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**ROAD**  
**Road closure to impact U.S. 136 in Fountain County**

FOUNTAIN COUNTY — The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a road closure that will impact U.S. 136



between Hillsboro and Waynetown in Fountain County. Beginning on or after Monday, crews will close a bridge in this area to perform scour protection and clear right-of-way. Work is expected to last a week but is weather-dependent and subject to change.

The official detour around the closure is State Road 341 north to Newtown if you're heading westbound and S.R. 55 south to Wingate, south on S.R. 25 back to U.S. 136 if you're heading eastbound.

INDOT encourages drivers to use caution in and around work zones and to seek an alternate route during the closure.

## Boys & Girls Clubs kicks off youth programs

Register now for spring, summer and sports camps

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Boys & Girls Clubs of Montgomery County is excited to announce the launch of three programs — Spring Break Camp, Soccer Skills Camp and Summer Camp. Registration is currently open for these opportunities that offer a safe and fun environment for kids aged 5 to 17 and provide a variety of activities designed to keep them active and inspired.

Spring Break Camp, offered for the first-time ever, will run from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 24-28. The camp is made possible through the partnership of Lakeside Book Company. Each day will be filled with recreation, art, field trips, academic enrichment and more. Daily themes will add excitement and surprises. Breakfast, lunch and snacks are included.



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Spaces are limited and available for any child aged 5-17. The cost is \$50, plus an annual \$30 membership fee (if not current).

Soccer Skills Camp runs 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays from April 8 to May 8. Wabash College soccer coaches and players will lead the program. Sessions will emphasize skill

development through drills and scrimmages. Open for youth aged Kindergarten through fifth grade. The cost is \$20, plus the annual \$30 membership fee (if not current).

Summer Camp provides a great summer care option for many families. Running from June 2 to Aug. 1, Monday

SEE PROGRAMS/3A

## Valero donates to FISH Pantry

The Valero Renewables plant in Linden contributed \$10,000 to FISH Food Pantry so it could replace a refrigerator and purchase food items. Pictured, from left, are Jake Peterson, Valero Linden Plant Manager, Ellen Simpson, Pantry director, and Mary Broadstreet, Valero Linden office coordinator. January through March are the lowest times for donations, and the grant helped provide nutrition for those in need. During both January and February 2025 FISH has served more than 500 families. Community partners like Valero, local contributors of both cash and goods and food drives help to keep the pantry shelves stocked to support hungry neighbors. Call Pantry Director Ellen Simpson at 765-362-3474, write to P.O. Box 261, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or follow FISH on Facebook to contribute or to volunteer.



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## CCSC board OKs field trips

Hayley Jarman  
hjarman@jrpress.com

Multiple field trip requests received approval Thursday during the regular monthly meeting of the board of trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School Corp.

The board approved the Crawfordsville High School National Art Honor Society trip to Kings Island on April 19; the Crawfordsville Middle School eighth grade trip to the Lincoln Presidential Museum in Springfield, Illinois, (the date has not been determine); and the CMS

Student Leadership's Ultimate Shield Trip to Holiday World on May 22.

In other business the board heard updates on various construction projects.

The high school field turf project is slated to begin in May and will take four to six weeks. The tennis court repairs at the high school will begin July 7 and is expected to be completed in two to three weeks.

The new administration building is nearing completion. Superintendent Dr. Rex Ryker expects the site to be ready for occupation after the next

board meeting at CHS. Warmer weather has allowed for exterior work around the building to resume this week, including landscaping and patio installation.

In personnel matters, the board:

- Accepted the retirement request for CMS teacher Debbie Brading.
- Accepted the resignations of Diana Verhey, Willson developmental classroom aide, and Grace Vaught, occupational therapist with West Central Indiana Special Services Cooperative.

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# BULLETIN Board

## SATURDAY

**Pancake and Sausage Breakfast and Raffle** — 7-10 a.m. Saturday, Jackson Township Fire Department, Wallace. Free-will donations accepted. Two winners drawn for "loud" prizes. Other prize giveaways. Ticket are one for \$10 or three for \$25. Call 765-397-3000.

**Men's Christian Breakfast Series** — 8 a.m. Saturday, Darlington Christian Church. Speaker: Jeff Korhorn.

**Women's Lenten Breakfast Series** — 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday, Liberty Chapel, 3942 W. C.R. 500N. Theme: Perseverance in Temptations. Speaker: Pam Suiter. Breakfast served at 8 a.m.

**Spring Open House** — 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Shop Small Shop Handmade, 124 N. Green St.

**Sip & Paint** — 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Francis and Mount, 131 N. Washington St. Registration required.

**DIY Fidget Toys for Teens** — 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. For grades 6-12. Registration required, call 765-362-2242, ext. 2.

**Rapunzel's Fairytale Tea Party** — 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Historic Ladoga, 100 N. Harrison St., Ladoga. Registration required. Contact MermazingAdventures@gmail.com for more information.

**New Market Fire Department Chili Dinner** — 4-7 p.m. Saturday, 201 W. Main St., New Market.

**The Addams Family Musical** — 7 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Crawfordsville High School. Purchase online tickets at <https://cur8.com/18438/project/129329/>.

**Newsies the Musical** — 7 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday, North Montgomery High School. Purchase online tickets at <https://www.vancoevents.com/us/eventlist/nmhs>.

## SUNDAY

**Chicken/Fish Dinner** — Noon Sunday, Russellville Community Center, 300 N. Harrison St. Menu includes sandwich, fries, slaw, dessert and drink. Cost is \$10. Children's meal is \$5. Call 765-367-3636 or 765-918-6312.

**Intermediate Tech** — 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. Classes for deeper dive into computer programs — intermediate Excel, Intermediate Word, Intermediate PowerPoint and build a Simple Expense Tracker. Free. Register online.

**Concerts on the Corner** — 4 p.m. Sunday, Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, 307 S. Washington St. Sweet Country and the Dog Biscuits will perform. Free-will offering accepted and will support the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County.

## MONDAY

**FISH Clothing Closet** — 10 a.m. to noon Monday and 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Wabash Presbyterian Church, Crawfordsville. Clothing donations accepted during these hours.

**Third Grade Book Club** — 4 p.m. Monday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. Registration required.

**North Montgomery School Board** — 5 p.m. Monday, central administration office, 480 W. C.R. 580N, Crawfordsville.

**Linden Carnegie Public Library Board** — 5:30 p.m. Monday, library, 102 S. Main St., Linden.

**Montgomery County Medical Care Trust** — 6 p.m. Monday, third floor, Fusion 54, 101 W. Main St.

**Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau Board** — 6 p.m. Monday, YSB offices, 808 W. Pike St.

**Sugar Creek Quilters Guild** — 6:30 p.m. third Monday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

## Charles Duane Shumaker

Feb. 25, 1934-March 13, 2025

Charles Duane Shumaker, 91, of rural Veedersburg passed away at his residence at 12:55 p.m. Thursday, March 13, 2025.



Duane was born Feb. 25, 1934, in Wabash Township, Fountain County, Indiana, the son of Grant and Ruby (Orahood) Shumaker. He married Nancy Tornquist on May 10, 1957, at Veedersburg.

Surviving family include: his wife Nancy Shumaker, Veedersburg; four sons, Dan (Cathy) Shumaker, Lafayette, Kelvin (Anna) Shumaker, Olathe, Kansas, Tim (Kathryn) Shumaker, Veedersburg, and Kenneth (Valli) Shumaker, Covington; daughter Lucinda (Dan) Sighting, Brookston, Indiana; 11 grandchildren, Doug (Megan) Shumaker, Angela (John) Sliger, Bethaney (Cody) Burlew, Jessica Shumaker, Mackenzie (Brayden) Alward, Gabrielle Shumaker, Aidan Shumaker, Peyt Shumaker, Kendall Shumaker, Ellen (Chad) Sighting and Danielle Sighting; five great-grandchildren, Hunter Burlew, Jaxon Sliger, Mackenna Shumaker, Declan Shumaker and Hadley Alward; and several nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by daughter Sue Ellen Shumaker; three sisters, Kathleen Allen, Phyllis Rayphole and Virginia Dark; and two brothers, Robert Shumaker and Dean Shumaker. Duane graduated from Perrysville High School in 1954. He was employed at Marshall Studios for 10 years, and was employed at Tee-Pak in Danville, Illinois for 33 years prior to his retirement in 1997. His greatest enjoyment in life came from spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Graveside service will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 18 at Coopers Chapel Cemetery, State Road 32, Covington, with Pastor Ryan Sowers officiating. In lieu of flowers the family would prefer memorial contributions be given to St Jude Children's Hospital or Shriener's Children Hospital. Online condolences at [www.dickerfuneralhome.com](http://www.dickerfuneralhome.com).

Thomas Joe Zimmerman, 86, of Rockville passed away at his residence Sunday, March 9, 2025.

He was a retired driver for UPS with 27 years of dedicated service. He was born June 19, 1939, in Ladoga, to the late Owen and Beulah (Haase) Zimmerman. On Nov. 4, 1961, he married the love of his life, Mary Brockmeier Zimmerman, in Ladoga. Together, they shared 63 wonderful years of marriage. He is survived by wife Mary; daughter Lisa Myers of Rockville;

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## Obituaries

sons, Thomas (Cathy) Zimmerman II of Ladoga, Eric (Lindi) Zimmerman of Crawfordsville and Tim Hensley of Cincinnati, Ohio; sister Del (John) Torrison of Manitowoc, Wisconsin; 11 grandchildren, Michelle Myers, Melissa (Corey) Gillogly, Molly Myers, Maya Cook, Tanner Zimmerman, Ruby Zimmerman, Madison (Trevor) Halsey, Taylor Inman, Caitlynn Zimmerman, Karli Nelson and Briar Connelly; 13 great-grandchildren, Avery, Emma, Zoey, Mackenzie, Ashlyn, Candice, Kayde, Karder, Easton, Ryleigh, Lylah, Izra, Eva and another expected soon; and countless extended family and friends who will deeply miss him.

Thomas proudly served his country in the United States Navy from 1959 to 1962. He was a graduate of Ladoga High School, an active member of the First Baptist Church in Rockville and the American Legion Fellenzer Post 48. Thomas lived a life of service and community, giving 17 years to the Ladoga Volunteer Fire Department. He loved playing golf, fishing, and softball and was a passionate supporter of his children and grandchildren's athletic pursuits. He was an avid basketball player, with few ever managing to beat him in a game of HORSE. A devoted fan of Indiana University athletics, he never missed an opportunity to cheer on his beloved IU Hoosiers.

Graveside services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, June 21, 2025, at Ladoga Cemetery. Pastor Tami Musseche will officiate, and military honors will be provided by the Parke County Veterans. Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Gooch Funeral Home in Rockville. Online condolences may be shared at [www.goochfuneralhome.com](http://www.goochfuneralhome.com).

## Susan Stump

Oct. 7, 1945-March 10, 2025

Susan Stump, 79, of Fishers, formerly of Crawfordsville, passed away Monday, March 10, 2025, at Hamilton Trace Senior Living in Fishers.



She was born Oct. 7, 1945, in San Pablo, California, to Lester and Frances Hartung Fine.

Susan graduated from Crawfordsville High School and retired from RR Donnelly & Sons, after 49 years of service.

She married Donald Stump on July 5, 1977. He preceded her in death May 24, 2017.

Susan was an active member of Eastside Baptist Church and often spent time alongside Don at Elston Fields, as active members of the local softball community.

Survivors include: daughter Sarah Stump Hamilton; son-in-law Jeff Hamilton; and two grandchildren, Max and Stellah. She also is survived by Donald's three children, Teresa (Dan) Houston, Mike (Tina) Stump and Lisa (Henry) Glover, along with grandchildren, Natasha, Corbin, Kayla, Krista, Katelyn, Aislyn, Hank and Ashley.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sisters, Linda Dickerson, Mary Ann Clough and Sally Willis.

A graveside service will be held at

11 a.m. Saturday, March 22 at Oak Hill Cemetery North. Friends and family are invited to a celebration of life following the service at Eastside Baptist Church at 2 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to Eastside Baptist Church, Montgomery County Animal Welfare League or the Alzheimer's Association.

## Marjorie Lee Keeling

April 2, 1931-March 13, 2025

Marjorie Lee Keeling, 93, passed away March 13, 2025, at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville.



She was born April 2, 1931, in Fountain County, to Frank and Avanelle Allen Shoaf. On May 19, 1951, she married Leroy Keeling who preceded her in death in 1994.

Marjorie graduated from Kingman High School in the class of 1949. She was proud of her school and attended every alumni banquet since graduation, totaling 75 years. After graduation in the spring of 1949, she attended and graduated from "Smart Appearance Beauty College" in Terre Haute. She owned and operated "Marge's Beauty Shop" in Kingman for many years.

Marjorie was a member of the Kingman United Methodist Church and was active in church activities. She loved to garden and pick blackberries; canning her vegetables and making jelly, which she shared with many. She was never happy away from home; when she turned off Hwy 41 onto 234 she said in her view she was back in the "Garden Spot of the World."

One of her favorite things was basketball. In school she played for the KHS girls basketball team, at that time girls could only play half court. She was a tough team player guarding her end. Marjorie and Leroy were supporters of Covington basketball. Leroy taught in the school system and was always a member of the score keepers for many years. She liked IU and Purdue, but in later years she loved the Pacers and Indiana Fever.

Some of her best talents were sewing, knitting and needlepoint. She made all her husband's bow ties and doll clothes at Christmas for her nieces. She liked dressing up for Halloween and dressing her nieces and nephews up to play in the snow so they could hardly move.

Marjorie is survived by sister Joyce Berard and sister-in-law Shirley Shoaf. She was a special aunt to her nieces and nephews and their families; and had many loving friends and neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, sister Phyllis Ransom and brother Gordon Shoaf.

Visitation will be at Sanders Funeral Care, 203 S. First St., Kingman, on Monday, March 17 from noon until the time of the funeral service at 3 p.m., with Dave Sims officiating. Burial will follow at Kingman Fraternal Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be given in Marge's memory to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, WEB P.O. Box 7410354, Chicago, IL 60674-0354 or at [www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org). Share memories and condolences online at [www.SandersFuneralCare.com](http://www.SandersFuneralCare.com).

## LocalRecord

### Crawfordsville Police

#### THURSDAY

- Juvenile complaint in the 1300 block of South Elm Street — 8:01 a.m.
- Drug investigation in the 1800 block of East Wabash Avenue — 8:34 a.m.
- Juvenile complaint in the 700 block of Curtis Street — 9:41 a.m.
- Vandalism in the 400 block of East South Boulevard — 10:47 a.m.
- Vandalism in the 500 block of Whitlock Avenue — 11:36 a.m.
- James Ryan Lewis, 40, Lebanon, was arrested on a charge of contempt of court — 12:59 p.m.
- Michael Scott Arrington, 19, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a charge of illegal consumption of alcohol — 1:58 p.m.
- Domestic disturbance in the 200 block of South Vine Street — 7:04 p.m.
- Hit and run at West Main and North Walnut streets — 7:32 p.m.
- Prowler in the 400 block of East Market Street — 8:20 p.m.
- Sex crime in the 700 block of Curtis Street — 8:26 p.m.

### Domestic disturbance

at South Walnut and West Chestnut streets — 8:38 p.m.

• Theft in the 800 block of East College Street — 9:42 p.m.

• Mark Anthony Hampton, 31, address not listed, was arrested on charges of unauthorized entry of a motor vehicle and public intoxication — 10:05 p.m.

• Property damage crash at South State Road 47 and Athenian Drive — 11:16 p.m.

#### FRIDAY

• Jessica Sarah Reeves-Elwood, 43, Rantoul, Illinois, was arrested on charges possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia — 2:52 a.m.

• Pride Richard Smith, 24, Crawfordsville, was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated and driving while suspended — 4:38 a.m.

### Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

#### THURSDAY

- Animal complaint at North State Road 47 and North C.R. 625E — 1:43 a.m.
- Property damage crash at South State Road 47 and West C.R. 500S — 2:23 a.m.

• Property damage crash at 3370 E. State Road 32 — 5:46 a.m.

• Drug investigation in the 5900 block of North U.S. 231 — 10:39 a.m.

• Perry C. Trinkle, 67, Waynetown, was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment and driving while suspended — 2:50 p.m.

• Drug investigation in the 600 block of Memorial Drive — 3:51 p.m.

• Warrant served in the 2500 block of West U.S. 136 — 4:44 p.m.

• Leonardo Jose Rodriguez-Perez, 28, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a charge of operating a vehicle without a license — 7:57 p.m.

• Property damage crash at 3580 E. State Road 32 — 9:29 p.m.

• Property damage crash at South Ladoga Road and East C.R. 640S, New Ross — 11:22 p.m.

### Indiana State Police

#### FRIDAY

• Ava Kay Wright, 18, Kokomo, was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated by controlled substance, operating a vehicle while intoxicated - endangerment and possession

of marijuana — 2:31 a.m.

### Crawfordsville Fire/EMS Department

#### THURSDAY

• Medical call in the 300 block of Liberty Street, Waynetown — 1:55 a.m.

• Medical call in the 600 block of East Elm Street, Ladoga — 2:28 a.m.

• Structure fire at 600 W. State Road 32 — 2:34 a.m.

• Medical call in the 100 block of East High Street, Wingate — 5:47 a.m.

• Medical call in the 2300 block of Phil Ward Boulevard — 1 p.m.

• Medical call in the 1900 block of West Oak Hill Road — 4:50 p.m.

• Medical call in the first block of Locust Hill Street — 7:45 p.m.

• Medical call in the 1700 block of East Main Street — 9:04 p.m.

### Darlington Fire Department

#### THURSDAY

• Structure fire at 7771 E. C.R. 650N, Darlington. Crawfordsville Fire Department also responded — 4:24 a.m.

### Coal Creek Fire Department

#### THURSDAY

• Outside fire at 6701 W. C.R. 800S, Tippecanoe County — 6:55 p.m.

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# Wabash baseball extends winning streak with win over Washington College

For the Journal Review

FORT PIERCE, Fla. — Freshman Jarrod Kirsch dominated on Thursday, striking out eight Washington College (MD) hitters over six innings of work to help power the Wabash College Little Giants past the Shoremen 8-1.

In addition to his eight strikeouts, Kirsch (1-0) held Washington (9-4) to one run on five hits and one walk for Wabash (6-3). Dylan Haslett also made an impact on the mound for the Little Giants, throwing three shutout innings while allowing one hit, with one walk and seven strikeouts.

Offensively, the Little Giants were paced by Michael Galanos, who went 3-for-4 on the day with a double, a walk and three RBI. Will Fremion also furnished a stand-out performance at the dish, going 3-for-5 with a double and an RBI. Miles Cvelbar also contributed for Wabash, putting

together two hits in three trips to the plate, adding two walks and an RBI.

The Little Giants got on the board immediately, starting their scoring with one run in the top of the first inning. Wabash got on the board thanks to Fremion's RBI double with two outs.

The Shoremen tied the ballgame at one before the Little Giants came back to reclaim their advantage in the fourth inning. Phillips brought home a run with a groundout. Ben Henke added an RBI with a single to right, and Cvelbar scored Henke with a single to left, bringing the score to 4-1 in favor of the Little Giants.

Wabash expanded its lead to 5-1 in the fifth inning on an RBI single by Galanos. The senior second baseman drilled a two-run single in the eighth inning after Evan Neukem put Wabash up 6-1 with a bases-loaded walk.

### GAME NOTES

- Wabash got three-hit games from both Fremion and Galanos.
- Kirsch struck out eight Shoremen hitters.
- The Wabash pitching staff combined to strike

out 15 Washington College hitters.

- Wabash's highest-scoring inning was the eighth when it pushed three runs across.

- Kirsch put together six innings of one-run ball for the Little Giants.

- Five Little Giants had multiple hits in the ballgame.

- The Little Giants out-hit the Shoremen at a 14-6 clip.

- Wabash went 7-for-19 (.368) with runners in scoring position.

- Wabash pitchers limited Washington to 0-for-8 with runners in scoring position.

- Wabash pitchers faced 36 Washington hitters in the game, allowing seven ground balls and five fly balls while striking out 15.

- The Little Giants drew six walks from Washington pitching.

- Galanos led the Little Giants at the plate, going 3-for-4 with a double and three RBI.

- Washington was led offensively by Drew Kinsey, who went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

- Casey Edwards led the Shoremen pitching staff, throwing two shut-out innings.

## PHHS Athletes Earn WRC Honors

Parke Heritage High School winter athletes were honored at the Wabash River Conference banquet held Wednesday at the Beef House in Covington. Those receiving All-conference honors were Emma Simpson, Addilee Jenkins and Raegan Ramsay, girls basketball; Treigh Schelsky, BT Luce, Renn Harper, Isaac Pickel and Carter Crum, boys basketball; Maddie Crowder, Rheese Benjamin and Mackenzie Gillogly, girls wrestling; and Klayton Burgess, boys wrestling. Both the girls and boys basketball teams were recognized for winning the conference titles with undefeated 7-0 records. The girls wrestling team was also recognized for winning their conference tournament. Earning All-Conference were front row, Addilee Jenkins, Emma Simpson, Raegan Ramsay, Maddie Crowder, Rheese Benjamin and Mackenzie Gillogly; and back row, Klayton Burgess, Treigh Schelsky, Issac Pickel, Carter Crum, BT Luce and Renn Harper.



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## PROGRAMS

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through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., Summer Camp involves enriching experiences like field trips to the pool, movies, and museums, art enrichment classes, recreation and STEM programming. Participants develop new skills and stay academically

engaged. Kids and teens have the chance to explore new interests while building lifelong friendships. Daily meals and snacks are included. The cost is \$80/week, plus the annual \$30 membership fee (if not current).

Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County is dedicated to providing remarkable opportunities for learning, growth,

and fun. Through engaging activities and positive relationships, Club members are empowered to embrace their full potential.

To register your child for any of these Camps at the Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County, visit [www.bgcmoco.org](http://www.bgcmoco.org) to complete registration forms or contact the club at 765-362-8219.

## WRESTLING Two slated for HOF induction

The National Wrestling Coaches Association has announced the 2025 Division III Men's Hall of Fame class.

Honorees will be inducted Aug. 1, at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort & Spa in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

Inductees are Brian Anderson (Wabash College), Minga Batsukh (St. John's University), Ken Daws (Official), Riley Lefever (Wabash College), Brian Manzi (Official), John Oostendorp (Coe College), Joe Rau (Elmhurst College), and Mort Zifferer (York College of Pennsylvania).

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# DIVERSIONS

## Boyfriend has a hard time showing affection

DEAR ABBY: I lost my husband in the middle of last summer. He had a long illness with strokes and Alzheimer's, and he was horrible to me. Out of our entire 40 years of marriage, we had only four good ones.

Over the last three years, a gentleman from work would help with things around the house that my husband could no longer do. He would talk to both of us and then go on his way. I took care of my husband 24/7 for the last two years of his life.

I see this man at work all the time. He lost his daughter around the same time I lost my husband. We carpooled and talked a lot. I bought him a tree this year for Christmas with presents (everyone in the vanpool gets presents).

The day after Christmas, we celebrated together. We have been together every day since. He treats me well. My children adore him. My ONLY hang-up is that because he hasn't dated for more than 20 years, he isn't very affectionate. Other than that, he's great to me. If I mention that I like anything, he'll buy it for me.

Do I take a man who has a hard time kissing and hugging me because he shows affection in other ways, or should I move on? I have lots of family, so even though I would be alone, I would never be lonely. — WONDERING IN THE WEST

DEAR WONDERING: The man you have been seeing has a lot going for him. I don't know why he isn't affectionate, and neither, it appears, do you. Please have a calm, straightforward chat with him. Tell him how terrific you think he is, but the fact that he's not physically

affectionate (describe exactly what you mean by that) is a problem for you. He may not know how or not be able to give you what you're looking for,

but it would be a shame to end the relationship over anything that was unsaid.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my early 30s and dealing with an illness that can kill me. I'm OK with dying, and I don't want any treatment. I just want to go.

I have been dealing with suicidal thoughts, depression and self-harm since the age of 13. The problem is my children, husband and close family members. I don't want to tell anyone about this, and I do not want sympathy.

I don't want to leave my children and husband, but I don't want them to see me get sick or die. I do not want them to cry. I prefer to deal with this on my own. Who knows? I might make it. Should I tell them what's going on or leave them hanging? — CHALLENGED IN OHIO

DEAR CHALLENGED: I am sorry about your frightening diagnosis. Please do not leave the people who love you hanging. Your husband will see you growing weak and increasingly sick. Your children should be prepared, in an age-appropriate way, about the changes you will experience so they don't think it is their fault.

Do everything you can to manage this disease, including talking to your doctors about your mental health history, and think positive, because you may, indeed, make it. If you do, your family will be stronger for it.

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

### DEAR ABBY



### 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.

" Y V D T C N U P R Y J J A J P G U Z A C T N M N G  
W N P J T V P U K D O I , V D C R W K P X W N J  
C E Y G I T E N O P G Z N C R N H Y M N . "  
— T C N M N G X J Y Z E C

Previous Solution: "The mark of greatness is when everything before you is obsolete, and everything after you bears your mark." — Dave Chappelle

TODAY'S CLUE: O equals O

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### NEA CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
- 1 "— in Black"
  - 4 Recipe amount
  - 8 Thin layer of gold
  - 12 "— — Believer"
  - 13 — podrida
  - 14 Early Ron Howard TV role
  - 15 Actress — Ullmann
  - 16 First name in fashion
  - 17 Exploits
  - 18 Much feared
  - 20 Pushes
  - 21 Work at
  - 22 Sing a certain way
  - 23 Jalopy
  - 26 Origin
  - 30 Clumsy fellow
  - 31 — systems go
  - 32 Actress — Louise
  - 33 Cicatrix
  - 35 Young canine
  - 36 Cook in oil
  - 37 Brave conduct
- DOWN**
- 39 Ceremonies
  - 41 Card up a sleeve
  - 42 Stir-fry pan
  - 43 Late
  - 46 Kane's last word
  - 50 "That's — — blow!"
  - 51 Legal wrong
  - 52 Sooner than
  - 53 Cotton type
  - 54 River in England
  - 55 Twitch
  - 56 Collar insert
  - 57 Equal
  - 58 "— me no questions"

### Answer to Previous Puzzle

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- 10 Told a tale
- 11 Hardy heroine
- 19 Likely
- 20 Play on words
- 22 Aid
- 23 Blunt instrument
- 24 Political contest
- 25 Remotely
- 26 Morose
- 27 Put through a sieve
- 28 About (2 wds.)
- 29 Recites
- 31 Altar's place
- 34 Thoroughfare
- 38 Cold
- 39 List of names
- 40 DDE's nickname
- 42 From bad to —
- 43 Lights-out signal
- 44 Touched down
- 45 Italia's capital
- 46 Libertine
- 47 Second Greek letter
- 48 "Exodus" author
- 49 Ship level
- 51 Whirling toy

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### Previous Answer

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## The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0208

- ACROSS**
- 1 What may precede a blessing
  - 6 School whose mascot is Big Al the elephant, informally
  - 10 Studios, say: Abbr.
  - 14 Flattering sort
  - 16 Celebrity chef with a role in the 1995 film "Casino"
  - 17 It gets inflated and goes straight to your head
  - 18 Prune
  - 19 Sedaris of "Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt"
  - 20 Representation
  - 21 Gas-infused coffee order
  - 22 Kibitzes
  - 23 Plant item used in early genetics experiments
  - 25 Foul moods
  - 27 Keyboard shortcut for switching between Windows applications
  - 28 Good, in Italian
  - 29 Assessment for dummies
  - 32 Capo, e.g.
  - 33 \_\_\_ Jin-won, Oscar-winning screenwriter for "Parasite"
  - 34 Kind of rocket that launches satellites
  - 35 Crunchy, chocolaty smoothie add-ins
  - 37 \_\_\_ Larsen, Harlem Renaissance novelist
  - 38 Leering sorts
  - 39 Hairstyles celebrated in the Black Is Beautiful movement
  - 40 Feels for
  - 41 River through Bristol, England
  - 42 Press
  - 43 Feeling associated with the color red
  - 45 Middle of a date
  - 48 Unguarded
- DOWN**
- 1 Group that had a 40-year gap between its two most recent studio albums (1981-2021)
  - 2 Study, study, study!
  - 3 Word with cow or Communion
  - 4 Lion : pride :: \_\_\_ : parliament
  - 5 Snap, crackle or pop
  - 6 Ties
  - 7 "Days of Grace" memoirist, 1993
  - 8 Providers of college courses?
  - 9 Term of \_\_\_
  - 10 Common but often counterproductive response to a recurring problem
  - 11 What a button mushroom becomes when it matures
  - 12 "Thelma & Louise" auto, informally
  - 13 Rikishi's sport
  - 15 Inexperienced gamers, in slang
  - 21 2010s satirical reality series starring comedian Fielder

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PUZZLE BY ALINA ABIDI

- 22 They may be dry or dirty
- 24 Abbott and Costello in the film "Arrival," informally
- 25 Title Toni Morrison character who lives in the Bottom
- 26 Calculated
- 27 Many Fertile Crescent residents
- 28 Covert field?
- 29 Cookie brand whose name is stylized with an exclamation point
- 30 "Do the Right Thing" pizzeria
- 31 Org. whose workers usually wear gloves
- 36 Once called
- 39 Turn away
- 40 Chef Jacques \_\_\_ holder of 16 James Beard awards
- 41 Nod, say
- 42 N.Y.C. attraction
- 44 Pro sports team named for some of its equipment
- 45 Elegy, e.g.
- 46 What an orange dot might indicate in a chat
- 47 Only U.S. president other than J.F.K. to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery
- 49 Fared Zakaria's channel
- 50 Target of some phishing scams: Abbr.

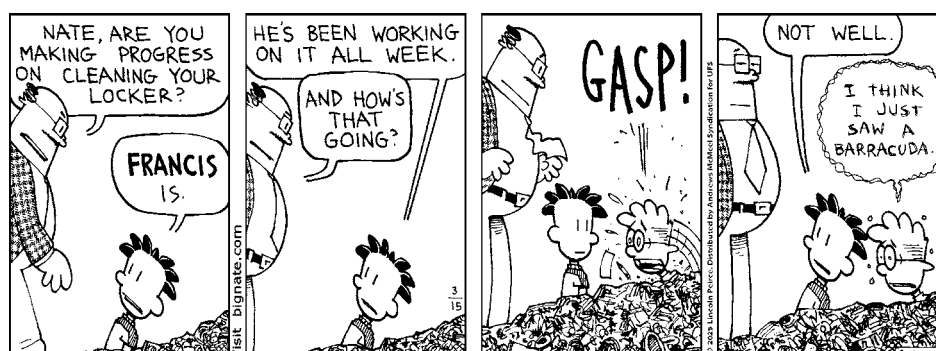
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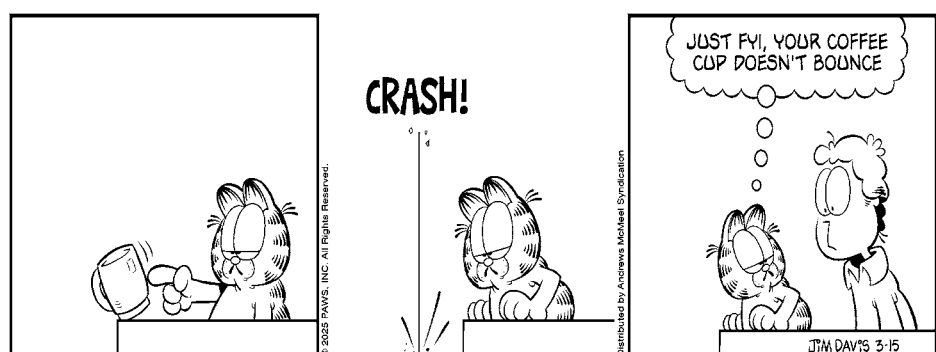
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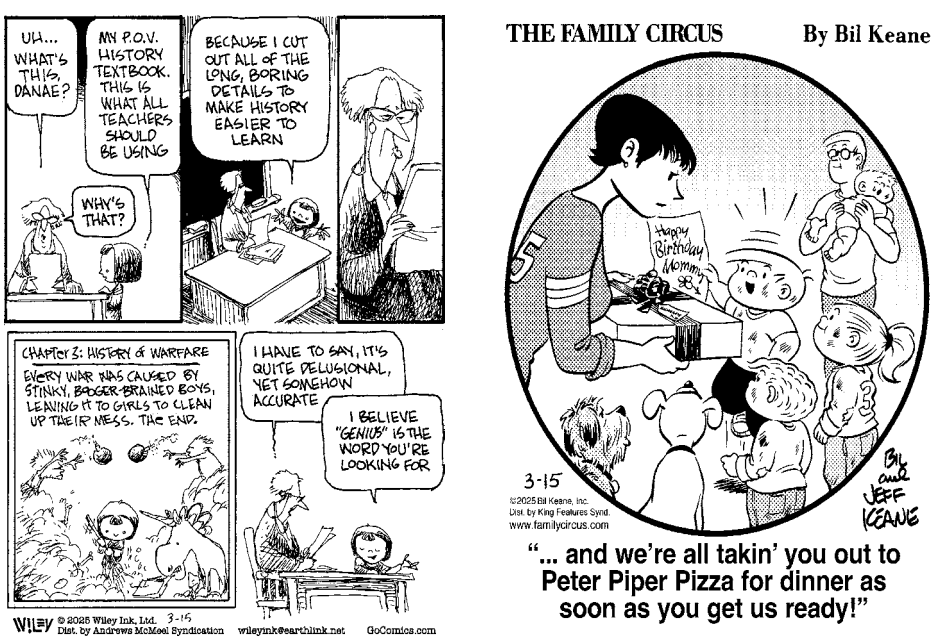
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## Danger around the finesse

Phillip Alder

Henry David Thoreau said, "When I hear music, I fear no danger. I am invulnerable. I see no foe. I am related to the earliest times, and to the latest."

Many years ago, an expert married couple played together, and whenever the wife was the declarer, the husband turned on his portable CD player. As you might have guessed, they are not still married. But if running tunes through your mind helps you to relax and think more clearly, do it.

In today's deal, what do you think of the bidding? After West leads his fourth-highest heart against three no-trump, what should South do?

The South hand has only 19 high-card points, but it has a very good five-card suit, one 10 and two nines. It also has seven control points (ace - 2; king - 1), which is normal for a two-no-trump opening. So I agree with South's bid. And North, with 4-3-3-3 distribution, was playing the percentages in not using Stayman.

Declarer starts with seven top tricks: four spades, one heart, one diamond and one club. And there are at least

North		03-15-25	
♠	Q 10 7 2	♠	8 6 5 3
♥	A Q 4	♥	K 7
♦	8 6 5	♦	K Q J 10 9
♣	J 5 4	♣	8 3
West		East	
♠	9 4	♠	8 6 5 3
♥	10 8 6 5 2	♥	K 7
♦	7 4 2	♦	K Q J 10 9
♣	K 7 6	♣	8 3
South		North	
♠	A K J	♠	8 6 5 3
♥	J 9 3	♥	K 7
♦	A 3	♦	K Q J 10 9
♣	A Q 10 9 2	♣	8 3
Dealer: South			
Vulnerable: Both			
South	West	North	East
2 NT	Pass	3 NT	All pass
Opening lead: ♥ 5			

three more winners available from the club suit.

The original declarer, though, was tone-deaf. Thinking West had led away from the heart king, South played low from the board. However, East won with his king and shifted to the diamond king. Declarer ducked, crossed to dummy with a heart, and ran the club jack. But when the finesse lost, the contract went down two.

If South had been humming, he would have won the first trick with dummy's heart ace and taken the club finesse. Then he would have won at least 10 tricks.

## JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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# Mayor Pete for Democratic point

INDIANAPOLIS — Perhaps the most defining date for the steady decline of the Indiana Democratic Party occurred when hardly anyone knew about it.

In July 2022, Pete Buttigieg officially moved his residence from Indiana to Michigan. “When I married Chasten, I married into Michigan at some level to begin with,” Buttigieg told the Detroit News. “But it was really the arrival of our children that cemented our relationship to Traverse City.”

Buttigieg is a generational political talent, joining Richard Lugar, Doc Bowen, Birch and Evan Bayh, and Mitch Daniels in that Hoosier pantheon. He went from being a two-term mayor of South Bend, to a serious presidential candidate, and then a White House cabinet secretary. Many believe he will run for president in 2028.

When he left Indiana, he did so because of a daunting political reality. Indiana has become, essentially, a

one-party state, and “Mayor Pete” could be exhibit A. He ran for Indiana treasurer in 2010, losing to Republican incumbent Richard Mourdock by a landslide.

Buttigieg successfully ran for mayor of South Bend a year later. In the ensuing eight years, he joined the U.S. Navy Reserve; served a combat zone tour in Afghanistan; announced he is gay and married his husband, Chasten; won reelection with 80% of the vote; ran unsuccessfully for Democratic National Committee chair; then launched an improbable campaign for the presidency.

Buttigieg raised \$100 million, won the tortured Iowa caucuses in January 2020 by concentrating on rural voters, finished second to U.S. Sen. Bernie Sanders in the New Hampshire

primary, and then as the COVID pandemic unfolded, endorsed Joe Biden for president as he folded his own campaign.

In January 2021 he became President Biden’s Transportation secretary, serving four years.

In a normal world, Mayor Pete would have run for Congress or Indiana governor. He persistently passed on seeking the Indiana’s 2nd Congressional District,

saying at the time that he viewed himself more as an executive than a legislator.

But his 2010 statewide run produced this reality: A gay mayor could not win a statewide race in Indiana.

Buttigieg had been looking at a potential 2026 run for the U.S. Senate in Michigan after Sen. Gary Peters announced he would not seek

reelection. He came to the same conclusion that Mitch Daniels did when he mulled a 2024 Senate run in Indiana.

“While my own plans don’t include running for office in 2026, I remain intensely focused on consolidating, communicating, and supporting a vision for this alternative,” Buttigieg tweeted on X Thursday. “The decisions made by elected leaders matter entirely because of how they shape our everyday lives — and the choices made in these years will decide the American people’s access to freedom, security, democracy, and prosperity for the rest of our lifetimes.”

When Daniels came to the same conclusion, he said, “I have never imagined that I would be well-suited to legislative office, particularly where seniority remains a significant factor in one’s effectiveness, and I saw nothing in my recent explorations that altered that view.”

SEE PETE/8A

**BRIAN HOWEY**



## YourView

### Democrat seeks neighbors’ help in current situation

I’m writing this letter to my Montgomery County neighbors — Democrats, Republicans, Independents, formerly apolitical — to ask you to attend a meeting of the Montgomery County Democrats on at 7 p.m. March 24 in the basement of the Crawfordsville District Public Library.

Notice I’m not asking you to join the Democratic Party if you don’t already identify as a Democrat. And if you agree and are comfortable with what is currently going on in our national, state and local politics, I’m not asking you to come to this meeting. But if you feel

that things now are not somehow right. If you are uncomfortable with the atmosphere of confusion, chaos, and fear that is at this moment permeating our lives, I urge you to attend so we can work together to find a way back to balance and normalcy in our over 200-year-old form of government.

Our system of government, based on the principle of checks and balances, is currently too strongly weighted toward the Executive branch. What this administration is trying to achieve through the issuing of Executive Orders is blatantly unconstitutional in a number of respects. I will not revisit the specifics here, but clearly the Congress, which our Constitution authorizes to allocate and spend our tax

dollars, is not doing its job. The Republican majorities in both houses are currently voting in lock-step, and the damage to our citizens, and people around the world, is becoming more apparent every day.

In a democratic society the only solution to our current situation is political. We must join together to strengthen the two-party system that has been weakened by a variety of factors, and elect officials who support our Constitutional form of government that has served us not perfectly but well. So please consider attending the meeting March 24. The plan is to listen to all ideas that would help us better respond to the current situation, and support candidates in upcoming elections who agree

that our system is now dangerously out of balance.

**Warren Rosenberg  
Crawfordsville**

### Reader weighs in on budget bill

Regarding the recent budget bill passed by the House of Representatives, Rep. Tim Cole states, “We’re not going to have a Republican Senate and a Republican House restrict a Republican president from the legitimate exercise of executive authority.”

The Constitution gives Congress the power of the purse through Article I, Section 8, which specifies the powers of Congress in detail, including the ability to set taxes, tariffs,

and other means of raising federal revenue, and to authorize the expenditure of all federal funds. Additionally, Article I, Section 9, Clause 7 explicitly states that, “No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law.” It is the job of Congress to write laws to control taxation, tariffs, and federal spending.

In his book, “A Republic, If You Can Keep It,” Neil Gorsuch quotes James Madison, “[t]he accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary in the same hands ... may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny.”

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# March is National Nutrition Month: Food Connects Us

As March rolls in, so does National Nutrition Month — a time to focus on making informed food choices and developing healthful eating habits. This year's theme, "Food Connects Us," highlights how food brings people together across cultures and communities. With spring break just around the corner, it's the perfect time delve into diverse culinary traditions. Whether traveling or staying local, consider trying recipes from different cultures. This not only broadens your palate but also fosters appreciation for global communities. Cooking a meal from another culture or hosting a themed dinner night with friends and family can be a fun way to celebrate how food shapes traditions and relationships.

Use this time to strengthen bonds by cooking and sharing meals with loved ones. Collaborative cooking

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can reinforce relationships and create lasting memories. Planning a potluck where each person brings a dish significant to their heritage can be both educational and unifying. Take a break from the usual routine to refine your cooking skills. Experiment with new ingredients, learn basic techniques, or challenge yourself with meal planning. If you're traveling, consider preparing healthy snacks and meals in advance to stay balanced while on the go.

Nutrition plays a key role in health

from childhood to older adulthood. Learn how nutrient needs change with age and how to incorporate a variety of healthful foods from all food groups. Focus on balanced and sustainable eating habits to support lifelong well-being and help build a strong foundation for future generations.

Understanding where food comes from can enhance appreciation and decision-making. Visit a local farmers' market, tour a farm, or research the origins of your favorite foods. Knowing more about your food sources helps build a stronger connection to what you eat and supports sustainable choices.

Food access is an essential part of nutrition. Take time to learn about community resources such as SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), and local food banks. Whether you need support or want

to volunteer, engaging with these resources strengthens communities and ensures everyone has access to nutritious food.

As you celebrate National Nutrition Month and head into spring break, remember that food is more than just nourishment — it's a powerful connector. Embrace new experiences, build cooking skills, explore food origins, and support community food initiatives.

Looking for expert guidance? Ask your doctor for a referral to a Registered Dietitian. Not ready for a personal consultation? Tune in to my podcast, "Bite by Bite: Nutrition for Life," where we debunk popular nutrition myths and trends!

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## What is your conscience?

"Conscience is the still, small voice that makes you feel even smaller," wrote James Sanaker.

Or, as my friend Lucas, age 7, says: "It's something in your head. It helps you think."

A description of a working conscience that every mom will appreciate comes from Braxton, 5, "My mama told me to not do it, and I didn't do it."

It sounds like Mom has left an impression on your conscience, Braxton, and rightly so. Parents have an incredible responsibility to form their children's consciences by teaching them right from wrong.

"Your conscience works kinda like a collar that shocks a dog when it goes too far," says Doran, 12.

If that's the picture, some people need to recharge the battery on their conscience collars. The signal has become too weak.

"My conscience works!" says Sarah, 12. "If you are deciding to hang out with the wrong crowd and do drugs,

it tells you 'no.' Or it could be a small thing like brushing your teeth."

People abuse drugs and alcohol because they're trying to quiet their consciences. Some people are reduced to a zombie-like existence by their attempts to run from their consciences.

When the Apostle Paul was on trial for being a Christian, he said, "I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men" (Acts 24:16).

Although a clear conscience before God and people won't exclude you from trials, it will allow you to live with inner freedom apart from guilt. "There is no pillow so soft as a clear conscience," says a French proverb.

The Bible says if you're not sure whether something is wrong, it's a sin to do it — even if the thing itself isn't actually wrong (Romans 14:20-23).

"In the Bible, three people were told to bow down to a statue, or they were going to be thrown into a furnace. They had to use their conscience to tell

them what to do," says Stefanie, 9.

Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-Nego didn't call a prayer meeting to ask God if it was his will for them to obey King Nebuchadnezzar's command to worship a golden idol. Their consciences were informed by the first and second of the Ten Commandments, which forbid the worship of other gods and the making of images.

"Bold" is the only word to describe their collective response to the king's death threat: "We do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up" (Daniel 3:18). "Astonished" is the word to describe the king's response when he saw the three walking in the fiery furnace unharmed along with a fourth he described as being "like the Son of God."

The same Son of God who delivered the three from the fiery furnace can also deliver us from a defiled conscience. What the sacrifice of animals could never do, Jesus did once

for all when he offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins (Hebrews 9:13-14).

Animal sacrifices could never cleanse the consciences of those seeking forgiveness. Neither can great humanitarian acts. Only those who place their faith in Jesus and his sacrifice experience the joy of sins forgiven and a good conscience. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Think about this: God wants us to live with a clear conscience, free from guilt.

Memorize this truth: "I myself always strive to have a conscience without offense toward God and men" (Acts 24:16).

Ask this question: Is your conscience free from guilt before God and people?

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## Wanted: Good Parents

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- the magic and mystery of your first Disney movie.
- the awe and power of the first snowstorm, which closed your school.
- the smell of cookies baking in your mother's oven.
- the feel of the security, warmth and love of your mother's hugs.

2. Must be fluent in all basic children's languages (grunting, coo's, monosyllables, pig Latin).

Note: Need not be fluent in adolescent languages, since they rarely speak more than: DUH, DUDE OR WHASUP?

Must be able to pass all parts of a physical examination:

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7. Must have skills in PPMA (permanent positive mental attitude); LJG (laughing, joking, goofiness,) and be well versed in TCFA (the creation of fun activities) such as making a blanket tent, magic tricks and kite flying.

8. Must have taken a class in Parenting 101: Non-electronic parenting. How to raise kids without computer games, Wii's, or cell phones, by mastering the skills of bike-riding, fishing, snowball fights and fort building.

9. Do not apply if you have any of the following:

- MAI — moodiness, anger, irritability
- SSP — sustained, selfish personality

For most parents, raising their children is both the most difficult and the most rewarding activity of their lives. The goal for all parents is this: Try to do a better job, in parenting your children, than your parents did for you. Then, your kids can do a better job than you — and so on, until 500 years from now we finally accomplish our dream of having every child raised in a loving, stable and healthy home.

Dr. Richard Elghammer contributes his weekly column to the Journal Review.

## PETE

FROM PAGE 6A

A "Sen. Buttigieg" would be a waste of talent in a vapid legislative body that is rapidly ceding its power to Donald Trump's powerfully imperial presidency.

Instead, Buttigieg should become the Democratic Party's daily point response man to President Trump and his human chainsaw, Elon Musk. He is the party's most effective communicator, to the point where he was dispatched frequently to Fox News in 2024, talking directly to conservative voters.

I cannot think of a more vivid contrast to President Trump than Pete Buttigieg. Trump speaks in mob boss parlance; Buttigieg is a cerebral Rhodes Scholar. Trump embodies an aggressive masculinity; the mayor is softer spoken and gay. Trump had five military draft deferments; Buttigieg volunteered for the Navy and served in the Afghanistan war. Trump goes by the gut; Buttigieg is analytical by nature. Trump is skeptical of intelligence assessments; Buttigieg is a military intelligence analyst who devours information.

We saw this after a U.S. military helicopter collided with a commercial airliner at Washington's Reagan National Airport in January. The following day, President Trump attempted to blame Buttigieg even before all of the victims had been recovered. "He's a

disaster. He was a disaster as a mayor," Trump said. "He ran his city into the ground. And he's a disaster now."

Buttigieg responded on X, saying, "Despicable. As families grieve, Trump should be leading, not lying. We put safety first, drove down close calls, grew Air Traffic Control, and had zero commercial airline crash fatalities out of millions of flights on our watch."

In April 2024, Buttigieg took on Trump's criticism that America was facing a crime spree (it wasn't). "When crime was down under President Biden, it was up under President Trump," he said on Fox News Sunday. "Now I don't know how often that gets reported on this network, so if you're watching this at home, do yourself a favor and look up the data."

Following President Trump's State of the Union Address last week, Buttigieg told CBS Late Night With Stephen Colbert, "Let's remember, despite what you heard tonight, Trump came in with just under 50% of the vote. He won, I'm not disputing that. But the smallest popular vote margin since Nixon."

Then the zinger: "I wonder how he feels about something that important being that small in his case?"

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