a sturdy metal ash can and a clear perimeter around the hearth. Never dispose of ashes directly into a plastic or cardboard container, even if they seem cool. Proper maintenance in November allows you to enjoy a safe, warm fireplace throughout the coldest months.

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Supertunia Tiaras for all occasions

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The Supertunia Tiara duo debuted in 2025 and in this brief amount of time has become the darling of the landscape. The love and admiration from gardeners across the country including my area of West Georgia and East Alabama has been nothing short of WOW! As much as gardeners treasure their Supertunia Vista Bubblegum petunias, Supertunia Pink Tiara and Blue Tiara are here to say, "Look at me!" Oh yes, and both are building a trophy case with awards.

At first, it would seem the Supertunia Tiara Petunias were designed with the artist gardener in mind. While that could be true, it is most likely that these petunias are so unique and beautiful that any combination or application you try simply looks ready for the canvas.

Both Supertunia Pink Tiara and Blue Tiara are mounding and can reach up to 12 inches in height with a spread of 2 feet. So, from floral ground covers to spillers out of baskets or tumblers over the rim of containers, they promise to excel. In containers, premium lightweight potting mixes with controlled released granular fertilizer and plenty of sun will insure you receive the coveted "green thumb" award.

But you are thinking about partners or combinations. So, let's start simple. They both will excel as monoculture; in other words a basket full of Supertunia Pink Tiara or one full of Supertunia Blue Tiara will bring out the camera, and they look great together!

But if you are like The Garden Guy, you want a combination that will stop traffic. It is hard to beat Supertunia Blue Tiara growing in combination with high contrast colors like Supertunia Persimmon or Supertunia Honey petunias. If you are thinking "Good lawdy that's gawdy," then tone it down with yellow or chartreuse; in which case Lemon Coral sedum offers both.

The Garden Guy has now come full circle. I think Supertunia Pink Tiara might just be the prettiest petunia in the market. I can think of a richer pink color with the accompanying white halo sealing the deal with the contrast.

A new recipe in 2027 called Sparkle Party sounds funny or catchy, but the look is one for your dreams. I wrote about it in the summer but will help remind you that the other partners are Superbena Violet Ice verbena and the yellow Supertunia Saffron Finch petunia.

Here are some ideas from the field: Susan Middleton Turner in Zone 9 Miller County, Georgia, planted a decorative garden cart or wagon with Supertunia Pink Tiara and Blue Tiara petunias and a layer of Supertunia Mini Vista Bright Pink petunias. It was a real eye-catching accent for the landscape.

Daughter Kim moved to a new home that came with a raised bed ready for planting. She chose Supertunia Pink Tiara petunia as a ground cover partner with ColorBlaze Lime Time and ColorBlaze Royale Pineapple Brandy coleuses. The bed also featured Rockin Playin' The Blues salvia and the heirloom, Rose Campion.



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Supertunia Blue Tiara and Pink Tiara made their debut in 2025 and have taken the gardening world by storm.

The Garden Guy tried a Supertunia Blue Tiara petunia with next year's new Superbells Double Mardi Gras and the Superbells Yellow calibrachoas, and the combination was magical. Keep this one in mind come spring planting season.

The Garden Guy has just wound up fall planting season in the Columbus, Georgia, area. We are in zone 8 and I have found it to be a great time to plant what I call refresher colors. I have planted Supertunia petunias, Superbena verbenas and Superbells calibrachoas. These usually come through the winter, whether I choose to move containers into the garage for a couple of nights or leave them outside. This usually gives me great color in what might be considered odd times of the year. If you can find the "Supers" for sale in zone 8 and warmer, give it a try. My main tup would be to go into cold nights with your plants hydrated.

It's a great time to be a gardener and the Supertunia Tiara petunias make everything more beautiful.

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