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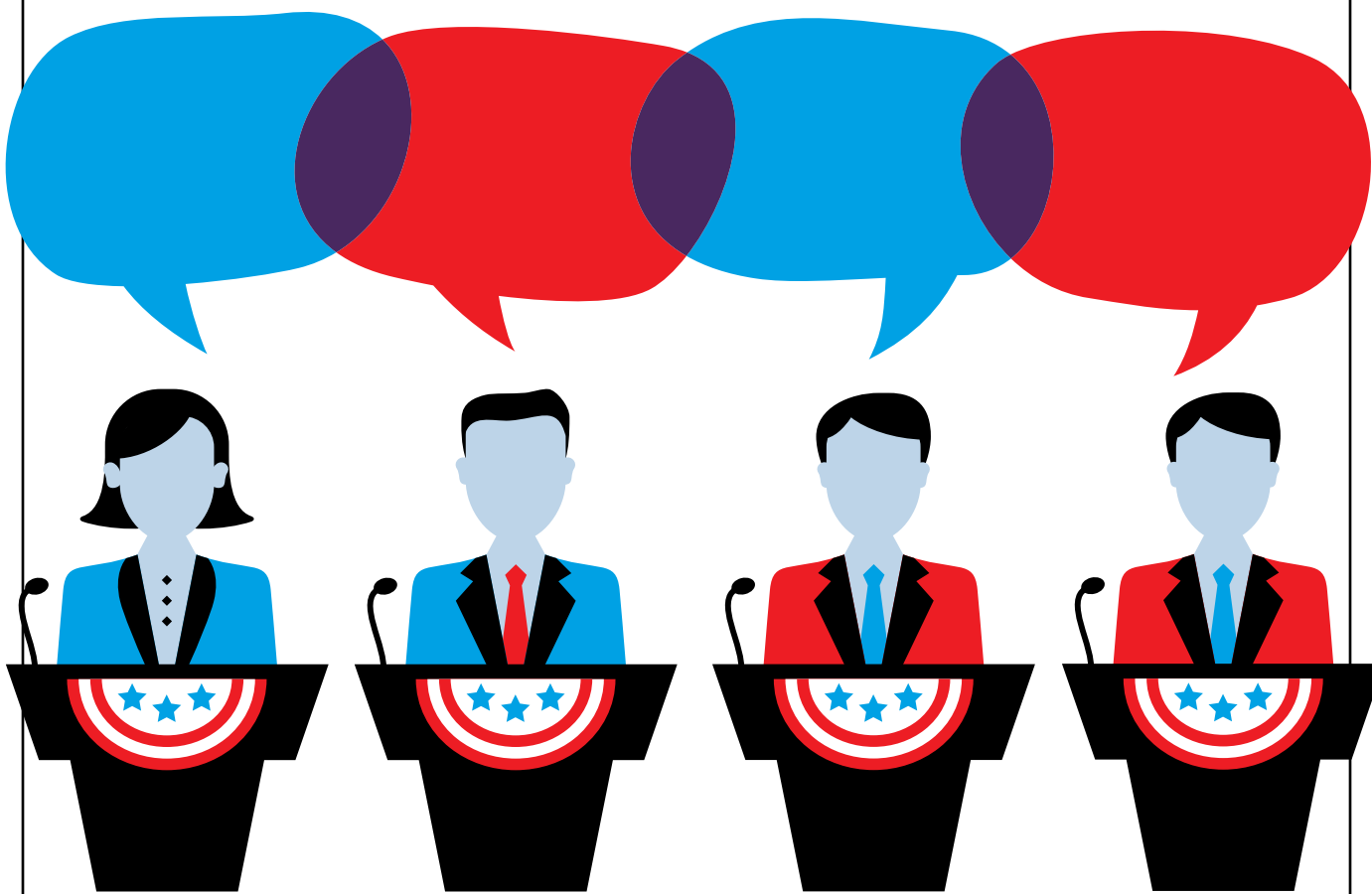
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LANCASTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS RACE

IN THEIR OWN WORDS



Dems have high hopes amid daunting odds

John Trescot, the lone Democrat on the Lancaster County Board of Commissioners, was appointed to the job in 2021 after Craig Lehman resigned. But he isn't running for a full term this year, something he agreed to when he took the appointment.

That means the Nov. 7 municipal election will elect at least one new Democrat to the board of commissioners for the first time in 16 years.



Alice Yoder

In a nod to the Republican Party's comfortable dominance in the county, Lancaster County Democrats in the past have rarely nominated two candidates for the general election.



Bob Hollister

Election laws that govern county commissioner races are designed to assure membership of a minority party. The rule has given Democrats their sole representative in county office for decades.

Each party can nominate two candidates, and for the first time since 2011, the Democratic Party nominated two candidates for commissioner this year — health care executive Alice Yoder and former Eastern Lancaster School

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GOP seeks to retain majority on board

After Josh Parsons, a former U.S. Army captain and Lancaster County prosecutor, was elected to the board of commissioners in 2015, the then-40-year-old laid out his vision for making changes to county government.

It included improving poor conditions at Lancaster County Prison and repairing the county's financial position so it could take on large capital projects.

"You can't really talk about any big projects until you manage" existing debt, Parsons said in 2016 after being sworn in. "The rating agencies want to see a (budgetary) reserve, and they want to see a plan."

Nearly eight years later, Parsons, along with his governing partner, Republican Commissioner Ray D'Agostino, have largely followed through on that plan, putting the county on strong fiscal ground to take on its largest capital project ever — building a new prison.

At the end of 2015, the county was holding \$235



Ray D'Agostino



Josh Parsons

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Israeli soldiers load tank shells as their unit masses in Be'eri, near the border with the Gaza Strip on Saturday. The Israeli military said it would allow Palestinians to move south on two of Gaza's main roads between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. "without any harm." Displaced Palestinians struggled to find food or places to shelter as the U.N. warned that clean water in Gaza was running out.

ISRAEL-HAMAS WAR

Invasion into Gaza impends

As lack of power, water in strip becomes 'matter of life or death' for thousands

THOMAS FULLER
NEW YORK TIMES

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As Israeli troops massed near the border with the Gaza Strip on Saturday, readying tanks and ammunition in dusty staging grounds, fears of an imminent ground invasion created an exodus from northern Gaza amid a dire scarcity in the territory of water and other essentials. The United Nations said that nearly 1 million Gazans had fled their homes.

In Israel, the military said Saturday it would continue to expand operations to include "an integrated and coordinated attack from the air, sea and land." Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu visited Israeli soldiers readying for attack, and video of the Saturday afternoon encounter showed Netanyahu asking

With eyes on Gaza, Israel's occupied West Bank sees a surge in violence. **Page A5**

Three members of Lancaster's Jewish community reflect on the Oct. 7 surprise attack on Israel by Hamas. **Page F1**

soldiers, "Are you ready for what comes next?"

Across the border, there were scenes of residents fleeing in cars, in horse-drawn carriages and on foot. Evacuees fleeing the anticipated invasion of northern Gaza struggled to find food, water and shelter in the south. Philippe Lazzarini, the head of the U.N. agency dedicated to Palestinians, said an electricity blackout and a lack of drinking water had become "a matter of life or

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Cast iron skillets made in Lancaster

Premium cookware maker Lancaster Cast Iron opened its doors in 2019 to offer ironware that values family tradition and local, American manufacturing. "We're all about sharing meals with friends and family," says co-founder Mark Longenecker. "That's how we grew up — gathering around the dinner table spending time with loved ones." The company offers cast iron skillets, wooden utensils, and locally-made kitchenwares.



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CONGRESS

US House's future still unclear

As chamber enters third week without leader, current favorite appears far from goal

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WASHINGTON — No one knows what's going to happen next on Capitol Hill — perhaps House Republicans least of all.

As the House entered its 11th day without a speaker Friday afternoon,

Republicans, who hold a narrow majority in the lower chamber, did not appear close to being able to elect a replacement for the ousted Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif.

Jim Jordan, the representative from Ohio who's former President Donald

Trump's pick for speaker, became the party's new nominee after a secret-ballot election late Friday afternoon. Jordan, a conservative firebrand, won 124 to 81 over Georgia's Rep. Austin Scott, who entered the race Friday morning but then vowed to back the Ohioan in

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