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Bombs were planted before DC riot

FBI report reveals new information about devices

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two pipe bombs left at the offices of the Republican and Democratic national committees, discovered just before thousands of pro-Trump rioters stormed the U.S. Capitol, were actually placed the night before, federal officials said Friday.

The FBI said the investigation had revealed new information, including that the explosive devices were placed outside the two buildings between 7:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. on Jan. 5, the night before the riot. The devices were not located by law enforcement until the next day.

It is not clear whether that means the pipe bombs were unrelated to the next day's riot or were part of the riot planning. Both buildings are within a few blocks of the Capitol.

The incident has been particularly concerning for law enforcement as officials step up security preparations ahead of the Senate's impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump. For weeks, investigators have been worried about the potential for attacks on soft targets in the nation's capital.

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2nd in command



Photo provided

The current and past leadership of Portland Police Department gathered Dec. 29 for the swearing in of its first woman assistant chief, Erica Post (middle). Then chief Nathan Springer (left) and current chief Josh Stephenson (right) were in charge of Post's internship program when she first joined Portland police in 2015.

Post is serving as assistant chief

By **RILEY EUBANKS**
The Commercial Review

She's making history. Again.

Officer Erica Post, who was the first woman to serve as a full-time officer for Portland Police Department, was sworn in as assistant chief earlier this month, diversifying the department's leadership.

Her goal as assistant chief? "Try to make it better. To build it up for the future."

Post, who is entering her fifth year as a full-time officer, was appointed to serve in her current role by chief Josh Stephenson, who is familiar with the position.

"I did not realize the duties I would be responsible for," said Stephenson about when he

became assistant chief. He served in that role until he was appointed by Portland Mayor John Boggs to become chief this month.

Duties for Post include replacing Stephenson whenever he is off duty, purchasing equipment and general paper and computer work.

"A little bit of everything," admitted Post, who is also involved with the department's D.A.R.E. program in addition to her duties as assistant chief. She became a sergeant last year.

Stepping up to second-in-command in the department comes about six years after Post became its first intern in 2015. Stephenson, then a sergeant,

was in charge of Post's internship program.

A Portland native, Post completed her internship while attending Ball State University, from where she later graduated with bachelor's degree in criminal justice and criminology and a minor in psychology.

Post's appointment is the first move to replace the nearly half dozen officers who have retired in the past year and the impending retirement of officer Steve Schlechty in February.

One such retirement was that of chief communications officer Paula Bonvillian, who retired in January more than 30 years after she became the first woman to serve as an unpaid reserve for Portland police in 1987.

Stephenson said he should soon have a fully staffed roster to work with. He plans to present potential new hires at the city's board of works meeting Thursday.

According to 2015 data from the FBI, less than 6% of all full-time officers in Indiana are women, just over half of the national average of 11.6% from that same database.

Stephenson stopped short of calling the assistant chief role a "fast track" to becoming chief, but if Post one day is appointed as chief, she would be among the 3% of women to lead local police departments in America, according to a study by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

Retrospect

Patriots rolled to sectional final

Twenty-five years ago Tuesday, the Jay County High School girls basketball team earned its way into a championship game.

The Feb. 2, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the sectional semifinal at Eastbrook in which the Patriots knocked off Lakeview Christian Academy 49-29.

Defense, as it had been all season, was the key for Jay County as it limited Lakeview Christian to just four second-quarter points. The team had not won a sectional title since 1993.

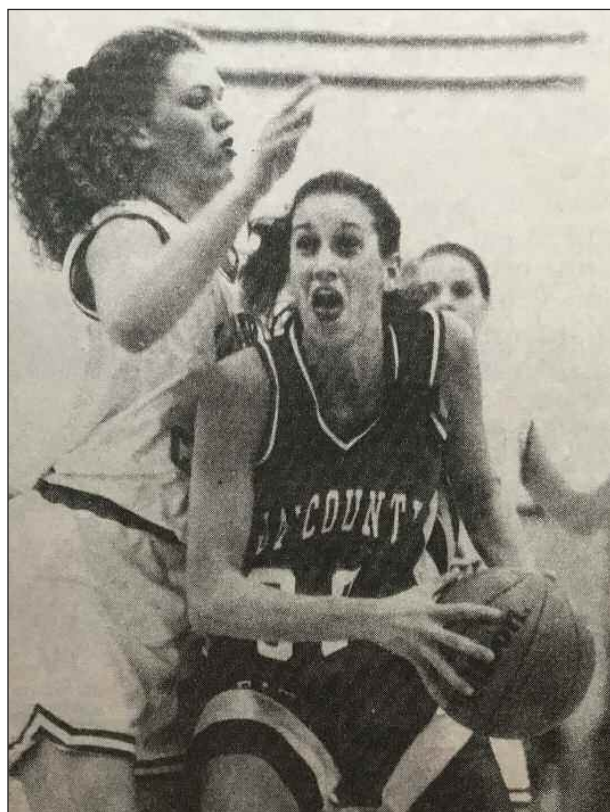
"It was the goal from day one ... to get in a position to get back to Kokomo (regional)," said coach Ned Wicker. "The process is not over yet. In some manner of speaking, we really haven't accomplished anything

yet. The kids are very proud of what they've done and they're really focused."

Lakeview (11-8) closed a double-digit half time deficit to 24-18 in the third quarter, but the Patriots responded with a six-point run and pulled away in the final period. Julie Marsh led a balanced scoring attack with 12 points while April Frazee had nine (all on 3-pointers), Linda Cash scored eight and Tara Miller finished with six.

"The thing I've noticed is we've had good fourth quarters all year," said Wicker. "We have pretty good depth ... and our conditioning is coming back. We've got that second wind in the fourth quarter and our depth wears people down."

Jay County went on to defeat the host Panthers for the sectional title.



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Jay County High School's Julie Marsh drives past Jessa Turner of Lakeview Christian Academy during their sectional semifinal game in 1996. Marsha had 12 points in the Patriots' 49-29 victory.

GameStop stock soared again Friday

By **STAN CHOE, DAMIAN J. TROISE and ALEX VEIGA**
AP Business Writers

Another bout of selling gripped the U.S. stock market Friday, as anxiety mounts over whether the frenzy behind a swift, meteoric rise in GameStop and a handful of other stocks will damage Wall Street overall.

The S&P 500 dropped 1.9%, giving the benchmark index its biggest weekly loss since October. The Dow Jones Industrial Average and Nasdaq each fell 2%.

GameStop shot up nearly 70%, clawing back much of its steep loss from the day before, after Robinhood said it will allow customers to start buying some of the stock again. GameStop has been on a stupefying 1,600% run over the last three weeks and has become the battleground where swarms of smaller investors see themselves making an epic stand against the 1%.

The assault is directed squarely at hedge funds and other Wall Street titans that had bet the

struggling video game retailer's stock would fall. Those firms are taking sharp losses, and other investors say that's pushing them to sell other stocks they own to raise cash. That, in turn, helps pull down parts of the market completely unrelated to the revolt underway by the cadre of smaller and novice investors.

The maniacal moves for GameStop and a few other formerly beaten-down stocks has drowned out many of the other issues weighing on markets, including the virus, vaccine rollouts and potential aid for the economy.

"Our consideration is whether this is something that is a long-term influence or contained within a handful of companies," said Tom Hainlin, national investment strategist at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

Meanwhile, calls for regulators to step in are growing louder on Capitol Hill, and the Securities and Exchange Commission says it's carefully monitoring the situation.

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Deaths

Clinton Mink, 69, Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

The high temperature was 32 degrees Friday in Jay County.

Today's high will be 35. Snow is expected Saturday night with at least 5 inches of accumulation expected. More snow and rain is in Sunday's forecast.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Ag Week Committee has announced that it is postponing this year's Ag Week activities, which are typically held in March, because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. Ag Week activities were also canceled last year in the early days of the pandemic locally.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.

Thursday — Results from Tuesday's girls basketball sectional opening round.



Obituaries

Clinton Mink

July 1, 1951-Jan. 28, 2021
Clinton Douglas "Doug" Mink, 69, of Redkey, Indiana, passed peacefully at 3:42 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, 2021, while in the company of family members at his residence.
Doug was born in Calloway, Kentucky, on July 1, 1951, a son of the late Violet and Roy Mink. He was formerly employed by Portland Forge as a welder until his retirement in 1998 and owner of CDM Excavating.
Doug was the loving husband of Barbara E. (McCowan) Mink who he happily married on

June 12, 2004. He was a member of Mt. Olive Freewill Baptist Church in Muncie, Indiana, and American Redbone Coonhound Association, and enjoyed training grand champion coon hunting dogs.
Doug is survived by his wife Barbara Mink; son Daniel Huber (Janette); three daughters, Tina Brunson (Donnie), Stacy Brown (Ramie) and Jessica Ooten; three sisters, Loretta Smith, Doris Dale (Larry) and



Mink

Joann Caldwell; six grandchildren, Kindra Bullock, Alexis Clark, Jade Cart, Mackenzie Brown, Arthur Huber and Peter Huber; two great-grandchildren, Caitlyne Staver and Cauner Bullock; and several nieces and nephews.
He was preceded in death by his parents; and three brothers, Ray Mink, Clayton Mink and Samuel Mink.
Friends are invited to call Monday, Feb. 1, 2021, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.
Because of the current county restrictions of 50 visitors, we kindly thank you in advance for

your patience as we transition safely throughout that time.
Funeral services will be private at the convenience of the family with burial to follow in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family in care of the funeral home.
Please be assured that for your health and safety, all Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, government and local health department recommendations and guidelines are followed (county metrics maximum of 50 people with social distancing, masks are to be

worn while in attendance, hand sanitizer will be available, extra cleaning, and disinfecting measures have been taken).
Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.
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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.
There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Sunday 1/31	Monday 2/1	Tuesday 2/2	Wednesday 2/3	Thursday 2/4
36/26	28/16	27/16	33/28	44/29
Overnight snow will continue early Monday morning. One to 3 inches of accumulation possible.	Cooler with no snow currently projected. Temperatures down in the teens at night.	Cooler under sunny skies with no snow currently projected. Some clouds at night.	Warmer under mostly cloudy skies with temperatures peaking above freezing during the day.	Warmer with a 40% chance of a rain-snow mix all day and night. Otherwise cloudy.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-6-2 Daily Four: 8-00-00-3 Quick Draw: 1-2-8-20-23-24-27-31-32-36-37-48-49-52-54-56-60-65-73-80	Pick 4: 9-2-3-8 Pick 5: 2-0-5-2-4
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 9-3-1	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$30 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$25 million

Markets

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Today in history

On Jan. 30, 1948, Indian political and spiritual leader Mohandas K. Gandhi, 78, was shot and killed in New Delhi by Nathuram Godse, a Hindu extremist. (Godse and a co-conspirator were later executed.)
In 1649, England's King Charles I was executed for high treason.
In 1862, the ironclad USS Monitor was launched from the Continental Iron Works in Greenpoint, New York, during the Civil War.
In 1933, Adolf Hitler became chancellor of Germany.
In 1945, during World War II, a Soviet submarine torpedoed the German ship MV Wilhelm Gustloff in the Baltic Sea with the loss of more than 9,000 lives, most of them war refugees; roughly 1,000 people survived.
In 1968, the Tet Offensive began during the Vietnam War as Communist forces launched surprise attacks against South Vietnamese towns and cities; although the Communists were beaten back, the offensive was seen as a major setback for the U.S. and its allies.
In 1971, a crowd of about 100 turned out for a legislative forum with State Reps. Don Hanlin (D-Portland) and James "Curly" Walsh (D-Muncie) at Jay County Courthouse.
In 1972, 13 Roman Catholic civil rights marchers were shot to death by British soldiers in Northern Ireland on what became known as "Bloody Sunday."
In 1974, President Richard Nixon delivered what would be his last State of the Union address; Nixon pledged to rein in rising prices without the "harsh medicine of recession" and establish a national health care plan that every American could afford.
In 1981, an estimated 2 million New Yorkers turned out for a ticker-tape parade honoring the American hostages freed from Iran.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center.
Tuesday 7 p.m. — Portland	

Army Corps to remove island

By ANDREW MACIEJEWSKI
Chronicle-Tribune (Marion)
Federal officials will remove an island that's formed north of Salamonie Lake and address "deteriorating infrastructure threatening the function of the dam," according to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) reports.
The Corps says stone and sediment have accumulated at the outlet of the dam during high flow events, diverting water and causing the banks of the river to erode. Crews plan to use the material to

stabilize and restore the eroded banks before planting native plants, according to the environmental assessment. A hole that has formed near the outlet of the dam will also be filled with concrete, the plan says.
Public review involving tribal, public and environmental group feedback for the project was completed on Jan. 21. The Corps says the project "will have no effect on federally listed species or their designated critical habitat" and that the project will not "cause adverse effects on historic

properties following the correspondence with various groups.
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma tribal historic preservation officer Diane Hunter asked the Corps to notify tribal leaders if any human remains, cultural items or archeological evidence is discovered during the project since the tribe wasn't aware of any documented historical sites in the construction area.
Indiana Department of Environmental Management representative Wes Hauser raised concerns about potential effects on

water quality because the plan calls for dredging along with the island removal.
The environmental assessment by the Corps responded to these concerns, saying the impact on water quality will be temporary and that they will use precautions to lessen the impact. The Corps says removal of material from the outlet river will occur during low flow conditions and that erosion control features such as silt fences, vegetation and rip rap will be used.

Bombs ...

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U.S. Capitol Police and agents from the FBI and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives were called to the Republican National Committee's office around 12:45 p.m. on Jan. 6. About 30 minutes later, as the agents and bomb technicians were still investigating at the RNC, another call came in for a second, similar explosive device found at the Democratic National Committee headquarters nearby.
The two explosive devices were very similar, and both were about a foot long with end caps and wiring that appeared to be

attached to a timer, two law enforcement officials familiar with the matter have told The Associated Press. Investigators are still examining the devices and their components to determine the specific compounds inside the pipe bombs, but they both appeared to contain an unknown powder and some metal, the officials said.
The officials could not discuss an ongoing investigation publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.
The FBI released additional photos of the explosive devices on Friday, including a photograph that showed one of the devices placed

underneath a bush. Officials have also increased the reward in the case to \$100,000.
Steven D'Antuono, the assistant director in charge of the FBI's office in Washington, said earlier this week that locating the person who planted the pipe bombs was a top priority for federal agents, though officials have only released grainy surveillance camera images of a potential suspect.
On Friday, the FBI said the person wore a gray hooded sweatshirt, a face mask and Nike Air Max Speed Turf sneakers in yellow, black and gray, and had been carrying a backpack.

Stock ...

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"You've seen a lot of volatility this week, so when you have some unknowns like what you're seeing in the retail trading world, people are a little concerned at record highs here and taking some money off the table," said Megan Horneman, director of portfolio strategy at Verdenze Capital Advisors.
The S&P 500 fell 73.14 points to 3,714.24. It ended the week with a 3.2% loss, its worst week in three months. It ended January with a 1.1% loss, its first monthly decline since October. The S&P 500 is still up 13.6% since the end of October.
Some of the heaviest weights on the index were Apple, Microsoft and other Big Tech stocks that have been big winners for professional and other investors over the last year.
The Dow lost 620.74

points to 29,982.62, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq composite slid 266.46 points to 13,070.69. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies gave up 32.97 points, or 1.6%, to 2,073.64.
Other forces also weighed on the market. Johnson & Johnson fell 3.6% after it said its vaccine appears to protect against COVID-19, though not as powerfully as rivals. Analysts said the results, which would require just one shot instead of the two required by other vaccine makers, were below expectations.
Elsewhere, investors watched virus infection spikes in Europe and Asia, renewed travel curbs and negotiations in Washington over President Joe Biden's proposed \$1.9 trillion economic aid package. Hopes for such stimulus for the economy have car-

ried the S&P 500 and other major indexes back to record highs recently, along with enthusiasm about COVID-19 vaccines and the Federal Reserve's pledge to keep the accelerator floored on its help for the economy. Low interest rates from the Fed can act like steroids for stocks and other investments.
"We are still moving towards a recovery from the pandemic, just a heck of a lot bumpier than anyone had expected," said Stephen Innes of Axi in a report.
Wall Street's focus remains squarely on GameStop and other moonshot stocks. AMC Entertainment jumped 53.7%, and headphone company Koss vaulted 52.5%. After their success with GameStop, traders have been looking for other downtrodden stocks in the market where hedge funds and other Wall Street firms are betting on price drops.
By rallying together into these stocks, they are triggering something called a "short squeeze."

SERVICES

Today
Willmann, Ruth: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.
Glassford, Dick: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Berry, Richard: 3 p.m., The Briar Patch, 190 S. Washington St., Pennville.

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Capsule Reports

Reported stolen
At least \$16,000 in goods were reported stolen from a Portland home Wednesday.
Kurt and Mandy Boeckman, 2794 W. 500 South, reported a diamond wedding set worth between \$15,000 and \$20,000 and diamond earrings between \$1,200 and \$1,500 as missing. They also reported \$1,200 in cash missing.

Thank you
Thank you to all who sent cards, prayers, food, flowers, expressions of love. We thank you.
It means so very much.
The Family of Billy Jobe

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

For Jay County Schools
February 1-5

Monday: Main Entrees: Biscuit & turkey sausage; country gravy, scrambled eggs Alternate entrees: PB&J fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Hash brown patty
Tuesday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl Alternate Entrees: Apple cinnamon fun muffin fun lunch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: seasoned corn
Wednesday: Main Entrees: Mini turkey corn dogs Alternate entrees: PB&J fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Steamed broccoli florets
Thursday: Main Entrees: Classic American cheeseburger Alternate Entrees: Apple cinnamon fun muffin fun lunch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Baked Beans
Friday: Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza Alternate entrees: PB&J fun lunch, turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Savory green beans

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Book sale to begin on Feb. 8

Books, books, books. Fort Recovery Public Library will hold a used book sale Feb. 8 through Feb. 13.

There will be no set price for items. Instead, patrons can get books for a free will donation.

The library is currently accepting donated items for the sale, excluding encyclopedias, text books, magazines or VHS tapes. Donated items must be clean and in good condition.

The sale will run during regular hours — 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

Drives scheduled

In February, donors to the American Red Cross will receive a \$5 Amazon gift card via email.

The effort comes as a measure to thank its donors for helping to ensure a stable blood supply, according to a press release from the organization.

The following are nearby blood drives scheduled in February:

- Bryant: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 22 at Bryant Wesleyan Church, 209 S. Hendricks
- Redkey: 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at Redkey Faith Ministries, 9811 Indiana 67
- Berne: Noon to 6 p.m. Feb. 16 at South Adams Senior Center, 825 Hendrick St.
- Bluffton: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 15 at First Presbyterian Church, 215 East Dunman Road; 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 19 at Bluffton Regional Medical Center, 303 South Main St.

Taking Note



Photo provided

Optimists donated

The Breakfast Optimist Club recently donated \$500 to the Jay County Historical Society to fund the visit of elementary students to the museum. Pictured here are Optimist President Jeff Bowen and Jay County Historian Jane Spencer.

Births

Fiely

Delilah R., a daughter, was born Dec. 31 at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio, to Kelsey and Cody Fiely of Fort Recovery. She weighed 7 pounds, 3 ounces.

Maternal grandparents are Tim and Sabra Sell of Pennville. Paternal grandparents are Harold and Kimberly Fiely of Fort Recovery.

Great-grandparents are Ron and Cheryl Coppelman of Fort Recovery.

Eating healthy is now a struggle

DEAR ABBY: I have a close friend who recently had a baby with serious health problems. Unfortunately, we live on opposite sides of the country, and I can't afford to fly out there. I want to help, but short of calls and texts to let her know I'm thinking of her, I'm out of ideas.

She's mentioned several times that with all the work of being a new parent plus the extra work involved with a child with special needs, she often doesn't have time to prepare healthy meals and reverts to junk food that she can grab easily. Ordinarily, I'd bring over a few meals to help out, but that's impossible to do when she's so far away.

Restaurant gift cards would be an option, but unfortunately she and her husband don't have the time to go to one. I'm hoping you might have other ideas on how I can help out from afar. — PUZZLED ABOUT HELPING

DEAR PUZZLED: Go online and research food delivery services in the city or town where your friend lives. Some businesses deliver prepared meals on a weekly basis. Other companies ship boxes of wonderful fruits every month. But before doing anything, ASK your overwhelmed friend what she and her husband think might be helpful rather than try to second-guess.

DEAR ABBY: I'd like to know if there is a nice way of asking my niece and her boyfriend, who are in their mid- to late-20s, not to bring their phones to the dinner table? The evening was less than enjoyable for me because they were only partly there, and spent most of their time texting and presumably on Facebook. — SHOCKED IN HAWAII

Dear Abby



Any words of wisdom will be much appreciated. — WELL-MANNERED LADY IN THE WEST

DEAR LADY: Explain to your niece that you spend a lot of time, money and effort on presenting these meals, and that you were hurt and offended at their apparent lack of appreciation. It's the truth. Do not preoccupy yourself with trying to be nice or you will weaken the message. Some families solve this problem by insisting their guests place their cellphones in a basket before dinner and reclaim them as they depart.

DEAR ABBY: My friend from church casually mentioned that he and his wife recently helped themselves to several buckets of sand from a national park. I'm beside myself trying to understand how they can justify pillaging a natural resource so they can pretend they are at the beach. It's beyond selfish and just plain wrong. What can I say to convince them to return it? Can you help me navigate this conversation? — SHOCKED IN HAWAII

DEAR SHOCKED: Start by pointing out to your friends that there are serious penalties for doing what he and his wife did. According to the Department of Land and Natural Resources, stealing sand from the beaches is punishable with fines of upwards of \$100,000.

Community Calendar

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

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday

and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

WEST JAY COMMUNITY CENTER GROUP — Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Bingo will begin at 11 a.m. Euchre begins at 1 p.m. There is a \$1 donation for center's expenses. For more information, call (765) 768-1544.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260)

726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

Tuesday

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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

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Back off on minimum wage jump

Employees need help.
Businesses need help.
State and local governments need help.

Given that, there's a lot of good that could come out of Congress passing President Joe Biden's coronavirus relief plan.

But the proposal of increasing the federal minimum wage to \$15 should be pulled from the bill or significantly modified.

There is no question the federal minimum wage needs to be increased. After all, it has been at \$7.25 since 2009. That's far too long at the same level.

But a push to \$15, either immediately or even over the course of the entirety of

Editorial

Biden's term, would be a mistake.

Part of the challenge is that minimum wages vary from state to state, meaning the impact of such an increase would be felt differently across the nation.

Washington, D.C., for instance, already has a minimum wage of \$15. California's is \$13 or \$14, depending on how many employees a business has. And some cities have minimum

wages that are set at higher levels than their state.

On the other hand, 20 states have a minimum wage of \$7.50 or less, meaning they would have to at least double their minimum wages to get to \$15. That includes Indiana and Kentucky, which both match the federal minimum of \$7.25. Illinois is highest in the region at \$11, followed by Michigan (\$9.65) and Ohio (\$8.80).

What would happen if states like Indiana and Kentucky were forced to more than double their minimum wages?

It seems likely that businesses and industries would have to drastically and quickly increase prices in order to keep up with payroll. Probably, jobs would have to be cut.

Those are changes no one wants.

Harry Holzer, a professor of public policy at Georgetown University, told NBC News he doesn't expect the \$15 minimum wage to pass.

"I'm guessing if a minimum wage does pass it might be more like \$10 or \$12 rather than \$15, and it might be implemented slowly," he said. "For lots of big cities and populous states that have already implemented it, it's not a terrible idea. Those are high-wage, high-priced areas already. The problem is, in the states that have a lot of rural areas, \$15 is not far below the region's median. This risk that some of those jobs would disappear is higher there."

He's right.

If a \$15 minimum wage is the goal, we'd suggest enacting a plan to increase it gradually, over time. Perhaps 50 cents a year would be viable. Even at that rate, it would take more than 16 years to get to \$15.

(The real problem here is that no steps have been taken in more than a decade. The minimum wage should be increased slightly each year in order to avoid the need to make major leaps all at once.)

It's a good idea to give individuals, businesses and states the help they need. We hope the latest round of coronavirus-related stimulus passes.

But a \$15 minimum wage should not be a part of it. — R.C.

What is next for Mike Pence?

By **KEN DE LA BASTIDE**

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

With the change this week in the White House, my hope, just like when Donald Trump took office, is that President Joe Biden is successful and can unite the nation.

It was unfortunate that President Trump didn't remain in Washington on Wednesday to welcome Biden and attend the inauguration.

Since leaving the nation's highest elected office, Trump has indicated that he will consider forming a third political party to run for the presidency in 2024.

That will depend on the outcome of his impeachment trial that will begin in the U.S. Senate next week.

The question in Indiana is, what will be Mike Pence's political future, particularly if Trump is a candidate again in 2024?

Third-party candidates have historically not done well in national elections.

Probably the most famous effort was by former president Teddy Roosevelt when he helped form the Bull Moose Party to seek another term in 1912, splitting the Republican Party.

What will be more interesting to watch over the next four years is the direction the GOP takes in terms of fielding a presidential candidate.

Will the party return to its more traditional conservative roots and select such a candidate? Or will the battle for the nomination be a battle between the old guard and the supporters of Donald Trump?

Where does that leave Indiana native Pence?

Pence abided by the Constitution when the Electoral College votes were tabulated and did attend Biden's inauguration.

He returned to Columbus shortly after the ceremony and has indicated plans to move back to the Hoosier State this summer.

For four years Pence could only be called a Trump loyalist, never stating an opposing view to the president's policies and declarations.

There should be little doubt that he is considering a presidential run himself in 2024.

So does he become critical of Trump over the next few years?

Ken de la Bastide



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Will his support of Trump during his tenure as vice president come back to haunt him in the future?

How will Pence occupy his time over the next four years?

It's hard to imagine that he will become a talk show host. He is more likely to become an adviser to a conservative think tank.

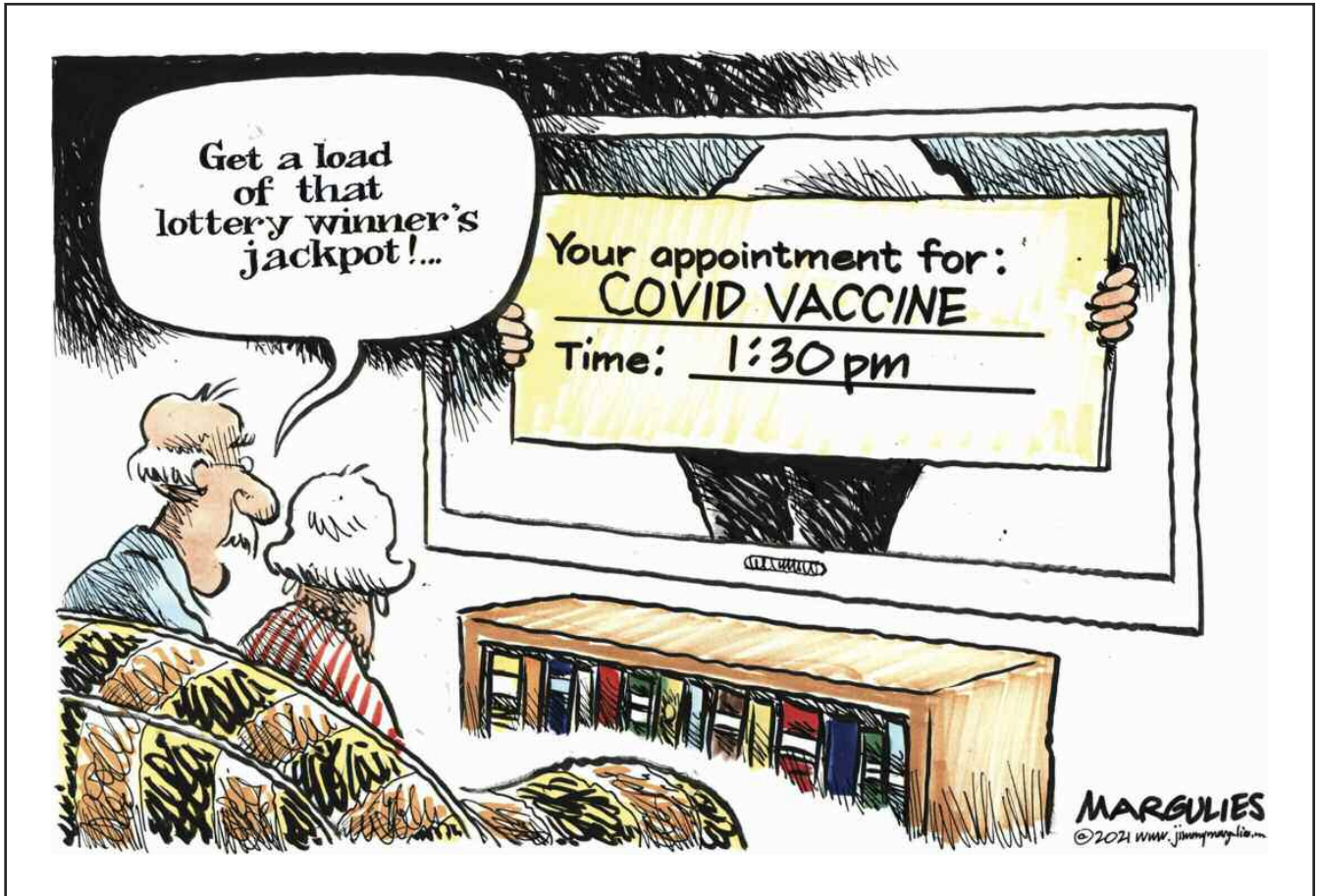
Will congressional candidates in 2022 want him to campaign for them during the midterm elections?

The list of GOP candidates considering running for president in 2024 is certain to be extensive.

For Pence, a lot will depend on how the candidates respond to him in two years.

If he becomes a non-entity, it will have an impact on his future political ambition.

Will he emerge as a viable conservative candidate in 2024 or like another Indiana vice president, Dan Quayle, fade into the sunset?



Youth need help through COVID

By **REBEKAH FENTON**

Special To The Washington Post

While adults make up most COVID-19 cases, more than 2 million children and adolescents in the United States have been diagnosed with the disease. Serious illness is rare among young people, but the impact of the coronavirus on adolescents' well-being should not go overlooked.

It has wreaked havoc on their lives. Closed schools. Interrupted access to free lunch and essential technology. Canceled activities. Forced an inability to hang out with friends.

In the United States' desire to return to "normal" last year, we deprioritized young people. We floundered through decisions on closing schools and cobbled together plans for virtual learning. Though we have come to understand schools' fundamental role in the lives of young people, some states reopened bars before ensuring the safety of classrooms. We still don't aggressively fight for the welfare of teenagers.

As an adolescent medicine physician, I have seen the results close up. Some of my patients fear coming into any health care setting, especially if they have lost a family member. Others have gained or lost significant weight, in search of comfort or control. Some who had manageable levels of anxiety before the pandemic have worsening symptoms. Isolation precipitates depression or suicidal ideation. More than younger children, adolescents notice and are affected by their parents' emotions, including financial pressure.

Pre-pandemic, adolescents' mental health issues were already a concern. Surveys of high school students from 2019 show more than 1 in 3 reported persistent sadness or hopelessness and nearly 1 in 5 contemplated suicide. Data from 2001 to 2004 indicated that nearly 1 in 3 adolescents age 13 to 18 had an anxiety

Rebekah Fenton



disorder. Studies suggest the psychosocial consequences of the pandemic have made things worse.

The teens of the pandemic are living through a significant and prolonged stress that most adults have never known. I do not know what it feels like to be an adolescent in this age, but I ask and listen. We all can.

I ask all my patients, regardless of the reason for their visit, how they are doing in general. I create space by asking their family to leave the room and reviewing doctor-patient confidentiality practices. "How's school? How is your family? Your friends?" I sympathize with the struggles of remote education and acknowledge that, even with the most advanced technology, connecting with friends is just not the same as seeing them. "How is your mood? Are you experiencing any anxiety?" Some tell me they're managing: They have picked up home-based hobbies or found ways to continue old amusements virtually. They try online workout videos or learn to bake.

Others, asked about their emotions, burst into tears. The pressure to hold it all together seems to release in that instant. The stress is hard to manage and even harder to talk about. I pull in parents and social workers to support them, and consider options for therapy or, if indicated, medication.

I can only imagine the health impact of COVID-19 on the adolescents I do not get to see: those in juvenile detention centers, seeking asylum, holding down jobs to help with family finances, or simply missing preventive care visits.

Our nationwide New Year's resolution should be going all in to fight the coronavirus, prioritizing the comprehensive health of everyone, including adolescents. We should all get the vaccine series as soon as it is offered, while wearing our masks, social distancing and avoiding nonessential travel until recommendations change. Adolescents have been forced to give up a crucial part of their youth to help fight the spread of coronavirus. We owe it to them to see this crisis through.

Until that happens, parents and anyone who works with teenagers have a critical role. Asking kids how they are doing and creating the space for them to speak openly is the most important thing you can do for them. Listen and let them know there is no right way to act or feel right now. Anxious, sad, overwhelmed, scared and even OK are all valid ways to feel. Give young people grace to get through these challenging circumstances without having to keep up their previous level of performance. Resist the "fix it" urge that tries to make everything better by dismissing, minimizing or replacing feelings. Help them break up the monotony with activities or make safe connections with friends to bring them joy. Show them they are not alone by sharing some of your worries and how you manage. Normalize that sometimes we need outside help, and be prepared to seek help from a health care provider and/or therapist.

While teenagers are young enough to only rarely experience physical consequences of COVID-19, they are old enough to experience the pandemic's emotional challenges. It is essential that we see the struggles they are facing and work collectively to mitigate them.

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BSU program is ranked 17th

Ball State University's online master's of business administration program tied for 17th in this year's list of best online programs from U.S. News & World Report.

The honor marked the eighth straight year in which the program has ranked among the top 20 out of 324 eligible.

"The Ball State online MBA and bachelor's programs in business provide students with a high quality, flexible degree at a competitive cost," said Miller College of Business dean Stephen Ferris in a press release. "We are proud that our efforts are once again being recognized by U.S. News & World Report."

BSU's online bachelor's programs for business (11th) and general management (17th) also ranked among the top 20.

Abatement finalized

Berne City Council recently finalized a 10-year super tax abatement for EP Graphics, the Berne Witness reported.

The company plans to install a new press at an expected cost of \$3.65 million. It will get a 100% tax abatement for the first five years with a gradual phase-in over the next five.

The new equipment is expected to help add five new jobs for a total of 130 employees.

Council had approved a declaratory resolution establishing the property as a revitalization area last month, a step toward granting the abatement.

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The Witness notes that EP Graphics hopes to have the new press running in early 2021 though the entirety of the project is expected to take until the end of 2022.

Named to board

Mercer Health CEO Lisa Klenke has been named to the Ohio Hospital Association Board of Trustees, The Daily Standard (Celina, Ohio) reported.

The association represents the state's 240 hospitals and 14 health systems. The board is made up of four officers, the OHA president and CEO and 13 trustees.

In her role as a board member, Klenke, a Coldwater, Ohio, resident, will be involved in policy and strategic direction for Ohio hospitals.

Partnering on truck

Motherson Sumi and Daimler Indian Commercial Vehicles have partnered to customize a refrigerated truck for the transport of coronavirus vaccine.

The company, which operates MSSL Wiring in Portland, developed the refrigerated container

that is mounted on a BharatBenz truck made by Daimler. It can store vaccines as cold as negative-20 degrees and the temperature can be monitored throughout the delivery process.

"Our product enables temperature control and tamper monitoring which are critical to ensure effective distribution of the COVID vaccine across India," said Motherson Sumi chairman Vivek Chaand Sehgal in a press release.

New airline coming

Sun Country Airlines will be coming to Indianapolis International Airport this spring.

Beginning May 28, Sun Country will offer non-stop flights from Indianapolis to Minneapolis-St. Paul twice a week. It will add non-stop flights to Orlando beginning Sept. 2.

"Now travelers headed to Minneapolis will have more nonstop options out of Indy, and an additional option in the fall to Orlando — which is Indy's number-one vacation destination," Indianapolis Airport Authority Mario Rodriguez said in a press release. "These flights tie in perfectly for those ready for a summer vacation."

The company, which is based in Minneapolis-St. Paul, currently offers flights on 86 routes in the United States, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

Purdue to showcase

The Purdue Research Founda-

tion Office of Technology Commercialization will host the 2021 Purdue Technology Showcase Feb. 10 and 11. It will be a virtual event.

The schedule includes diagnostics, therapeutics, food and agriculture, and medical device and health care on Feb. 10, and computer technology and cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and smart sensors and chemistry and chemical processing Feb. 11.

"This year we decided to include technologies from our peer in-state institutions alongside Purdue to shine a light on the exciting innovation occurring across the state of Indiana," said Brooke Beier, vice president of the school's office of technology commercialization, in a press release. "The virtual showcase will reach audiences around the world and will connect commercialization partners with incredible innovators and technologies."

CVS establishes

CVS announced Thursday that it has established a \$5 million CVS Health Foundation Health Care Careers Scholarship program. It is collaborating with the United Negro College Fund on the project.

Scholarships will go to Black and Latinx students pursuing an academic career in health care. It is part of the company's \$600 million, five-year

commitment to address racial inequity.

"This scholarship will feed a robust pipeline of under-represented students, which will in turn strengthen the pool of talented college graduates ready for today's and tomorrow's workplace," said CVS senior vice president and chief diversity officer David Casey. "Enabling students to excel in the workforce — particularly people of color and those facing financial barriers — advances our commitment to social justice and equity and will have a lasting impact."

Revenue down

Comcast reported Thursday that its fourth-quarter earnings were down by 2.4% as compared to the previous year.

The company's revenue was \$27.7 billion during the final three months of 2020, down from \$28.4 billion the previous year. Its annual revenue was down 4.9% during 2020.

"Outstanding performance at cable drove very strong fourth quarter results for our company," said Comcast chairman and CEO Brian L. Roberts in a press release. "Our theme parks in Orlando and Osaka reached breakeven; and encouragingly, Sky returned to customer growth in all three of its markets, bringing our total customer relationships and overall revenue in Europe essentially back to 2019 levels."

An Eli Lilly logo is seen on a box of Humulin brand insulin medication on Oct. 23, 2017. The antibody treatment bamlanivimab brought in \$850 million in U.S. sales for Lilly after the Food and Drug Administration authorized emergency use in November for patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19.



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Lilly profit surged in fourth quarter

By TOM MURPHY

INDIANAPOLIS — Eli Lilly's new COVID-19 treatment helped the drugmaker's fourth-quarter profit surge even though U.S. regulators approved its use late in the quarter.

The antibody treatment bamlanivimab brought in \$850 million in U.S. sales for Lilly after the Food and Drug Administration authorized emergency use in November for patients with mild-to-moderate COVID-19.

The treatment racked up \$871.2 million overall, making it Lilly's second-highest selling product in the final quarter of 2020. It trailed only the popular diabetes drug Trulicity, which totaled \$1.5 billion in sales.

Bamlanivimab is a one-time

treatment given through an IV and can be used for patients who are 12 and older who don't require hospitalization. Antibodies are proteins that attach to a virus and block it from infecting cells.

Lilly said the U.S. government has agreed to buy nearly 1.5 million doses of bamlanivimab, and 950,000 have already been delivered. The rest will be delivered by the end of March.

Lilly said Friday that its overall revenue jumped 22% in the quarter to \$7.44 billion. It climbed 7% not counting bamlanivimab.

Net income rose 42% to \$2.12 billion compared to the final quarter of 2019. Adjusted earnings totaled \$2.75 per share.

That topped Wall Street expectations. Analysts expected, on average, earnings of \$2.37 per share on

\$7.27 billion in revenue, according to FactSet.

The fourth-quarter sales Lilly booked from bamlanivimab came after the company spent about \$450 million researching and developing COVID-19 treatments last year and then a "significant amount" making them, spokesman Mark Taylor said.

Lilly is still studying bamlanivimab. Early research results suggested that it may help clear the coronavirus sooner and possibly cut hospitalizations in people with mild to moderate cases.

The drugmaker said Tuesday that bamlanivimab combined with another antibody also reduced the risk of hospitalizations or death by 70% in newly diagnosed, non-hospitalized COVID-19 patients at high risk of serious illness

because of age or other health conditions.

Lilly also said last week that the antibody treatment can prevent COVID-19 illness in residents and staff of nursing homes and other long-term care locations, which have been devastated by the pandemic.

Lilly said it plans to work with regulators to see about expanding the authorization to prevent and treat COVID-19 in those facilities, where vaccinations are already underway.

Experts have said drugs like Lilly's could serve as a bridge to help manage the virus until vaccines are widely available.

Shares of Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Co. climbed 2% to \$214.76 Friday morning while broader indexes slipped.

Facebook 'court' critical of rules

By ELIZABETH DWOSKIN and CRAIG TIMBERG

The Washington Post

Facebook's new oversight board found company content moderation policies vague and poorly communicated in its first set of decisions released Thursday, overruling the company's actions in four of the five cases it decided in its initial round of cases.

The actions covered a range of issues that have vexed social media companies — alleged hate speech, coronavirus misinformation and references to dangerous organizations and people — and included one case in which an automated detection system apparently overreacted to an image of an uncovered female nipple in a breast-cancer awareness campaign.

Taken together, the rulings suggest the oversight board is going to demand greater clarity and transparency from Facebook in the tiny sliver of cases it chooses to review. The board is also weighing Facebook's ban of President Donald Trump after the Jan. 6 riot at the U.S. Capitol, though a decision in that case is not likely for months. The five cases decided Thursday date to October or November of last year.

"We often found that the community standards as written are incomplete," said board member Sudhir Krishnaswamy, vice chancellor of the National Law School of India University, in an interview with The Washington Post.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT SINGLE STATEMENT WOULD BE ACCURATE ABOUT EITHER A MAN OR A GOAT? IT'S HALF THE FAUN.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals U

CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer!
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B. 18 20 5 25 5 18
C. 4 18 5 24 4 18 17 18 9 5
D. 3 22 25 9

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WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to financial planning.
PENXESSE
Answer: Expenses

Guess Who?
I am a talk show host born in Mississippi on January 29, 1954. I was crowned "Miss Black Tennessee" while in college and also started co-anchoring the news when I was 19. I've had a hugely successful career as a TV host and producer.
Answer: Oprah Winfrey

kids' corner
Illustration of a child at a computer.

WORLD FACT!
THIS IS ONE OF THE LARGEST AND MOST POPULAR ART MUSEUMS IN THE WORLD. IT IS LOCATED IN AN HISTORIC MONUMENT.
Answer: Musée du Louvre

How they say that in...
ENGLISH: Paint
SPANISH: Pintar
ITALIAN: Dipingere
FRENCH: Peindre
GERMAN: Malen

2-1 CRYPTOQUIP

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"JHTTAHOE VF IO IKFL."
Saturday's Cryptoquip: YOU DON'T COMPREHEND HOW TO WORK THIS COLLAPSIBLE FOLDING CHAIR? LET ME BREAK IT DOWN FOR YOU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals I

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
Answers: 1. Extra glue stick 2. Leaf missing tree trunk and branches drawn on right 3. More grass around tree on left 4. Another

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
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Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: EAGLE

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH
J 9 2
10 8 5 4
7
A Q J 4
WEST
10 7 6 5 4
A 3 2
K J 6 5
9
EAST
A K 3
7
10 9 8 3
10 7 5 3 2
SOUTH
Q 8
K Q J 9 6
A 4 2
K 8 6
The bidding: South 1♥ West Pass North 3♥ East Pass
Opening lead — nine of clubs.
This deal occurred in the 1974 world team championship. When it was played in the Brazil-North America match, the outcome at both tables was four hearts, down one.
The opening lead at both tables was the nine of clubs, and the play followed the same pattern. Declarer won with dummy's ace and led a trump to the king, on which both Wests played low!
Declarer led another trump, and this time both Wests took the trick as
Tomorrow: A necessary assumption.
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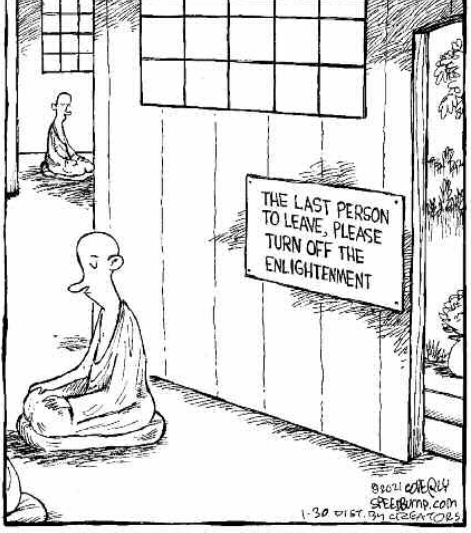
Mission impossible?
West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
8 3
A 9 2
K J 6 3
K 7 6 2
WEST
10 9 7
10 8 6 5
9 7 2
J 10 4
EAST
K Q J 6 5
K J
5 4
Q 9 8 3
SOUTH
A 4 2
Q 7 4 3
A Q 10 8
A 5
The bidding: West Pass North Pass East 1♠ South 1NT
Opening lead — ten of spades.
With all four hands of today's deal exposed, it might seem impossible for South to make three notrump. After an opening spade lead, it appears East must get five tricks — four spades and the king of hearts — before declarer can get nine. But South found a way to make his contract, and, what's more, the opponents couldn't do anything to stop him.
When dummy was tabled, declarer could count eight top tricks — a spade, a heart, four diamonds and two clubs. The only chance for a ninth appeared to lie in scoring a trick
with the queen of hearts. The trouble with this was that if South at any point led a heart toward his queen, East — who was marked with the king for his opening bid — would take the king and run off enough spades to set the contract.
Declarer's first impulse was to try to endplay East by stripping him of diamonds and clubs prior to throwing him in with a spade to force a lead from the king of hearts. But he rejected this approach — rightly, as it turned out — because he thought there was too good a chance that West could win the third spade and thereby take his partner off the endplay.
Another possibility existed, however, and this was the one South chose. He held up the ace of spades until the third round, discarding a heart from dummy, then cashed four diamond tricks. East discarded a club on the third diamond but ran into serious trouble on the fourth. He could not afford to throw a heart or a spade, so he discarded another club.
The situation South had hoped for thus came to pass. The A-K and another club were now played, losing to West's jack and establishing dummy's seven of clubs as declarer's ninth trick. After winning the third club, West returned a heart, but South put up the ace and cashed his good club to put the final touch on a well-played hand.

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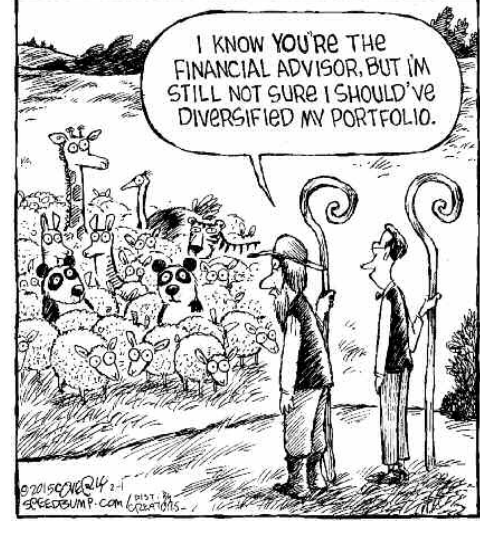
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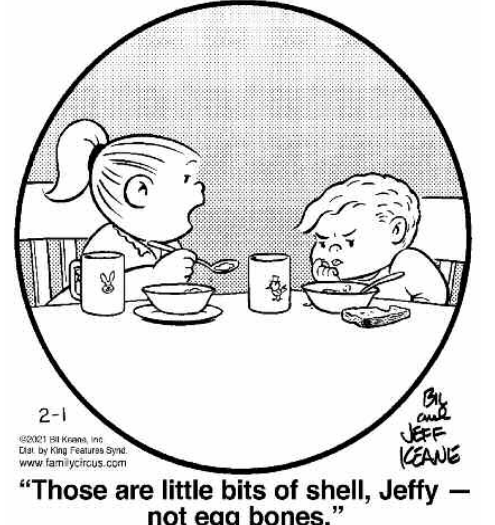
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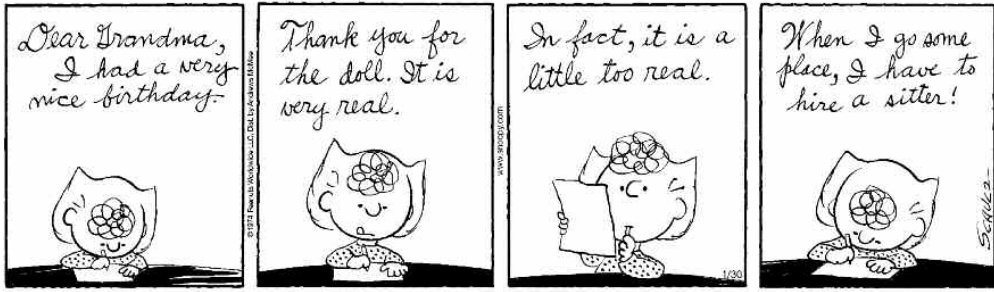
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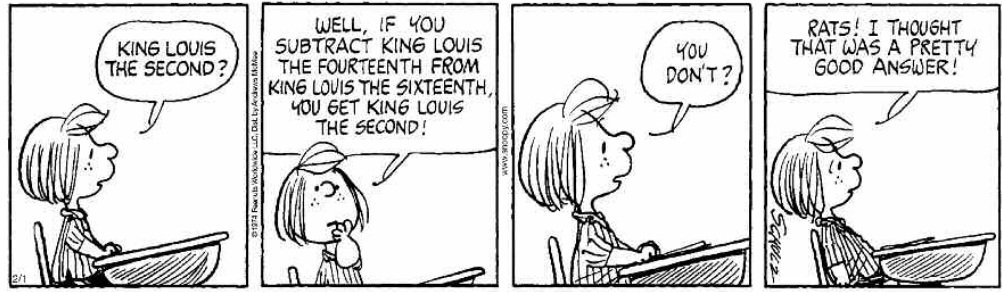
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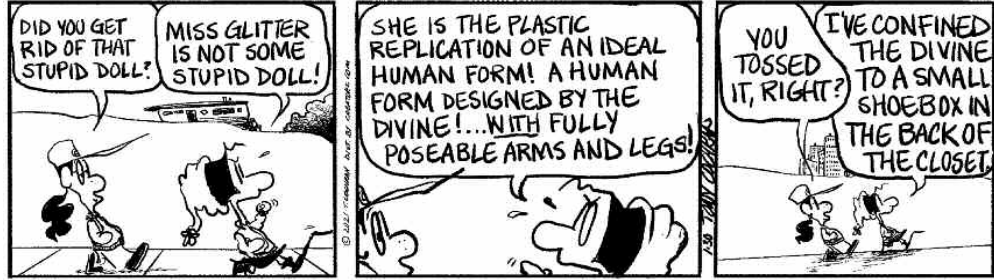
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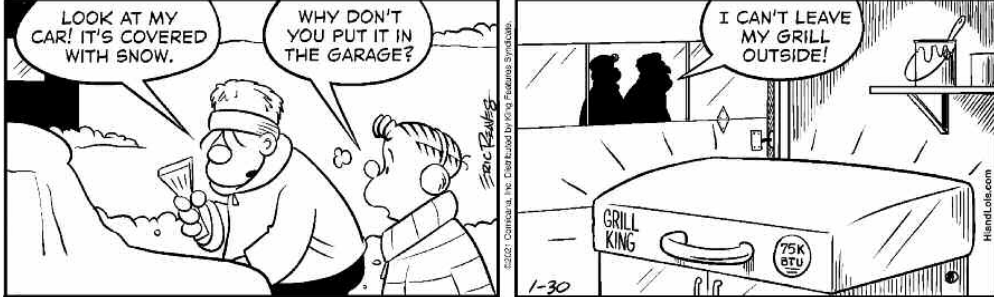
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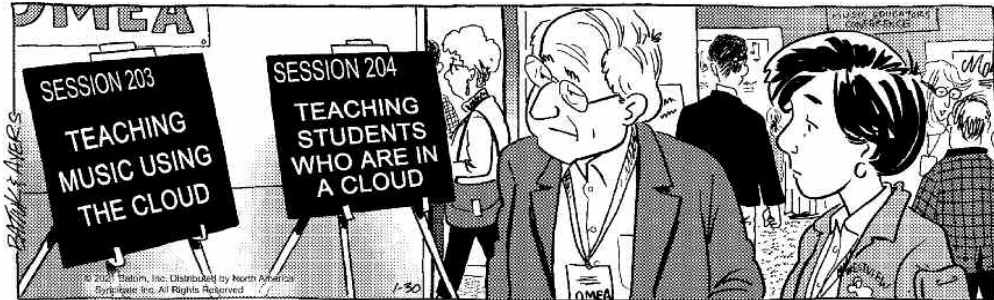
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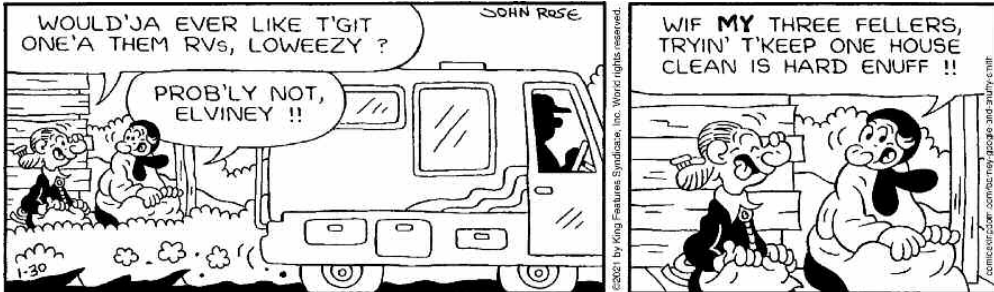
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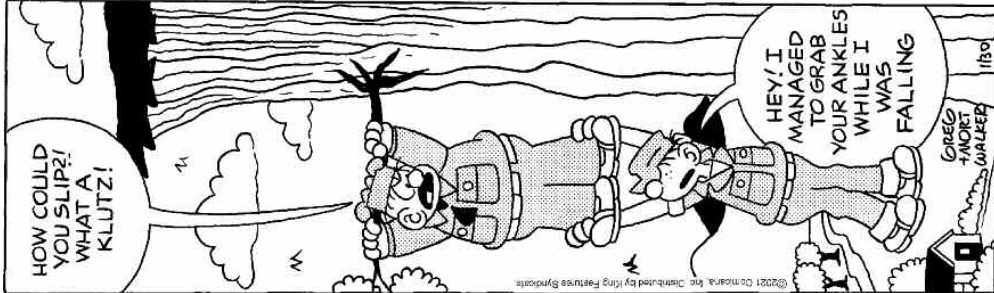
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Detailed Receipts 2020
Township General Fund

General Property Taxes	\$6,236.38
County Adjusted Gross Income Tax (CAGIT)	
Property Tax Replac	\$1,018.00
Local Income Tax (LIT) for Levy Freeze	\$759.92
Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution	\$434.34
Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)	\$78.00
Local Income Tax CUTI Certified Shares	\$4,114.00
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	\$11.12
Total Township General Fund	\$12,651.76
Firefighting Fund	
General Property Taxes	\$11,567.50
Local Income Tax (LIT) for Levy Freeze	\$1,115.08
Vehicle/Aircraft Excise Tax Distribution	\$775.60
Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax Distribution (CVET)	\$47.00
Total Firefighting Fund	\$13,505.18
Payroll withholdings Fund	
Payroll Fund and Clearing Account Receipts	\$588.95
Total Payroll Withholdings Fund	\$588.95
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Public Notice
Jefferson Township, Jay County, Indiana
Disbursements by Vendor 2020

Fund/Category/Vendor Name	Amount
Township General Fund	
Personal Services	
Moeller, Angela R	\$5,028.66
Monroe Duane	\$500.00
Confer Janet	\$500.00
Nixon Richard	\$500.00
Township General Fund	
Supplies	
Moeller, Angela R	\$108.93
Township General Fund	
Services and Charges	
Moeller, Angela R	\$1,283.36
Gamer Tax Service	\$100.00
Coldren Frantz & Spunger	\$100.00
The Graphic Printing Co., Inc	\$188.46
Jay County Treasures Dept	\$120.00
Tracy Heath	\$2,600.00
CNA SURETY	\$120.00
Township General Fund	\$11,149.41
Firefighting Fund	
Services and Charges	
Town of Redkey	\$3,715.21
City of Portland	\$2,060.00
Firefighting Fund	\$5,775.21
Rainy Day Fund	
Services and Charges	
MicroSpectrum LLC	\$700.00
Rainy Day Fund	\$700.00
Township Assistance Fund	
Township Assistance	
Indiana Michigan Power	\$576.29
Township AssistanceFund	\$576.29
Payroll Withholdings Fund	
Other Disbursements	
United States Treasury	\$985.36
Payroll Withholdings Fund	\$985.36
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Public Notice
Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana
Disbursements by Vendor 2020

Fund/Category Vendor Name	Amount
Fire Fighting	
Personal Services	
City of Portland	\$9,270.00
Salamonia Volunteer Fire Department	\$3,399.00
Fire Fighting	\$12,669.00
Township	
Sevices and Charges	
Wall Tax Service	\$175.00
U.S. Treasury	\$1,193.40
Coldren & Frantz	\$100.00
First Merchants Bank	\$3.00
Graphic Printing	\$74.25
AE Boyce	\$375.76
Westfield Insurance	\$628.00
Jay County Tres.	\$60.00
Imel Mowing	\$1,215.00
CNA Surety	\$120.00
Jeff Alberson	\$115.44
Scott Coy	\$951.75
Arthur Harris	\$346.31
Bill Sipe	\$461.75
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Joyce Lyons	\$1,365.25
Robert C. Lyons	\$5,527.80
AEP	\$228.16
OH Valley Gas	\$177.00
Township	\$13,832.86
Township Assistance	
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Jay County REMC	\$490.57
Humana	\$136.08
WalMart Pharmacy of Portland	\$163.07
Township Assistance	\$789.72
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Public Notice
Pike Township, Jay County, Indiana
Annual Financial Report - 2020 Cash & Investments Combined Statement

Local Fund	Local Fund	Beg. Cash	End Cash
Number	Name	and Inv. Bal.	and Inv. Bal.
		Jan. 1, 2020	Dec. 31, 2020
Governmental Activities			
1	Fire Fighting	\$21,017.52	\$16,282.97
2	Township	\$79,716.45	\$16,109.56
3	Township Assistance	\$9,886.79	\$0.00
	Total All Funds	\$110,620.76	\$32,392.53
		\$27,291.58	\$115,721.71
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Cardinals to acquire Arenado from Rockies

By RONALD BLUM

AP Baseball Writer

The St. Louis Cardinals have agreed to acquire All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado from the Colorado Rockies in a trade needing approvals before it can be finalized, a person familiar with the swap tells The Associated Press.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity Friday night because the trade had not yet been finalized.

Arenado, an eight-time Gold

Glove winner, signed a \$260 million, eight-year deal with Colorado in February 2019 and is owed \$199 million for the six remaining seasons.

Colorado would pay St. Louis a large amount of cash as part of the trade, the person said, and Major League Baseball must approve a cash transaction of more than \$1 million.

Arenado's contract has a no-trade provision that requires his approval for any assignment.

He may restructure his con-

tract as part of a trade, the person said, which could require approval of the players' association. The trade agreement was first reported by The Athletic.

The 29-year-old Arenado has hit .293 with an .890 OPS over eight seasons, averaging 35 home runs and 114 RBIs per 162 games. Aided in part by hitter-friendly Coors Field, he's led the National League in home runs three times and led the majors in RBIs twice.

The Cardinals finished second

in the NL Central last season and lost a first-round playoff matchup against the San Diego Padres. Arenado will bump Matt Carpenter out of his role as the starting third baseman and play in an infield with All-Stars Paul DeJong at shortstop and Paul Goldschmidt at first base.

Arenado slumped during the pandemic-shortened 2020 season, hitting .253 with eight home runs and a .738 OPS over 48 games. He earned \$12,962,963 in prorated pay.

Colorado general manager Jeff Bridich acknowledged last offseason that he was listening to trade offers on the five-time All-Star, and Arenado said in February of 2020 that "there's a lot of disrespect around there" and "there is no relationship anymore" between him and Bridich.

Like Troy Tulowitzki and Matt Holliday before him, Arenado grew tired of losing, especially in an NL West division ruled by the Los Angeles Dodgers every year he's been in the big leagues.

Stifles

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Bluffton knocked down a trio of 3-pointers in the third and later got within six, 37-31, late in the fourth but never got closer.

Bluffton senior Hayden Nern, who has a handful of 30-point games this season, was held to just 10. Lukas Hunt led the Tigers with 12 points, all of which were 3-pointers.

"We were making (Nern) work," Bomholt said. "That's what we were trying to do."

Nern was 3-of-14 from the field, and all of his shots that were from further than 5 feet from the basket hit anywhere but rim. Each of his three 3-pointers hit nothing but air.

"We just absolutely took (Nern) out of the game," Bomholt said. "We were able to do that and that gave us a chance."

Jay County travels to take on Class 2A No. 7 Blackford tonight in a game that was moved up an hour because of the threat of inclement weather.

The freshman game is slated for 4 p.m., with junior varsity approximately 5:15 p.m. and the varsity contest at 6:45 p.m.

The Bruins, led by standout Luke Brown, are 12th in the state in scoring at 75.5 points per game.

Bomholt would not exactly disclose his plan for slowing down Brown, who averages more than 30 points per game this season, but anticipates the challenge of keeping him at bay.

"If he decides to be on, we're going to have our hands

full," he said. "But if we can control him and keep it at least reasonable, we feel like if we do what we're supposed to do they'll have trouble guarding us."

"I'm not sure at this point in time in his career though we can do very much that he hasn't seen."

Junior varsity

Jay County had a strong start and picked up its second win in as many games with a 41-29 victory.

The Patriots (2-5) led 11-3 at the end of the first quarter and were out front 24-5 at halftime. The Tigers put together a bit of a surge in the third, outscoring the Patriots 15-8, but the first-half deficit was too much to overcome.

Brady Davis led all players with 16 points, including eight in the fourth quarter. Gavin Myers added six points for Jay County, which also got five points apiece from Adrek Pogue and Trent Alexander.

Freshman

The Patriots overcame a one-point effort in the third quarter to beat the Tigers, 30-23.

After leading 6-3 at the end of the first, the Patriots (6-3) fell behind 10-7 at halftime. They trailed 19-17 heading to the fourth before rallying for the win.

Payton Nichols led all players with 14 points, eight of which came during the fourth quarter.

Abraham Dirksen added five points while Wes Bihn scored four points.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Dusty Pearson, a Jay County High School sophomore, towers for a shot over Bluffton's Hayden Nern during the first quarter Friday at JCHS. Pearson scored all of the Patriots' six first-quarter points and ended the game with 10 in Jay County's 41-31 victory.

Box score

Bluffton Tigers
at Jay County Patriots

Boys varsity summary

Bluffton (6-7, 2-1 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Stppnghn	1-4	1-2	3
Hunt	4-15	0-0	12
Schreiber	1-3	0-0	2
Nern	3-14	4-7	10
WBall	0-2	0-0	0
Bennett	0-0	0-0	0
Johnston	2-2	0-0	4
ABall	0-2	0-0	0
Totals	11-42	5-9	31
	.262	.556	

Jay County (4-3, 3-0 ACAC)			
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS
Weitzel	3-7	0-1	6
Dowlen	4-8	4-5	13
Dirksen	2-7	0-0	4
GMuhlnkmp	3-4	2-2	8
Pearson	5-6	0-1	10
Heniser	0-0	0-0	0
AMuhlnkmp	0-1	0-0	0
Faulkner	0-1	0-0	0
Totals	17-34	6-9	41
	.500	.667	

Score by quarters:
Bluffton 5 5 13 8 — 31
Jay Co. 6 12 15 8 — 41

3-point shooting: Bluffton 4-23 (Hunt 4-14, Nern 0-3, Stoppenhagen 0-2, Schreiber 0-2, ABall 0-2). Jay County 1-8 (Dowlen 1-4, Dirksen 0-3, Faulkner 0-1).

Rebounds: Bluffton 26 (Nern 11, team 5, Hunt 3, Schreiber 3, Stoppenhagen 2, WBall, Johnston). Jay County 30 (Weitzel 9, Pearson 8, Dirksen 4, GMuhlenkamp 4, team 4, Dowlen).

Assists: Bluffton 7 (Stoppenhagen 3, Nern 3, ABall). Jay County 5 (Dirksen 2, Dowlen, GMuhlenkamp, Pearson).

Blocks: Bluffton 2 (Nern 2). Jay County 4 (Weitzel 3, Pearson).

Personal fouls: Bluffton 16 (Hunt 4, WBall 4, Nern 2, ABall 2, Stoppenhagen, Schreiber, Bennett, Johnston). Jay County 13 (Weitzel 3, Dirksen 3, Dowlen 2, Pearson 2, GMuhlenkamp, Faulkner).

Turnovers: Bluffton 9, Jay County 10.

Realmuto signs

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — two-time All-Star catcher J.T. Realmuto and the Philadelphia Phillies finalized their \$115.5 million, five-year contract on Friday.

Realmuto gets \$20 million next season, of which \$10 million is deferred, with \$5 million each payable on July 15 in 2026 and 2027, a person familiar with the deal told The Associated Press on Tuesday. Realmuto gets \$23,875,000 in each of the final four years.

He would receive a \$1 million assignment bonus

each time he is traded, payable by the acquiring team.

He would get \$50,000 each for every All-Star appearance, Gold Glove and Silver Slugger, \$100,000 for World Series MVP and \$50,000 for League Championship Series MVP. He would get \$500,000 for winning an MVP, \$50,000 for second and \$25,000 for third.

Realmuto's average annual salary of \$23.1 million became the highest for a catcher, topping the \$23 million Joe Mauer averaged.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Wrestling hosts sectional — 8:30 a.m.; Gymnastics at Western Invitational — noon; Boys basketball triple-header at Blackford — 4 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Mississinawa Valley — 5 p.m.

Monday
Jay County — Freshman boys basketball vs. New Castle — 6 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Monroe Central — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Freshman boys basketball at Minster — 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls basketball sectional quarterfinal vs. Delta at Yorktown — 7 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Junior high boys basketball at Minster — 5 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Girls swimming hosts sectional preliminaries — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. South Adams — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at Minster — 5:30 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Girls basketball sectional semifinal vs. Yorktown at New Castle — 6 p.m.; Boys basketball vs. Oak Hill — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. Minster — 5:30 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling hosts regional — 8:30 a.m.; Boys basketball triple-header at Woodlan — noon; Girls swimming hosts sectional championships — 4 p.m.; Girls basketball sectional final vs. TBA at New Castle — 7:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Coldwater Invitational — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. Tri-Village — noon; Boys basketball vs. Ridgemont — 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
Noon — Men's College Basketball: Alabama at Oklahoma (ESPN2); Providence at Georgetown (FS1); Clemson at Duke (ESPN)
2 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Texas Tech at LSU (ESPN2); Florida at West Virginia (ESPN)

3 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Villanova at Seton Hall (FOX); Wisconsin at Penn State (BTN)

4 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Auburn at Baylor (ESPN); Arkansas at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)

5:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Oregon at USC (FOX)

6 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Kansas at Tennessee (ESPN); Iowa State at Mississippi State (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Minnesota at Purdue (BTN)

8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Gonzaga at Pepperdine (ESPN2)

8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Boston Celtics (ABC)

10 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Stanford at Arizona State (ESPN2)

Sunday
1 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: SMU at Houston (ESPN); Michigan State at Ohio State (CBS)

3:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: UConn at St. John's (FOX)

5 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Philadelphia 76ers (FSN)

7:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Rutgers at Northwestern (BTN)

9:30 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: UNLV at Nevada (FS1)

Monday
7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Duke at Miami (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Oklahoma at Texas Tech (ESPN); North Carolina Central at Howard (ESPN2)

Tuesday
5 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Butler at Marquette (FS1)

7 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Penn State at Wisconsin (FS1)

7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Memphis Grizzlies (FSN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Brooklyn Nets (TNT)

8 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Purdue at Maryland (BTN)

9 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: Stanford at USC (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

Wednesday
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks (FSN/ESPN)

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Sports

Defense stifles Tigers



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Tonight's opponent



Blackford Bruins (10-4)

Coach
Grant Newlin (first year)

Conference
Central Indiana

Scoring leaders
Luke Brown – 32.8
Landon Grimes – 13.0
Jack Wors – 11.0

Rebound leaders
Grimes – 8.3
Brown – 4.5

Assist leaders
Brown – 5.2

Team notes: Blackford, which is coming off the program's first sectional championship since 1991, is ranked seventh in Class 2A ... Blackford senior Luke Brown moved up to No. 10 on the state's all-time scoring list with his 47-point effort Wednesday against Madison-Grant.

Last meeting: Jay County couldn't quite keep up with one of the highest-scoring teams in the state in a 79-53 defeat. Brayden Sprunger was 7-for-11 from distance and finished with 21 points to lead Jay, while Luke Brown scored 35 to lead the Bruins.

Jay County High School junior Ethan Dirksen reaches to knock the ball away from Bluffton's Hayden Nern during the second quarter Friday at JCHS. Dirksen and the Patriots kept the Tigers to fewer than 30% shooting in a 41-31 victory.

Jay County limits Bluffton's offense after layover

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Jerry Bomholt is a believer that a good defense can make up for a lackluster offense.

His Patriots proved why Friday.

Jay County High School's boys basketball team, which was playing its first game in 20 days, wasn't at its best with the ball in its hands but created fits for the Bluffton Tigers in a 41-31 win.

"Did 20 days have something to do with it?" Bomholt, Jay County's coach, asked rhetorically. "I don't like excuses, but when you don't play for 20 days, you're not going to be sharp. We weren't."

"The one thing I emphasized to the kids after the game is they are starting to become a really hard team to play against."

Bluffton coach Karl Grau, who spent the last eight seasons leading the girls' program, touted the effort of both teams defensively.

"It was a defensive battle between two pretty solid defensive teams," he said. "They made more shots than we did ... You've got to give Jay County credit, their defense is tough. They're long. They have a lot of length."

"It's not like we're playing a small team here. They're tough to play on their floor."

Early on it was tough for both teams, as Jay County (4-3, 3-0

Allen County Athletic Conference) had three missed shots and two turnovers on its first five possessions.

It still managed to get through the opening period ahead 6-5 as Dusty Pearson provided all of the Patriot offense.

Josh Dowlen caught a bit of a spark in the second quarter, scoring the first four points for the Patriots and forcing Grau into calling a timeout.

Dowlen, who finished with a game-high 13 points, started an 8-0 run for Jay County after the Tigers pulled within three, 10-7.

Dowlen's jumper from the left elbow made it 12-7, and Ethan Dirksen followed with a reverse layup after an inbound pass.

Bennett Weitzel and Gavin Muhlenkamp had buckets to end

the run.

Bluffton managed to find its shot a little bit in the second half — it was 4-of-20 (20%) in the first 16 minutes and 7-of-22 (31.8%) after the break — but Jay County was simply better.

The Patriots, who made nine of their 19 field goals before half-time, were 8-of-15 following intermission.

"That's what it came down to, we just didn't make any shots," Grau said. The Tigers ended 11-of-42 (26.2%) for the game. "It's not like we tried to miss shots."

"We had some looks, we just didn't knock them down."

Baskets from Weitzel and Muhlenkamp in the third quarter gave Jay County its biggest lead of the night, 24-13.

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Pacers lose on the road

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP)—P.J. Washington knows he is going to have to have a bigger impact if the Charlotte Hornets hope to make a run at the postseason.

The Hornets forward stepped up his game Friday night with 19 points and nine rebounds as Charlotte avenged an earlier loss to Indiana with a 108-105 win over the Pacers.

Terry Rozier scored 19 points and Devonte Graham added 14 points and 10 assists as the Hornets bounced back from a 116-106 loss to the Pacers two nights earlier.

"He's definitely the X-factor," Graham said of Washington, who plays the five-spot for the Hornets when they go to a smaller lineup. "Coach (James) Borrego has been on him non-stop just about being aggressive and coming out with that hunger."

Washington, who came in averaging 12.6 points, was apparently listening to Borrego.

He was aggressive early, hitting his first seven shots, including three 3-pointers. That helped spread the Pacers' defense and open up the passing lanes for the Hornets, who finished with a season-high 35 assists and shot 50.6% from the field.

"We are a real unselfish team and we like playing together," Graham said.

Domantas Sabonis led the Pacers with 22 points, 11 rebounds and six assists.

Indians surge past Cavaliers

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians struggled offensively in the first quarter.

Their defense made up for it in the second, and then they pulled away during the third.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team surged in the second quarter and overtook the Coldwater Cavaliers in the second half of a 45-37 victory Friday at Fort Site Fieldhouse.

Coldwater (7-9, 2-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) had a half dozen players hit the scoresheet in the first quarter to take a 15-7 lead after eight minutes of play. But the Indians (8-8, 4-2 MAC) allowed just one field goal and a pair of free throws defensively while scoring a dozen to tie the game at 19 at half-time.

In the third quarter, the Tribe took over. Cale Rammel and Brian Bihn each had six points in helping the Indians to an 18-point

Fort Recovery overcomes sluggish start to get 45-37 MAC victory

period; meanwhile, the Cavaliers scored just seven points.

Fort Recovery kept Coldwater in check during the final eight minutes, going 6-for-10 from the free-throw line despite being outscored 11-8 in the frame.

Rammel led the Indians with 14 points, while Bihn chipped in 10 points. Owen Jutte was one shy of giving the Tribe three players in double figures, and Dilan Evers was close behind with eight points in the balanced offensive effort.

The family of Donald "Don" Guntle would like to thank everyone for all the cards, gifts, thoughts, prayers, and support during this time of loss. Your sympathy and comfort was and is greatly appreciated

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