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Dems win 1, other still in doubt

By STEVE PEOPLES, BILL BARROW and RUSS BYNUM

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Democrat Raphael Warnock won one of Georgia's two Senate runoff elections today, becoming the first Black senator in his state's history and putting the Senate majority within the party's reach.

A pastor who spent the past 15 years leading the Atlanta church where Martin Luther King Jr. preached, Warnock defeated Republican incumbent Kelly Loeffler.

In an emotional address early today, he vowed to work for all Georgians whether they voted for him or not, citing his personal experience with the American dream. His mother, he said, used to pick "somebody else's cotton" as a teenager.

"The other day, because this is America, the 82-year-old hands that used to pick somebody else's cotton picked her youngest son to be a United States senator," he said. "Tonight, we proved with hope, hard work and the people by our side, anything is possible."

His victory marks a "reversal of the old southern strategy that sought to divide people," Warnock told ABC's "Good Morning America."

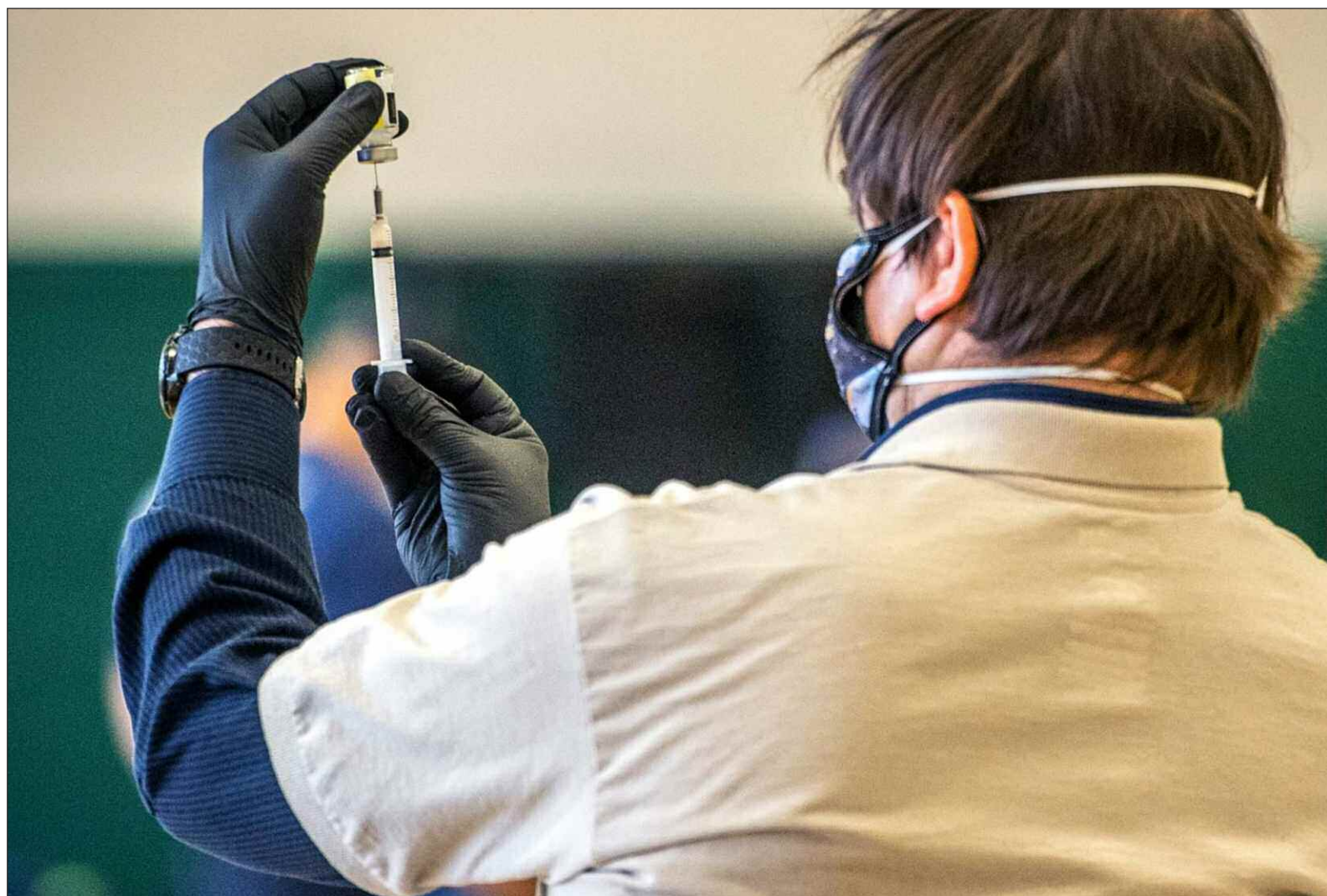
The focus now shifts to the other race between Republican David Perdue and Democrat Jon Ossoff.

Ossoff held a small lead as of this morning, though it was too early to call the race. Under Georgia law, a trailing candidate may request a recount when the margin of an election is less than or equal to 0.5 percentage points.

If Ossoff wins, Democrats will have complete control of Congress, strengthening President-elect Joe Biden's standing as he prepares to take office on Jan. 20.

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Vaccine coming



Washington Post/Bill O'Leary

Hans Spigel inspects a dose of Moderna coronavirus vaccine Dec. 30 in Silver Spring, Maryland. Jay County Health Officer Dr. Jerry Whetzel reported at this morning's Jay County Board of Health meeting that Jay County Health Department expects to receive its first doses of the vaccine this week. It will be a limited amount and likely targeted for first responders. The health department is finalizing plans for vaccination clinics for when doses become more widely available.

Health department expects to get doses this week; they will likely be targeted for first responders

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County Health Department expects to get its first doses of coronavirus vaccine this week. But it will be a relatively small amount that will likely be targeted for those on the front lines of health care.

Jay County Health Officer Dr. Jerry Whetzel reported to Jay County Board of Health at its regular meeting this morning that the health department expects to receive about 100 doses of coronavirus vaccine this week.

Whetzel added that those doses would likely be administered next week. They are expected to be used for those who

are most likely to come in contact with COVID-19 patients.

"The initial aim is for our first responders," Whetzel said.

(Some vaccinations for health care workers, such as hospital employees, are

being conducted directly through the facilities, with new board of health member and IU Health Jay chief nursing officer Christina Schemenaur noting that she has already been vaccinated.) Priority for vaccination

is being determined by Indiana State Department of Health. The county received a grant of about \$40,000 to help administer the vaccines and must follow the guidelines attached to that funding.

Whetzel added that the local health department is still waiting for more guidance on a timeline for the next phase of vaccinations and who the target population will be.

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'I think everyone is sensitive to wanting to get our vulnerable population — the elderly and the immunocompromised — super high on the list. And I would concur.'

—Jay County Health Officer Dr. Jerry Whetzel



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Court to be removed

By RILEY EUBANKS
The Commercial Review

Milton Miller Park's tennis court will soon be gone.

Portland Park Board met Tuesday for the first time since October and, at the recommendation of park manager Matt Shauver, approved the court's demolition after Shauver said it was "in shambles."

"That's kind of a lost cause out there. ... It's not worth saving," Shauver said, noting the large cracks in the court and the abundance of weeds during the summer.

It has long been a plan to somehow convert the court for pickleball, but there's not enough left of the court to salvage to do so, Shauver said.

"It looks terrible and it's a hazard," board member Giles Laux said.

The nearby basketball court is also in bad shape, Shauver admit-

Park board votes to eliminate tennis area that is 'in shambles'

ted, but it is periodically used and could be salvaged or resurfaced.

Board member Chris Compton proposed building some trails to run through the park from the nearby senior living communities and IU Health Jay to replace the court. Shauver said he wants to add something to the park in exchange for eliminating the court.

The court demolition won't cost the Portland Street and Parks Department any additional money. That project was among a

list of goals for the department this year that also included upgraded roofs for shelters at Haynes and Milton Miller parks and building a new guard rail and possibly adding more trees at Haynes Park.

"I think you have some things that may deserve more attention than a guard rail," said board member Brian Ison, who requested a vote on a new \$7,000 guard rail on the south end of the park to be tabled until next month.

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Deaths

Anthony Muhlenkamp,
55, Rockford, Ohio
Rubynelle Mertz, 88
Details on page 2.

Weather

The temperature in Jay County hovered between 30 and 34 degrees Tuesday.

Tonight's forecast calls for a low of 29. Expect a high of 34 Thursday under cloudy skies.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The "Only Imagine" exhibit featuring art from The Beatles' John Lennon and Hartford City native John Knox went on display this week at Blackford County Arts Center, 107 W. Washington St., Hartford City. The exhibit will run through Feb. 18.

Coming up

Thursday — An update on coronavirus numbers in Jay County.

Saturday — Results from the Jay County High School diving invitational.



Obituaries

Anthony Muhlenkamp

March 18, 1965-Dec. 30, 2020
Anthony "Tony" Muhlenkamp, 55, of Rockford, Ohio, died at 10:15 a.m. on Dec. 30, 2020, at Mercer County Community Hospital.

He was born on March 18, 1965, Portland, Indiana, to the late Francis and Virginia (Snaveley) Muhlenkamp.

On June 25, 1988, he married the love of his life, Tammy Kerrigan, who preceded him in death on Feb. 23, 2008.

Tony lived in the area all his life and was a lifelong farmer.

He is survived by two sons,

Nicholas Muhlenkamp of Rockford, Ohio, and Matthew (Katherine) Kerrigan of Vancouver, Washington; three sisters, Chris Muhlenkamp of Coldwater, Ohio, Beth (Don) Wendel of Monroe, Indiana, and Pam (Andy) Siegrist of Fort Recovery, Ohio; as well as one brother, Mike (Cindy) Muhlenkamp of Celina, Ohio.

In addition to his wife and parents, Tony was preceded in death by his brother, Jeff Muhlenkamp.

Private graveside services



Muhlenkamp

will be held in Riverside Cemetery, Rockford, Ohio, at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Tony's name may be directed to NAMI Ohio at namiohio.org.

To share in Anthony's online memorial, please visit ketcham-ripley.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Ketcham-Ripley Funeral Home, 111 W. First Street, Rockford, Ohio.

Rubynelle Mertz

Rubynelle May Mertz, 88, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2021.

Born in Portland, Indiana, Ruby was the daughter of the late Veo and Ethyl Flory. Ruby and her husband were the founders of Modern Woodworking Custom Cabinetry (now known as Pennville Custom Cabinetry) of Portland, Indiana, and RuEd Enterprises, Tucson, Arizona.

Surviving are her son, Jonathan (Veronica) Mertz of Fort Wayne; foster daughter Barbara (Fred) Givens; 10 grandchildren; 13 great-grand-



Mertz

children; and sister, Annabelle Smith.

Ruby was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Edgar Mertz; daughters, Joyce Gutierrez and Jennifer Dhawan; and brothers, Calvin and Gerald Flory.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Thursday 1/7	Friday 1/8	Saturday 1/9	Sunday 1/10	Monday 1/11
35/28	33/22	33/22	33/23	33/23
Cloudy with a north-east wind of around 10 mph. Similar weather and temperatures to today.	Cooler under mostly cloudy skies with temperatures expected at or below freezing all day.	Temperatures will stay about the same as Friday under mostly cloudy skies. No snow.	Slightly warmer under mostly cloudy skies with no snow projected. Above freezing parts of the day.	Temperatures and the weather will stay about the same to the weekend.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$410 million	Daily Four: 00-9-5-9 Quick Draw: 16-19-20-24-29-31-33-35-50-57-58-63-64-65-67-75-77-78-79-80 Cash 5: 2-9-17-29-37 Estimated jackpot: \$125,500
Mega Millions 20-43-51-55-57 Mega Ball: 4 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$490 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-5-4 Pick 4: 2-4-9-1 Pick 5: 4-5-2-9-0 Evening Pick 3: 8-0-1 Pick 4: 6-8-2-6 Pick 5: 7-2-0-3-6 Rolling Cash: 4-6-10-25-27 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-3-9 Daily Four: 8-6-2-9 Quick Draw: 8-9-13-20-22-23-25-31-36-38-47-51-57-59-62-64-65-71-75-78 Evening Daily Three: 7-9-4	

Markets

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Today in history

On Jan. 6, 2001, with Vice President Al Gore presiding in his capacity as president of the Senate, Congress formally certified George W. Bush the winner of the bitterly contested 2000 presidential election.

In 1540, England's King Henry VIII married his fourth wife, Anne of Cleves. (The marriage lasted about six months.)

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1941, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in his State of the Union address, outlined a goal of "Four Freedoms": Freedom of speech and expression; the freedom of people to worship God in their own way; freedom from want; freedom from fear.

In 1968, a surgical

team at Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto, California, led by Dr. Norman Shumway, performed the first U.S. adult heart transplant, placing the heart of a 43-year-old man in a 54-year-old patient (the recipient died 15 days later).

In 1971, A barn owned by Ivo Secrest about 3 miles north of Fort Recovery was destroyed by a fire. Damage was estimated at \$16,000.

In 1994, figure skater Nancy Kerrigan was clubbed on the leg by an assailant at Detroit's Cobo Arena; four men, including the ex-husband of Kerrigan's rival, Tonya Harding, went to prison for their roles in the attack.

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Citizen's calendar

Thursday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

10 a.m. — Portland Board of Works via Zoom.

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

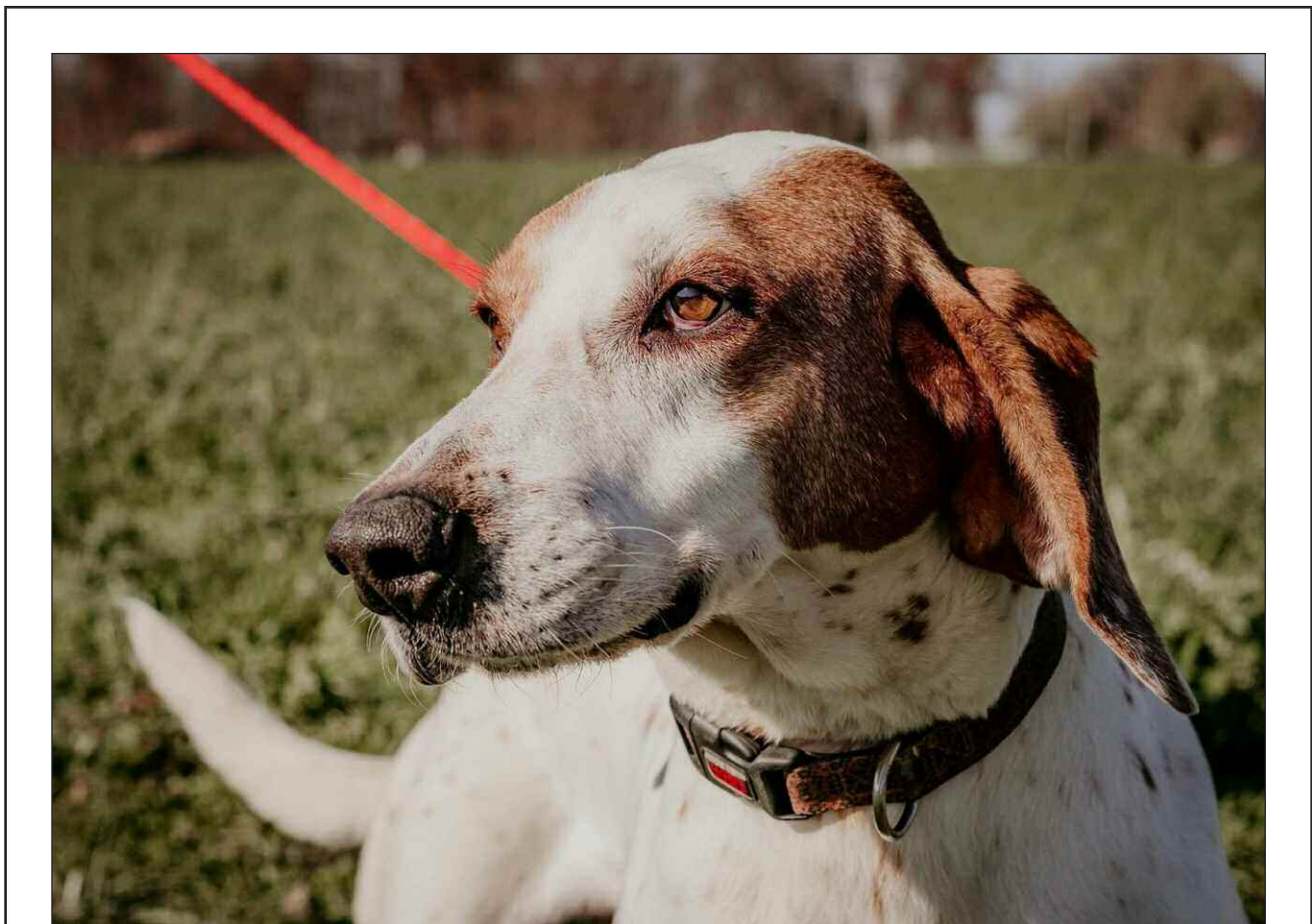


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Pet of the week

Dewey, a senior coonhound that is neutered, heartworm negative and up to date on vaccinations, can be adopted for \$100 from Jay County Humane Society, 1313 Shadeland Ave., Portland. The shelter can be reached at (260) 726-6339.

Park ...

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Ison noted recent Jay County Health Department inspections of Portland Water Park which found that pressed wood cabinets in the concessions area have begun to deteriorate from moisture and humidity as being more pertinent

and possibly costly to fix than a guard rail, so funds shouldn't be appropriated so early in the year without a plan.

Shauver said the plan to replace the cabinets is to build new stainless steel shelves and cabinets, noting the latter is more expensive but

that some cabinets are needed to cover up the plumbing.

Board members Shauna Runkle, Laux, Compton and Ison, absent Glen Bryant, requested prices and a more definitive timeframe for these projects by the next park board meeting.

Capsule Reports

Passing collision

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000 after an off-duty police officer's vehicle collided with a Redkey driver about 8:40 p.m. Friday.

Chad A. Ridenour, 45, was driving south on Meridian Street in Redkey while responding to a law enforcement call in his personal vehicle, a 2018 Chevrolet Equinox, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He attempted to pass a 2018 Kia Soul driven by Gregory S. Coons, 50, Redkey, in a no passing zone. As Ridenour was passing, Coons turned left into a parking lot.

The vehicles collided, causing the Equinox to hit a utility pole and railroad tracks. Both cars were towed.

Deer hit

Two local residents drove into deer last week.

Collin K. Perry, 18, Union City, was driving east on county road 800 South, just east of county road 800 East, about 12:26 a.m. Friday. A deer ran across the road and collided with Perry's 2018 Toy-

ota Camry. The animal hit Perry's car both in the headlights and driver's side door, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in damage.

Martha A. Friddle, 66, Portland, was driving north on Indiana 1 near county road 250 North about 6:05 a.m. Thursday when a deer ran across the road and into Friddle's vehicle. Her 2011 Ford Fusion was towed from the scene. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Buggy accident

A Missouri trucker drove into a horse-drawn buggy about 6:05 p.m. Thursday.

Mohamed M. Adnan, 30, Kansas City, was driving a 2007 Freightliner semi east on Indiana 18 just west of the intersection with county road 250 West. His semi collided with the buggy, driven by Andrew A. Graber, 28, Bryant. The buggy had no lights, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

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SERVICES

Today

Newton, Ann: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Young, Harold: 2 p.m., Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, 520 N. 2nd St., Decatur.

Thursday

Robbins, Tyler: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Saturday

Bichsel, Dustin: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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Boy chooses egg over ball

BY TED KOOSER

U.S. Poet Laureate

Naomi Shihab Nye lives in San Antonio, Texas. Here she perfectly captures a moment in childhood that nearly all of us may remember: being too small for the games the big kids were playing,

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and fastening tightly upon some little thing of our own.

Boy and Egg

Every few minutes, he wants to march the trail of flattened rye grass back to the house of muttering hens. He too could make a bed in hay. Yesterday the egg so fresh it felt hot in his hand and he pressed it to his ear while the other children laughed and ran with a ball, leaving him, so little yet, too forgetful in games, ready to cry if the ball brushed him, riveted to the secret of birds caught up inside his fist, not ready to give it over to the refrigerator or the rest of the day.

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Program targets seniors

Just in time to satisfy New Year's Resolutions, there's a new workout program designed for older adults.

LifeStream Services has a new video-based workout program from Geri-Fit that is designed to help seniors build strength. Videos last 45 minutes and can be downloaded and followed along from the safety of their home.

The Geri-Fit program can increase muscular strength, improve balance and coordination, boost motor skills and reac-

Taking Note

tion time, enhance flexibility and gait, lessen arthritic conditions, and help manage chronic disease, according to a LifeStream press release.

To learn more about the program, visit

lifestreaminc.org/wellness or call (800) 589-1121.

Scholarship offered

Helena Agri-Enterprises announced recently that it will award a \$1,000 Helena Home-Grown Scholarship.

The scholarship is open to a 2020-21 high school senior who will pursue a degree in agriculture or science. The deadline to apply is Jan. 31, and winners will be announced by the end of March.

For more information, visit helenahomegrown.com.

New year brings good wines

By DAVID MCINTYRE

Special to The Washington Post

To start the new year off right, here's a sauvignon blanc from the Loire Valley that sports a modest Touraine designation but tastes more like a pricier Sancerre. We also have a perennial favorite white wine from the Rhone Valley and an intriguing chardonnay from an Italian bubbly specialist. And if you are a fan of the sweeter red blends that have emerged from California in the past few years, here are two off-dry reds from southern Italy that kick the quality up a notch.

And a bonus wine, for those who will be celebrating the inauguration of Kamala Harris as vice president on Jan. 20: The McBride Sisters Collection, which Wine Spectator calls

the largest black-owned wine company in the United States, offers Black Girl Magic Sparkling Brut (\$25), and it is delicious. It is marketed nationally at Kroger, Target and Walmart stores and through the winery website at mcbridesisters.com.

Comte Henry Sauvignon 2019

Touraine, Loire Valley, France, \$22

The simple white label suggests an unassuming wine, and you might be put off at the price, as Touraine sauvignon blancs typically clock in under \$20. But the modesty in marketing signals confidence in quality. This wine approaches the more pricey appellation of Sancerre in its depth and minerality. Quince, apple and pear flavors envelop

the palate, followed by a stony acidity that keeps the wine focused through a long finish. Serve this with rich poultry or seafood dishes; don't serve it too cold. Alcohol by volume: 12.5%.

M La Montana Palanca Bianco

Lombardy, Italy, \$18

Montina produces franciacorta sparkling wine, including the delicious three-star extra brut I recommended last month. This still white wine is beguiling; I was surprised to learn it was mostly chardonnay, because it is so light on the palate. (Since Montina is a sparkling program, the grapes are picked before they are fully ripe.) It was simple at first but kept attracting my attention with notes of talc and white

flowers. Every sip was different. The blend is filled out with 10 % pinot blanc, and since it doesn't fall within the Italian appellation regulations, the label carries no vintage date. ABV: 12%.

E. Guigal Côtes du Rhône Blanc 2018

Rhone Valley, France, \$16

An old standby: Guigal is a celebrated producer in the Rhone Valley, and its white cotes du rhone is reliably seductive, flowery and rich. The blend is a mouthful of grapes: viognier, roussanne, marsanne, clairette, bourboulenc and grenache blanc. It woos you with aromas of jasmine and honeysuckle, then hugs your palate with velvet. Try this with rich seafood or poultry. ABV: 14.5%.

Woman learned she married into incestuous family

DEAR ABBY: When my husband and I were first married, I had no idea why his mother and sisters were so hostile. When they started treating our children the same way, my husband finally addressed the issue. We moved out of town, and he finally told me that when he was in his teens and early 20s, he had had sex with all of them, which was why they didn't like me.

After an estrangement of many years, he has now started talking to his mother and sisters again. His mother is now in her 70s. It breaks my heart that he is talking to people he had sex with, but he says it is OK because they are "family." In my opinion, he should have nothing to do with them. Please tell me how I need to handle things. — "ALL IN THE FAMILY"

DEAR "ALL IN": You cannot

Dear Abby



control what another adult does. I sympathize with your feelings, and I agree your husband's family situation was beyond unhealthy. However, from what you wrote, I get the impression that you would be equally upset if he were talking with ex-girlfriends. If your husband wants to talk to his relatives, he's going to do it regardless of whether or not you find it threatening. My question to you would be, are

you willing to tolerate it?

DEAR ABBY: My girlfriend suffers from depression. She says she loves me, but there are times she won't contact me for days because of it. During this most recent bout of depression, she hasn't talked to me for a month.

I finally got fed up. I told her the next time she talks to me it should either be a breakup call or to give me an apology. Was I right to say that? I don't know what to do. — UNSURE IN THE EAST

DEAR UNSURE: You say your girlfriend suffers from depression. Is she under the care of a doctor and receiving treatment for it? Is her family aware of the fact that when she cycles down she is incommunicado? If she's so

incapacitated that she can't communicate, they should be notified so she can get the professional help she needs, including an adjustment in her medications if necessary.

I agree she owes you an apology, and I can't fault you for telling her. But I would not recommend mentioning breaking up while she's in a vulnerable mental state.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 55-year-old successful businesswoman who has fallen in love with a man who has nothing. I would have to support him completely in retirement, but he is so lovable, so kind and so much fun. He does bring me great joy and happiness. What should I do — stay with him and take on the burden of his finances or just keep moving? — EYE TO THE

FUTURE IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR EYE: You are a 55-year-old successful businesswoman. I assume you are asking me whether you should marry this man or not, even though you find him lovable, kind and fun to be with. People have valuable assets to offer besides money. However, before you make any trips to the altar, I suggest you have a chat with your attorney, just in case your assessment of him should change after the wedding.

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 or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today AL-ANON FAMILY

GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260)

726-8229. A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

PENNVILLE FAIR BOARD — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Pennville Community Center.

SINGLES AND SEPARATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in long-term care or suffering from an illness, the group will meet at 2 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month in the Arthur & Gloria Muselman Wellness Pavilion in Berne. For more information, call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

Thursday CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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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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Voicing an opinion led to prison

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

The news came two days before Christmas.

Yulia Slutskaia had been detained by Belarusian authorities. Arrested, in other words.

They grabbed her when she returned to Belarus after an out-of-the-country visit to her daughter and grandchildren. Picked up at the airport, she was whisked to one of the many places of imprisonment that the government of Alexander Lukashenka has at its disposal.

Those places of imprisonment have been pretty full since August when the people of Belarus rejected the officially announced results of a presidential election. The official tally said Lukashenka received 80% of the re-election vote. The people said, "Nonsense." Or, more likely, something harsher. Protest marches were launched

Back in the Saddle



and were met with escalating levels of violence by security forces. Beatings have been routine. Tales of torture have become commonplace.

But the opposition hasn't stopped.

Lukashenka has been in power for 26 years, and it hasn't been pretty. Political opponents take their lives in their hands.

Merely voicing the opinion that you'd like to live in a country where the president's political opponents don't disappear can get you arrested.

In Yulia's case, the charge is tax evasion.

While that sounds criminal, it's a pretty standard charge for non-governmental organizations that receive grant support from the West. When an authoritarian regime wants to silence critics, the easiest way is to go after those who receive assistance from the European Union or the U.S.

Yulia, as founder of the Belarus Press Club, may as well have had a target on her back. She had to know that sooner or later the Lukashenka government would come after her.

We met in the fall of 2005, and I was lucky not to be arrested myself at the time.

Lukashenka had issued a presidential decree banning exactly the sort of work I was doing: Conducting training and holding seminars to promote independent journalism, consulting with editors and

publishers about how they could wend their way through the authoritarian minefield.

Despite the ban, the work went on, though I tried to keep a low profile.

Yulia, at that point, was managing editor of Komsomolskaya Pravda's Belarus edition. It was the successor to a hugely popular Soviet publication that was trying to make the transition in a post-Soviet world.

One of Yulia's top reporters — Galina Malishevskaya — had taken part in training I'd conducted in Washington and in Warsaw, Poland, for the International Center for Journalists. Galina had opened the doors to Komsomolskaya Pravda, and Yulia was receptive. I met with her staff and did a session on "training the trainer" in the newspaper's offices.

Something must have clicked. In 2011, Yulia founded Belarus

Press Club to provide a gathering place for journalists and a platform for training sessions and interaction with officials and experts from Western Europe.

That was more than enough to get her on Lukashenka's radar.

As protests have continued, his government has increasingly targeted any organization that promotes democracy, press freedom and human rights. This latest crackdown was inevitable.

And there currently is no end in sight.

As I write this, Yulia is being held in one of the most notorious prisons in Minsk. What was initially a 72-hour detention is now apparently open-ended.

So I check the websites daily — Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, the Belarusian Association of Journalists, and Viasna, the leading human rights organization in Belarus — hoping for some news.

State needs better public health care

Herald Bulletin
(Anderson)

We have the coronavirus to thank for 10 months of uncertainty and loneliness, economic hardship and emotional depression, illness and death.

While it might seem little consolation now after the challenges of 2020, we also might owe something positive to COVID-19: a jolt of reality about the state of public health care in the United States.

In Indiana, it's not a pretty picture. More than half a million Hoosiers, almost 20% of those tested, have been diagnosed with the disease. Nearly 8,000 have died; at least 50 a day have perished since Nov. 16. With 121 deaths per 100,000 population, Indiana ranks among the 15 states with the highest rates.

Perhaps the clearest picture of the situation in Indiana was painted Wednesday when 22 additional counties were placed in the "red," or highest-risk category, for the coronavirus. Half of Indiana's counties are now in the red.

These statistics suggest that Indiana's response to the public health crisis has been mediocre at best. It's not surprising, given that our state ranks below average across the board in health behaviors, including exercise, diet and smoking. We also rank low in health outcomes for cancer, heart disease and diabetes.

It all adds up to Hoosiers having a relatively poor quality of life and a relatively low life expectancy. According to statistics for 2019 from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, premature death caused by health behaviors and outcomes runs well above the national average in Indiana.

While Hoosiers should be accountable for their own actions and government certainly doesn't bear all of the responsibility, the state's failure to provide proper funding for public health lies at the core of the problem.

An annual study by the University of Minnesota shows Indiana tied for fifth lowest in per capita state public health funding at \$15. Two neighbor-

Hoosier Editorial

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ing states, Illinois (\$30 per person) and Kentucky (\$35) spend at least twice as much per capita.

To get into the top 25 states in public health care spending, Indiana would have to rise to Kentucky's level. It would take an additional \$134.6 million in public health investment.

That's a lot of money. But if it's targeted effectively to not only prepare for crises like the pandemic but to address specific concerns, such as infant mortality and maternal health, it would be well worth the funding and could actually save costs by reducing hospitalization rates.

At the very least, Indiana should increase public health spending to keep pace with inflation. In 2008, the state's per capita health care spending stood at \$15, the same as 2019. The problem is, it would take \$18.13 today to have the same level of buying power.

Hoosiers deserve better from state government. Health care is a great place to start.



Politics of COVID just got worse

By TYLER COWEN
Bloomberg Opinion

A new strain of COVID-19, more contagious than previous strains, is now circulating in dozens of countries. Other new strains, such as one first detected in South Africa, will almost certainly emerge. Aside from the challenges these mutations pose to public health, they will also be a test of our moral and political principles. As exhausted as we all are from making stressful judgments throughout this pandemic, we are about to face some of the most difficult trade-offs yet.

Preliminary data indicate that the new strain in the U.K. allows the virus to spread from one person to another more easily. The practical upshot is that even the strict lockdowns of early 2020, such as the one just ordered in the U.K. by Prime Minister Boris Johnson, may not be enough to reverse the spread of the virus.

It is far from obvious that politicians will be able to sell voters on strict lockdowns if they still allow the virus to spread. Furthermore, vaccine distribution has been sufficiently slow that a full lockdown would have to last for many months, and that probably isn't feasible or desirable. Yet not having lockdowns would lead to a much more rapid spread of the virus, overloading hospitals and public health facilities.

It's hard to come up with the moral language to compare those outcomes when all of them are unacceptably bad. Trust in elites is already weak in the U.S., and it is likely to wane further. Whatever one might think is the correct course of action, how exactly would or should a President Joe Biden present and defend it to the public?

A further set of moral dilemmas comes from the interaction of viral

spread and the vaccine process. If the virus is spreading more quickly, then so should vaccinations. The U.K. will be vaccinating a greater number of people with a single dose, and giving them the second dose somewhat later, rather than reserving second doses for a rapid follow-up within two to three weeks. The Brits also might experiment with giving a first dose of one vaccine, and a second dose of a different vaccine, to stretch the available supply. That might work, but it is also untested and thus it involves some risk.

Whatever you think of those approaches, the public health establishment is not well-gearred to evaluate and present them to the public. The common mentality and message in public health is "safety first." Yet none of the available approaches increases the level of safety or avoids major additional risks.

One option would be for public health experts to speak explicitly in terms of "expected value" and medical triage, and to be upfront about how many lives are being sacrificed and according to which standards. An alternative would be to retreat into a defense of status-quo vaccine allocation procedures, insisting that major changes would involve risks, and maximizing blame avoidance rather than seeking the best outcome.

Either way, the public health bureaucracy doesn't appear to have much ability to negotiate such treacherous shoals. Perhaps more conde-

scension is what should be expected.

The biggest moral dilemmas might come in those countries that to date have been fairly successful at containing the spread of the virus. Apart from restrictions on foreign travel, life in Taiwan has been normal for some time now, and COVID-related casualties have been minuscule. Other successful examples of virus containment can be found throughout Asia and the Pacific.

But how will those countries deal with the new strain? It has already appeared in both Taiwan and China. So far it has not taken over, but the previous tactics of quarantine and tracing may no longer suffice, should the new strain become more active. It is already spreading in Denmark, which did a good job against COVID-19 early on.

Imagine being a leader of a country that has successfully contained COVID, and now realizing that a single mistake could undo almost a year of very hard work. You also know that, precisely because your country has been so effective at fighting the virus, it is not on the verge of vaccinating your entire population. What if you let a single returning citizen pass through customs taking one COVID test rather than three? What if you then cannot control the subsequent spread of the strain that person is carrying?

When was the last time that stakes for such apparently minor decisions were so high? How will leaders deal with the extreme moral anxiety that their decisions will likely induce?

It is like we are living in a horror movie, and just when we think it's over, the monster comes back, stronger than ever.

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Vaccine ...

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“I think everyone is sensitive to wanting to get our vulnerable population — the elderly and the immunocompromised — super high on the list,” he added. “And I would concur.”
Health department officials are working on a plan for when more doses become available for the general public. That includes considering possible locations for vaccination clinics, with options including the former General Shanks Elementary School, community centers and other large venues.
Schemenaur noted that IU

Health Jay would be willing to be a partner for vaccinations to provide both a location and staff.
Whetzel reminded the board that one of the factors with the coronavirus vaccines is that patients are required to wait at least 15 minutes in order to make sure there are no allergic reactions or side effects that need immediate attention. He said such reactions have been rare.
“That’s going to be the sort of thing that slows the administration process down is making sure we have adequate space,”

Whetzel said. “The staff is doing a lot of work behind the scenes on that sort of stuff.”
Fielding a question from Mike Rockwell of Jay County Council, Whetzel said there is no charge for the vaccine but that patients are asked to provide insurance information. However, he noted, insurance is not required.
“Obviously there’s going to be people who are not going to have insurance coverage or not have their card,” he said. “They’re not going to be refused.”
Rockwell also asked if visitation restrictions would be lifted

at long-term care facilities after vaccines are administered there. Whetzel said outside visitor restrictions are likely to stay in place but that more interaction may be allowed within the facility.
“Until the cases are likely receding we expect that the visitation restrictions will be the same for outside,” he said, noting that vaccinations were given Tuesday at Miller’s Merry Manor in Dunkirk. “I would say that most of these recommendations or requirements are probably going to go on incidents of disease, hospitalizations and

deaths as opposed to whether somebody vaccinated or not.”
Through Monday, Jay County has recorded 1,534 cases of COVID-19 and 21 deaths. Of those cases, nearly 1,100 came in November and December. There were 23 new cases through the first four days of January.
Also this morning, the board of health re-elected Virginia Burkey as president and Trent Paxson as vice president. Whetzel serves as the board’s secretary.
It also confirmed its meeting dates for the remainder of 2021 for 7 a.m. on the first Wednesday of April, July and October.

In review

Damaged

KOKOMO, Ind. — A fire Tuesday morning caused extensive smoke and water damage to the Kokomo Tribune building, officials said.
The fire was reported shortly before 4 a.m. and firefighters remained on the scene for about six hours, the newspaper reported.
“I would say it is major, because they had to put a lot of water on it,” Kokomo Fire Department Inspector Glenda Myers said of the damage.
Firefighters did not initially see the source of the flames and used an excavator to tear down an eastern wall, Myers said.

To certify

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump’s extraordinary effort to overturn the presidential election is going before Congress as lawmakers convene for a joint session to confirm the Electoral College vote won by Joe Biden.
The typically routine proceeding Wednesday will be anything but, a political confrontation unseen to such intensity since the aftermath of the Civil War, as Trump mounts a desperate effort to stay in office. The president’s Republican allies in the House and Senate plan to object to the election results, heeding supporters’ plea to “fight for Trump” as he stages a rally outside the White House. It’s tearing the party apart.

The last-gasp effort is all but certain to fail, defeated by bipartisan majorities in Congress prepared to accept the November results. Biden, who won the Electoral College 306-232, is to be inaugurated Jan. 20.

The mass arrests were the largest move against Hong Kong’s democracy movement since the law was imposed by Beijing last June to quell dissent in the semi-autonomous territory.
“The operation today targets the active elements who are suspected to be involved in the crime of overthrowing, or interfering (in) ... the Hong Kong government’s legal execution of duties,” Hong Kong’s security minister, John Lee, said at a news conference.

Arrested

HONG KONG — Hong Kong police arrested 53 former lawmakers and democracy proponents Wednesday for allegedly violating the new national security law by participating in unofficial election primaries for the territory’s legislature last year.

—Associated Press



Photo provided

Flowers for Tyler

Cousins Christian Pierce and Alexis Cox organized an effort Saturday to place flowers at the home of Tyler Robbins, the 16-year-old Redkey resident and Jay County High School junior who died last week at Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis.

Dems ...

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This week’s elections mark the formal finale to the turbulent 2020 election season more than two months after the rest of the nation finished voting. The unusually high stakes transformed Georgia, once a solidly Republican state, into one of the nation’s premier battlegrounds for the final days of Trump’s presidency — and likely beyond.
Warnock’s victory is a symbol of a striking shift

in Georgia’s politics as the swelling number of diverse, college-educated voters flex their power in the heart of the Deep South. It follows Biden’s victory in November, when he became the first Democratic presidential candidate to carry the state since 1992.
The Associated Press declared Warnock the winner after an analysis of outstanding votes showed there was no way for Loeffler to catch up to his lead.

Capsule Reports

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Off road
A Marion man driving on Indiana 26 fell asleep at the wheel and crash about 5:20 a.m. Thursday.
Terry L. Williams, 66, was driving east on the highway just west of the intersection with Indiana 1 when he fell asleep, according to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report. His 2012 Chrysler 200 Series rolled through the stop sign at the intersection and into the Hickory Grove Church yard. The vehicle hit a rock

and stopped. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.
Dog hit
A Portland driver drove into a dog about 3:45 p.m. Sunday.
Deborah A. Manor, 60, was driving north on county road 700 East just north of county road 800 South when a dog ran across the road. She was unable to avoid hitting the animal with her 2009 Honda Odyssey. Damage is estimated to be less than \$1,000.

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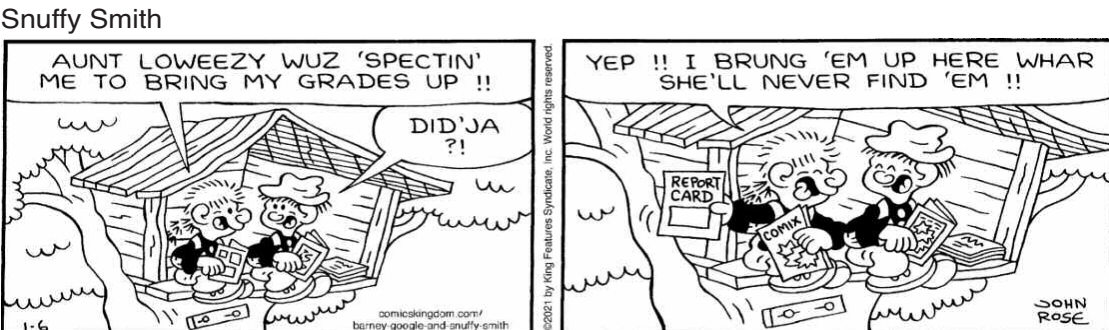
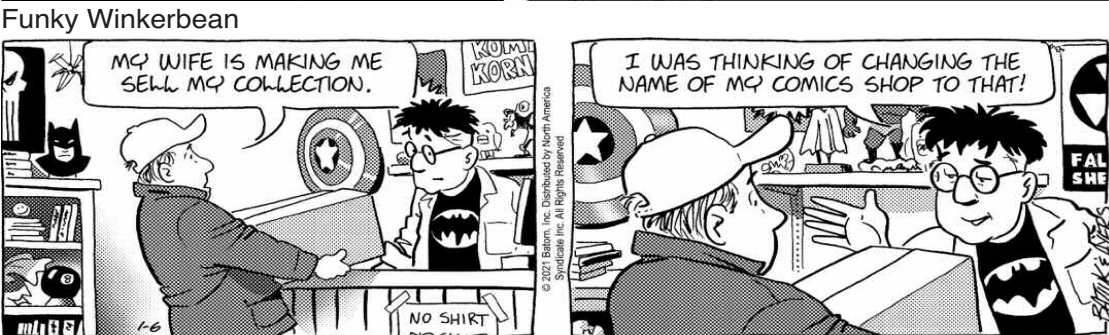
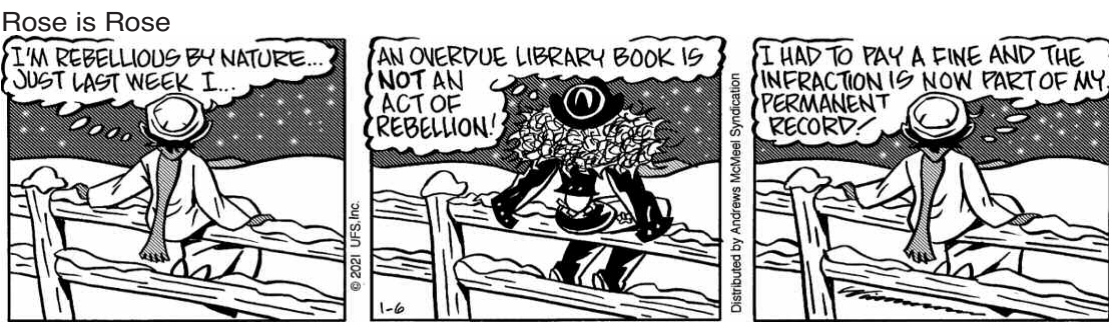
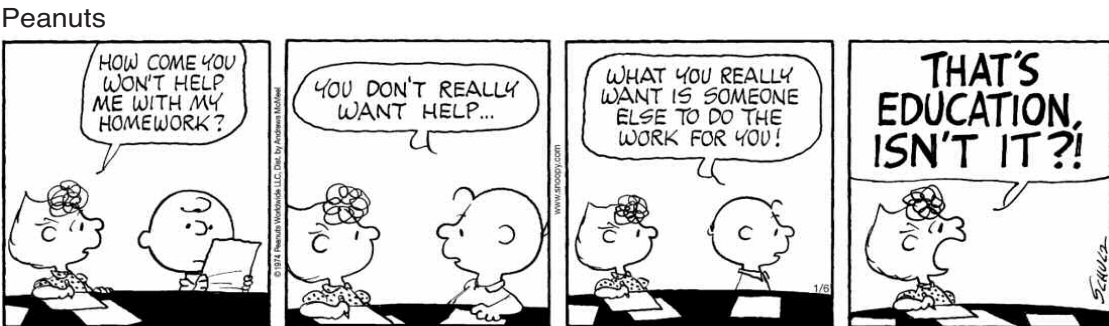
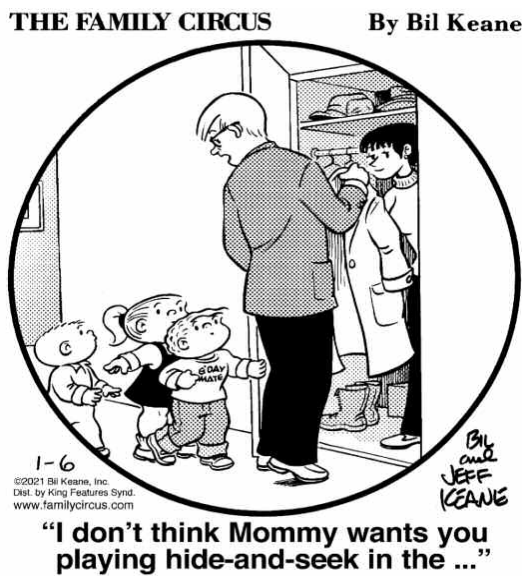
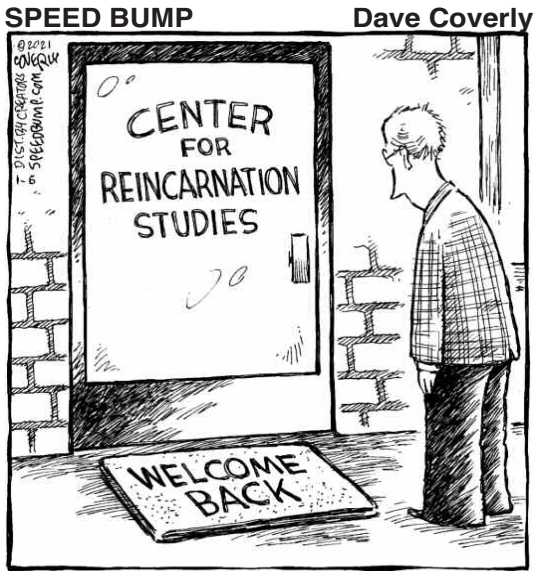
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Wins ...

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Smith accepted the trophy in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, decked out in a deep crimson jacket and shiny black bow tie.
He got a big hug from his quarterback, who told Smith that he loved and was proud of him. Then Smith held back tears during his speech, recalling how many thought he was too small to become a football star.
"To all the young kids out there that's not the biggest, not the strongest, just keep pushing. Because I'm not the biggest. I've been doubted a lot because of my size and, really, it's just comes down to you just put your mind to it, no job's too big," said the 6-foot-1, 175-pound Smith.
Meanwhile, his parents watched from a community center in his hometown of Amite, Louisiana, where a socially distanced watch party was held.
"We love him. Everybody here

is supporting him, we're so proud of him. Continue being humble. Let God lead him. And we are here to support him every step of the way," Smith's mother, Christina Smith-Sylve, said to ESPN.
Smith is the third Alabama player to win the Heisman, all since 2009. Like Tide running backs Mark Ingram ('09) and Derrick Henry (2015), Smith will play for the national championship as a Heisman winner.
Alabama faces No. 3 Ohio State on Jan. 11 in the College Football Playoff title game in Miami Gardens, Florida.
Smith said he returned for his senior season to earn his degree and win a national title.
"I checked one of those boxes. Just trying to check the other one now," Smith said during his Zoom news conference.
The Heisman voting was complete on Dec. 21, so playoff per-

formances were not a factor. But Smith made those who supported him feel good about it with a brilliant three-touchdown game against Notre Dame in the CFP semifinals last weekend.
Smith has 105 catches for 1,641 yards and 22 total touchdowns going into the final game of his college career — which will also be his third national championship game.
Smith carved out a place in Alabama's storied history as a freshman, catching the winning touchdown pass from Tua Tagovailoa on second-and-26 in overtime against Georgia to give the Tide the 2017 national championship.
The story of the game was the guy who threw the walk-off TD pass. Tagovailoa became Alabama's Heisman contender and most beloved player for the next two years.
Smith was the overlooked star

in the Tide's talented 2017 class of receivers that included All-American Jerry Jeudy and the blazingly fast Henry Ruggs. Both of those players decided to skip their senior seasons and enter the draft last year. Both were selected in the first round.
"I kind of like being out of the way and not in the mix," Smith said. "I'm not the most vocal person. I don't like talking that much. It was enjoyable while it lasted."
He returned to school to form an explosive combination for the Tide with junior Jaylen Waddle. Then Waddle went down with a season-ending leg injury on Oct. 24.
As the Tide's undisputed No. 1 receiver, Smith shined. The week after Waddle went out, Smith had 11 catches for 204 yards and four touchdowns against Mississippi State.
Smith's soaring one-handed

TD grab against LSU was not just his signature play, but one of the 2020 season's best.
A former four-star recruit, Smith came to Tuscaloosa from LSU's backyard, disappointing many Tigers' fans in his hometown.
The understated Smith quietly led the Tide in receptions and yards last year as a junior and became a second-team All-American.
Smitty — as teammates and coaches call him — didn't emerge as a Heisman contender this season until Waddle went down.
And then he took off.
Starting with that Mississippi State game, Smith went on a four-game tear with 35 catches for 749 yards and 11 touchdowns that earned him another nickname: Slim Reaper.
Whatever you want to call Smith, he's been quite a catch for Alabama.

Stumble ...

Continued from page 8
Paige Fortkamp (50 freestyle) and Laura Hipple (diving) won their respective events as well.
Fort Recovery also won all three relays.
Michael Braun won the 100 backstroke for the Tribe boys, who also got first place finishes from Isaac Knapke in the 100 breaststroke and Alex Hiser (diving).
The Tribe boys won the 200 medley relay as well.

Jay 8th wins
MUNCIE — Jay County Junior High School's eighth grade boys basketball team knocked off the host Delta Eagles on Tuesday, 26-21.
The Patriot seventh graders lost, 26-16.
Kaden Craig led the eighth grade team, which improved to 2-5 on the year, with nine points.
Brady Jetmore had five points to lead the seventh graders (4-3).

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Swimming vs. Celina — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball vs. Anderson — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball vs. Fort Recovery — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball vs. New Knoxville — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball at Jay County — 6 p.m.
Friday
Jay County — Girls wrestling regional at Maconaquah — 4 p.m.; Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational (diving) — 6 p.m.; Girls basketball at Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Centerville — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at New Knoxville — 6 p.m.; Swimming in Jay County Invitational (diving) — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys basketball tripleheader vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Centerville — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Norwell Super Duals — 9 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Swimming at Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Girls basketball vs. Mechanicsburg — noon; Boys basketball at Botkins — 6 p.m.
Monday
Jay County — Junior high boys basketball at Hagerstown — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Freshman boys basketball at Marion Local — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at Union City — 6 p.m.; Eighth grade girls basketball vs. Union City — 6:15 p.m.

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ball: BYU at Gonzaga (ESPN)
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♠ 7
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Jay opens '21 with victories

Patriot tankers dominate Belmont



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Josh Monroe reached a milestone
Lauren Brewster inched closer to one as well.
Both helped the Patriots kick off the 2021 calendar with wins.
Monroe became the newest member of the 50-second club and Brewster approached the coveted 200-point mark as the Jay County High School boys and girls swim teams both defeated visiting Belmont on Tuesday night.
The boys won all but one event in getting a 207-50 win, and the girls didn't lose at all in a 180-122 victory.

Monroe had a time of 59.91 seconds in the 100-yard freestyle to join the 50-second club. He was the runner-up to teammate Wyatt Kunkler, who had a time of 57.84 seconds. Kunkler also picked up a win in the 50 freestyle with his time of 26.11 seconds.

Brewster took first in diving with a score of 190.15 points, getting ever so close to the 200-point plateau. Only 12 female divers in program history have reached the mark. Heather Stinson in 2015 was the last Patriot eclipse 200 points for six dives.

Kunkler joined Ralph Link, Nick Lyons and Juan Pablo Wiggins to win the 200 freestyle

relay in 1 minute, 50.2 seconds, and teamed with Griffin Mann, Konner Sommers and Kyle Sanders for a time of 4:10.27 to take first in the 400 freestyle relay.
Double winners for the boys included Sanders and Mann. Sanders won the 200 freestyle relay in 1:58.96 and the 500 freestyle in 5:28.45. Mann had a time of 2:39.91 for a 200 individual medley victory, and ended the 100 breaststroke in 1:11.75.
Justice Murphy was uncon-

tested in diving, and Lyons won the 100 backstroke in 1:11.96.
Lyons, Monroe, Sanders and Mann teamed to win the 200 medley relay in 1:56.25.
Ashlyn Dow, Eliza Bader and Mara Bader were all dual winners for the JCHS girls.

Dow beat the field in the 200 freestyle (2:09.28) and 100 freestyle (1:00.22). Eliza Bader took first in the 500 freestyle (5:53.89) and 100 breaststroke (1:14.62), and Mara Bader got victories in the 50 freestyle (27.11)

and 100 butterfly (1:04.81).
Rielely Brewster (200 IM - 2:36.24) and Lilli Clemmons (100 backstroke - 1:07.78) also had individual wins.

The Bader sisters joined Clemmons and Dow to win the 200 freestyle relay in 1:49.17 before teaming with Dow and Brewster for a 400 freestyle relay victory in 4:03.18. Elayna Paro, Emily Dues, Clemmons and Brewster kicked off the meet by taking first in the 200 medley relay in 2:06.58.

Patriots stumble in loss

FORT WAYNE — The Patriots closed out the first quarter with a two-point lead over the Cadets.

The home team closed the first half on a run and the Patriots never recovered.

Concordia broke an 18-18 tie by ending the second quarter on a 11-1

Local roundup

the Jay County High School girls basketball team a 50-36 loss Tuesday night.

The loss dropped the Patriots, who finished 14th in the most recent Class 3A coaches poll, to 11-3 on the season. The eighth-ranked Cadets moved to 8-4.

Jay County led 14-12 after the first quarter, but Concordia scored the first six points of the second for a 18-14 advantage. The Patriots tied the game at 18 apiece, before the Cadets surged for a 29-19 halftime lead. The JCHS deficit ballooned to 13 points, 39-26, at the end of the third quarter.

Renna Schwieterman led the Patriots, who traveled to Bluffton on Friday, with 10 points. Gabi Bilbrey had a career-high nine points while also grabbing five rebounds. Madison Dirksen chipped in seven points and seven rebounds, and Izzy Rodgers contributed six points.

Jay County's junior varsity team won, 24-19. Abbie Fields had 11 points for the Patriots.

Tribe splits with Stars

BERNE — Fort Recovery's boys and girls swim teams split with the host South Adams Starfires on Tuesday.

The FRHS girls won 115-53, and the boys fell 84-55.

Ava Bubp, Audra Bubp and Teigen Fortkamp all won two races for the Tribe girls. Ava Bubp took first in the 200 freestyle and 100 butterfly, Audra Bubp won the 200 individual medley and 100 breaststroke, and Fortkamp had victories in the 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke.

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Smith wins Heisman

By RALPH D. RUSSO

AP College Football Writer

NEW YORK — On an Alabama team stacked with stars, DeVonta Smith emerged as the best player in college football while playing a position that rarely gets that kind of recognition.

Smith became the first wide receiver to win the Heisman Trophy in 29 seasons Tuesday night, breaking the monopoly quarterbacks have had on the award by beating out three of them.

"Just to be one of the very few that played receiver to win the Heisman, it means a lot to me," Smith said.

Smith finished with 447 first-place votes and 1,856 points to easily outdistance Clemson's Trevor Lawrence (222, 1,187), Alabama teammate Mac Jones (138, 1,130) and Florida's Kyle Trask (61, 737).

Crimson Tide running back Najee Harris finished fifth in the voting, making No. 1 Alabama the second team in the 85-

year history of the Heisman to have three of the top five vote-getters. Army did it in 1946 with Glenn Davis (first), Doc Blanchard (fourth) and Arnold Tucker (fifth).

"I want to thank my teammates," Smith said during his acceptance speech. "With team success comes individual success so without you all, I wouldn't be where I'm at today, winning this award."

Smith is just the fourth receiver to win the Heisman, joining Michigan's Desmond Howard in 1991, Notre Dame's Tim Brown in 1987 and Nebraska's Johnny Rodgers in 1972.

Quarterbacks had won 17 of the previous 20 Heisman trophies, including the last four.

Smith was presented the award in a virtual ceremony orchestrated by ESPN. The usual trip to New York for the finalists was called off because of the pandemic and the winner was announced later than it had ever been before.

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