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Drumming away

Gavin Young (foreground) and Trenton Franks (center), both 14, work with Arts Place instructor Pete Vogler during a drum lesson Thursday evening.

Frontline worker

JCHS grad involved in CDC's infection prevention project

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Alli (Campbell) Nelson wasn't sure what she'd be doing for work.

The short-term position she had planned to take last summer in Jay County fell through. She ended up looking for opportunities in the Lafayette area, where she planned to move with her now-husband Devin. She hadn't even considered anything in Indianapolis because of the travel.



Nelson

But when one of her University of Indianapolis professors forwarded an opportunity to become an Indiana State Department of Health public health investigator, a job that would involve mostly remote work, she decided to apply. She wasn't hired for that position, but when the need arose for a health education specialist, one of the state department of health supervisors remembered her from the previous interview.

So, for the last six

months, the 2017 Jay County High School graduate has been contracted through the state department of health as a health education specialist working on the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Project Firstline.

"I didn't get the position that I applied for, but I think I ended up getting the position that I fit more well into as a health educator because I really do want to focus on health education with my degree," said Nelson.

And she took the first steps of her young career in the midst of a worldwide pandemic.

"It's definitely been interesting," she said of the situation while noting that her job is not focused on COVID-19 but rather on infection prevention in general. "It's somewhat challenging, because people hear I'm at the state department of health and they think I'm going to have answers to everything COVID related, and honestly nobody ... has all the answers because it's still developing and we're researching and finding new things out. But it's definitely been a great learning experience."

Nelson went to the University of Indianapolis with the intention of becoming an occupational therapist, looking forward to working with patients one-on-one. After taking some introductory courses in public health, though, she saw an opportunity to make a larger impact.

She admitted that, like many, she didn't know much about the vast public health field and what opportunities it offered.

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Two-year budget heads to full House

By RILEY EUBANKS
The Commercial Review

INDIANAPOLIS — An amended version of Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb's proposed biennium budget is being sent to the full House of Representatives for a vote.

State Rep. J.D. Prescott (R-Union City), who represents Jay and Randolph counties and part of Delaware County, joined House Ways and Means Committee Republicans in amending House Bill 1001, which

would appropriate \$35 billion for Indiana's biennium budget, in a late afternoon committee meeting Thursday.

About half of the budget funds Indiana education with an additional \$93.9 and \$284.1 million planned to be appropriated for schools in the 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years, respectively, which would result in a total 3.8% increase from the current budget.

House Democrats criticized the bill for not allocating any

money directly to increasing teacher pay, a priority in Holcomb's proposal. Committee chairman Tim Brown (R-Crawfordsville) said that it is up to local school boards to decide what to do with the increase in funding, which could be used to raise wages.

The bill would also increase state aid to private schools by about \$66 million in the next two school years.

"We fund the students. ... The money follows the students,"

Prescott said, noting that percentage of funding divided between public and private schools roughly matches the latest student enrollment count.

The bill as amended also lists an additional \$250 million to expand rural broadband internet access, an increase from Holcomb's recommended \$100 million.

"One thing I was really advocating for in our committee was additional rural broadband funding," Prescott said. He

noted some towers are already being upgraded in Jay County, with download speeds increasing to 100 megabits per second and upload speeds increasing to 10 to 15 megabits per second.

Another proponent that deviates from Holcomb's recommendation is increasing the state tax on cigarettes. The governor recommended a \$1 hike, which was later cut in half by the House committee to an increase of 50 cents.

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Shifting to defense

By ERIC TUCKER,
LISA MASCARO,
MARY CLARE JALONICK
and JILL COLVIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After a prosecution case rooted in emotive, violent images from the Capitol siege, Donald Trump's impeachment trial shifts on Friday to defense lawyers prepared to make a fundamental concession: The violence was every bit as traumatic, unacceptable and illegal as Democrats say.

But, they will say, Trump had nothing to do with it.

Stipulating to the horrors of the day is meant to blunt the visceral impact

Trump's lawyers present their arguments today

of the House Democrats' case and quickly pivot to what they see as the core — and more winnable — issue of the trial: whether Trump can be held responsible for inciting the deadly Jan. 6 riot.

"They haven't in any way tied it to Trump," David Schoen, one of the president's lawyers, told reporters near the end of

two full days of Democrats' arguments aimed at doing just that.

He previewed the essence of his argument Tuesday, telling the Senate jurors: "They don't need to show you movies to show you that the riot happened here. We will stipulate that it happened, and you know all about it."

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Swim celebration

Members of the Jay County High School girls swim team celebrate in their pool Saturday after winning their fourth straight sectional championship. Five of them — Ashlyn Dow, Eliza Bader, Mara Bader, Lilli Clemmons and Riele Brewster — along with Winchester's Ella Baldwin, who trains with the Patriots, are competing at the IHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving State Finals today.

Deaths

Jeffrey S. Bailey, 45, Portland
Stephanie Kay Morgan, 61, Redkey
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 19 degrees Thursday.

The National Weather Service forecast calls for a low of 15 tonight. Saturday's high will be 24 with snow possible in the afternoon and evening. The low will be 8.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — Results from the JCHS girls swim team at today's state finals.

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



Obituaries

Jeffrey Bailey

June 14, 1975-Feb. 10, 2021
Jeffrey S. Bailey, age 45, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 10, 2021, at his home in Portland.
Jeff was born on June 14, 1975, in Portland, the son of Alan and Brenda (Bowers) Bailey. He graduated from Jay County High School and worked at Pizza Hut, Pizza King and Dick's Pizza, all of Portland. Jeff enjoyed woodworking and building electronics. With these talents, he was known for building instruments and



Jeffrey Bailey

other items that his family and friends have enjoyed.
Survivors include:
His mother — Brenda Bailey, Portland
His siblings — Michael Bailey (wife: Lori), Portland, Sara Nibarger (husband: Josh), Portland, Andrew Bailey (wife: McKenzie), Portland, and Leah Ross, Portland
His grandmother — Barbara Bailey, Grand Rapids, Michigan
He was known as Uncle Jeff to Nichole Thompson (husband: Brandon) and their daughter Riley, Kristy Foster and her son Drayden, William Petit, Zoey Porter, Keiara and Logan Nibarger, Jathon, Alana and Alivia Bailey, Dayton, Gra-

cie, Larissa and Maverick Ross.
He was preceded in death by his father, Alan Bailey.
Visitation will be held Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Jeff's life will follow at 7 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.
Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.
Stephanie Morgan
June 15, 1959-Feb. 9, 2021
Stephanie Kay Morgan, 61, Redkey, passed peacefully at her residence on Feb. 9, 2021.
Stephanie was born June 15, 1959, in Jay County, the daugh-

ter of the late Herbert Duane and Freida Mae (Hurst) Morgan. She was a 1977 graduate of Jay County High School.
Stephanie began a career in banking at the age of 18 at People's Bank in Redkey. She later spent several years as trust secretary at the Portland office of People's Bank. Stephanie also served for many years in the trust department of First Merchants Bank in Muncie. She retired in 2016 from Woodway Internal Medicine in Muncie.
Survivors include one sister, Jayne Miller (husband: Jeff) of Redkey; one niece, Laura Miller Johnson of Dayton, Oregon; and two nephews, Trevor Tullis and Christopher Miller of Redkey.

Services will be private at the convenience of the family.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in memory of Stephanie to the Redkey Chapter of "A Better Life - Brian's Hope."
Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

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

Saturday 2/13	Sunday 2/14	Monday 2/15	Tuesday 2/16	Wednesday 2/17
24/8	17/5	12/6	18/5	23/15

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$56 million	19-22-23-28-30-39-43-44-54-58-59-69-70-71-75-80 Cash 5: 3-13-30-39-41 Estimated jackpot: \$1.1 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$82 million	
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-5-7 Daily Four: 6-00-4-00 Quick Draw: 2-4-5-6-10-31-34-39-42-44-45-51-56-57-59-61-63-73-74-78 Evening Daily Three: 7-00-1 Daily Four: 4-7-7-1 Quick Draw: 1-4-9-17-	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-2-8 Pick 4: 8-3-0-3 Pick 5: 7-2-2-4-5 Evening Pick 3: 5-3-5 Pick 4: 1-2-6-6 Pick 5: 6-0-8-1-4 Rolling Cash: 13-21-30-37-38 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

Markets

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Today in history

On Feb. 12, 1973, Operation Homecoming began as the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.
In 1809, Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, was born in a log cabin in Hardin (now LaRue) County, Kentucky.
In 1818, Chile officially proclaimed its independence, more than seven years after initially renouncing Spanish rule.
In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded.
In 1912, Pu Yi, the last emperor of China, abdicated, marking the end of the Qing Dynasty.
In 1914, groundbreak-

ing took place for the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.
In 1924, George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue" premiered in New York.
In 1959, the redesigned Lincoln penny — with an image of the Lincoln Memorial replacing two ears of wheat on the reverse side — went into circulation.
In 1996, Jay County Commissioners signed a flood plain ordinance in an effort to make residents in the New Corydon area eligible for flood insurance.
In 1999, the Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, vil-	lage hall, 201 S. Main St.
Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.	
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100th North.	

Flags ordered to half staff

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Gov. Eric Holcomb is directing that flags be flown at half-staff across the state in honor of former Indiana first lady Susan Bayh, who died last week at age 61 after a battle with brain cancer.
Holcomb issued the

order Friday, asking that flags be lowered, including by businesses and state residents, to half-staff until sunset on Feb. 18.
Holcomb's office noted in a statement that a memorial for Bayh "will be held at a later date when health conditions allow."

Bayh, who was an attorney and wife of former Gov. Evan Bayh, died on Feb. 5 in McLean, Virginia, "after a long and courageous fight" against brain cancer, her family announced.
She was Indiana's first lady for eight years after

her husband, a Democrat, became governor in 1989.
Evan Bayh served two terms as governor before being elected to the U.S. Senate. The Bayhs have twin sons, Beau and Nick, who were born in 1995 while their father was governor.

Frontline ...

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"I think probably the thing that drew me the most was just prevention and being able to help people," Nelson said. "I've known for a long time I wanted to be in a profession where I felt like I was helping people and making a difference."
While continuing to pursue her master's degree through the University of Indianapolis, Nelson's work with the state department of health is focused on Project Frontline. It's an effort to stop the spread of infectious disease threats, including COVID-19, specifically in healthcare facilities.
As part of that effort, the CDC is producing 11 training modules for those in the healthcare field as refreshers, which is especially important, Nelson said, because protocols are frequently being updated. Plans also call for she and a second educa-

tor to offer training sessions throughout the state by summer 2022 and to host a two-day training event in Indianapolis in May 2022.
In the first six months, her job focused mostly on preparation and coordinations. Working remotely, she's been compiling distribution lists to make sure the training information gets to healthcare professionals, establishing partnerships with organizations such as Indiana State Nursing Association and Indiana American Academy of Pediatrics, and working on contracts with various organizations that are part of the effort.
Nelson also gets regular updates on her own training.
"As health educators we also go through a lot of infection and prevention control training so we can stay up to date and have knowledge over the material," she said.

The rollout of Project Firstline is already underway, with some resources and training modules available at cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/projectfirstline.
Nelson's is on a two-year, CDC grant-funded contract through the state department of health. She said she's not sure where her career will take her after that, but that the pandemic has illustrated the importance of public health jobs and the impact they can make.
"I think usually public health workers are kind of behind the scenes, so you don't really notice they're there until you need them," she said. "So I think one thing about the pandemic is people are now understanding and realizing what public health is and why we should give it funding and why we need a strong public health workforce ..."

Budget ...

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Prescott said Brown advocated for rolling back the tax increase so cigarettes can be sold at a lower price than in neighboring states.
Money raised from that tax will be deposited into the general fund and is planned to go toward paying for Medicaid services, Prescott said.
The bill will now go to the full House for a vote, which has until Feb. 22 to pass the budget and send it to the state Senate. It will be subject to House amendments in the coming weeks, but Prescott said he doesn't anticipate the bill changing much

before it gets to the Senate.
He expects it could change, however, after the April revenue forecast, but by then decisions will be in a joint conference committee made up of members of the House and Senate.
House Bill 1001 is expected to first be referred to the Senate Appropriations Committee, of which Sen. Travis Holdman (R-Markle) is a member. Holdman represents parts of northeast Indiana including Jay County.

by Holdman passed out of Senate committees Thursday.
Senate Bill 380, which passed 11-1 out of the Senate Appropriations Committee, would reorganize new courts and judges in Hamilton, Decatur, Hancock, Huntington, Knox, Lake and Delaware counties.
Senate Bill 405, which passed 7-0 out of the Senate Local Government Committee, would allow Indianapolis legislative bodies to establish a wastewater facility improvement district.

by Holdman were passed unanimously by the Senate this week and were referred to the House of Representatives for a potential vote.
Senate Bill 275, first introduced by Sen. Eddie Melton (D-Gary), would allow counties to establish a property tax amnesty program.
Senate Bill 400, also authored by Sens. Chris Garten (R-Charlestown) and Michael Crider (R-Greenfield), would require Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles to electronically process liens by the summer of 2022 and ownership titles by the summer of 2023.

To the Senate
A pair of bills authored

To the House
A pair of bills authored

Capsule Reports

Pole crash

An Eaton teen driving on county road 650 North crashed into a ditch and pole about 5 p.m. Thursday.
Ethan C. Riddle, 17, was driving his 2005 Chevrolet Avalanche east on the road when he moved his vehicle too far right, causing his car to go into the ditch and strike a utility pole.
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Home closing

The Mercer County Home will close in June and be demolished by the end of the year.
Mercer County Commissioners recently approved a resolution to close and demolish the building, The Daily Standard (Celina, Ohio), reported. Commissioners cited lack of residents, inadequate facilities and the need for expensive

renovations as reasons for the closure.
The facility averaged 12 residents during 2020 and last month had only nine, the newspaper reported. The facility was constructed in 1860 as a custodial-care facility for those in financial need. At the time of the vote to close the facility, the Mercer County Home was one of only eight still operating in Ohio.

Felony arrests

Failed to appear

A Portland man failed to appear in court and was arrested Tuesday.
Anthony D. Best, 30, 203 W. 2nd St., has two previous Level 6 felony charges for possession of cocaine and maintaining a common nuisance. He also has a previous Class B misdemeanor charge for public intoxication.
Best is being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

felony for burglary. He's being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

Coby L. Green, 25, was previously charged with two counts of domestic battery, both Level 6 felonies. He has two unpaid bonds (\$600 and \$700) for those charges, and he's being held in Jay County Jail.

Probation violation

A man was arrested Thursday for violating his probation.

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Saturday

Wheeler. Oneida: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Ryan. Ashlee: 2 p.m., All Season's Banquet Facility, 141 W. State St., Albany.

Monday

Bailey. Jeffrey S.: 7 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Cold Klondike

Portland Boy Scout Troop 202 held its Klondike over the weekend. A dozen scouts took part in the event, braving 3-degree temperatures.

It may be the time for mature shows

By BONNIE MILLER RUBIN
Special to The Washington Post

NPR host Scott Simon may have interviewed all kinds of actors, authors and artists, but he was no different from any other perplexed parent when he tweeted: "OK to watch Emily in Paris with my 14-year-old?"

As the pandemic grinds on, we are all watching more TV than ever before — and that includes sharing a couch with tweens and teens. But how do you respond when adult subjects — such as drug use, domestic violence and graphic sex — pop onto the screen? Is it an opportunity to start a conversation or tacit approval?

All families are different — and that includes their tolerance for edgy content. On one hand, the year-long shutdown, with less rushing around, has provided ideal circumstances for serious chats. On the other, there's a point when even the most progressive parent squirms when confronted with a moaning, breathless roll in the sheets on a 50-inch screen.

"It's not even about age," said Joshua Colean, a San Francisco-based psychologist. "I have 28-year-old twin boys. One is very comfortable watching sex with me, while the other will immediately walk out of the room."

Talking about awkward subjects is a responsibility of any parent, but sometimes it's hard to know what's not appropriate, said Sarah Schoppe-Sullivan, a professor of psychology at Ohio State University.

A couple years ago, her 15-year-old daughter bailed after a few episodes of "Breaking Bad" but is fine with watching "Bridgerton" with her Mom. The soapy serial, which debuted on Netflix last month, does not shy away from intimate scenes, including newlyweds consummating their

marriage.

"I offered to fast-forward through the sex part," Schoppe-Sullivan said, "but mostly we just laughed."

To be sure, this is tricky parenting territory, experts said. Too self-conscious? You risk them learning from friends. Too much exposure at too young an age? Kids can become desensitized.

But on one point everyone agreed: The pandemic has spurred a surge in viewership. According to a report from eMarketer, TV-watching has jumped by 8.3 million in 2020, reversing a nine-year slide.

Many parents — including Schoppe-Sullivan — consult Common Sense Media, an advocacy group that promotes safe media use. But even on this site, where parents and kids separately rate shows for appropriate content, the two generations rarely concur.

For example, "One Night in Miami," a current Netflix hit about four prominent Black leaders, parents give it a nod for 17-year-olds; kids ranked it as okay for age 14 and up.

The same age gap is evident for "The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel." Adults don't mince words about a flood of "f-bombs" and nudity. "This is not a show I'd ever watch with my kids, even after they hit adulthood," wrote one mom. But one 13-year-old critic called this show "absolutely amazing" and "great for you and your family, as long as parents are open to questions."

Ruta Kalvaitis Skucas of Darnestown, Maryland, has no problem answering questions from her three boys, ages 15 to 18, and says she is strict when it comes to monitoring television. Two of her sons have neurodevelopmental differences and "wouldn't know where to draw the line in public," she explained.

'Hot' relationship turned cold

DEAR ABBY: My now-ex and I had a complicated, four-year on-again, off-again relationship. I finally ended it five months ago, but I'm still not sure whether I made the right choice.

Every guy I date I compare to him. It's hard to imagine myself with anyone else. We were so similar, and we made so many plans together.

Our families weren't crazy about us being together. I backed away many times because I wasn't sure of us in the long term.

Maybe it was because I'm only 22 and scared of committing forever, or because I want to be a doctor and have years of schooling ahead of me.

Our relationship was always very hot and passionate, but it turned very cold and distant sometimes.

I'm confused. Did I leave for the hope of something better or a fear of commitment?

Dear Abby



backed away "many times" because you were unsure about the two of you in the long term. Please stop tormenting yourself.

When you meet Mr. Right, you won't have those second thoughts because you will know the relationship is right.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO MY ASIAN READERS WHO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR: The Year of the Ox begins today. I wish a happy, healthy new year to all who celebrate this holiday. People born in the Year of the Ox are steadfast and determined, and that's no bull. — LOVE, ABBY

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Or was it because I'm young and still trying to figure out my life and felt he was holding me back? — SECOND THOUGHTS IN ARIZONA

DEAR SECOND THOUGHTS: Your life is just beginning. If you are sincere about your desire to be a doctor, you may have to postpone other aspects of your life until you are closer to your goal.

The last thing you need in the near term is the distraction of a hot and passionate/cold and distant romance.

You mentioned that you

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

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.

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.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month in room 106 at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Tuesday

FRIENDS OF THE OPERA HOUSE — The Friends of Fort Recovery Opera House committee will have an open meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 16 in the community room at Fort Recovery High School about revitalizing the opera house above Brockman Appliance. The public is welcome.

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.

Sudoku

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		7		8		3		
3		5				6	2	
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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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State wetlands must be protected

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Once again our state legislators are endorsing laws that cater to corporations while ignoring the public's best interest. It's nothing new, but this time it could cause permanent damage.

Senate Bill 389 — which strips state protections for wetlands — moved to the Indiana House of Representatives this week after passing the Senate. The bill is supported by the Indiana Builders Association and other construction lobbyists, according to the Indy Star, but the proposed law would strip requirements that protect endangered species and water quality.

Indiana lost nearly 84 percent of its wetlands to development by the late 1980s, according to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM). State officials say wetlands now cover just 4 percent of the state, although wetlands once covered 25 percent of it.

According to IDEM reports, 70 percent of Hoosiers rely on

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drinking water from aquifers, and wetlands filter pollutants and recharge the underground wells. Wetlands also act as a buffer to prevent flooding, something this region suffers from each year.

Interestingly, one co-author of this bill — Republican Andy Zay — represents Huntington, Wabash, Grant and Whitley counties, an area that has a history of flooding and water quality issues.

The town of Andrews in Huntington County is currently suffering from a tainted aquifer, and yet their representative is endorsing a bill that would further threaten that town's access to clean drinking water.

Zay also represents constituents around two reservoirs

that are designated as "impaired" by federal and state officials. The algal blooms that continue to plague Salamonie and J.E. Roush reservoirs each summer will likely grow larger, threatening recreation and enjoyment in those areas if wetlands are further destroyed.

Algal blooms, which secrete neurotoxins and cause foul-smelling water in the form of green slime, are fueled by nutrient runoff. The bill Zay co-authored would no longer require developers to seek permits for their development to ensure they mitigate any negative impacts to the environment, water quality and endangered species. The bill also halts prosecution for anyone who is currently facing charges for violating the law.

Either Zay is tone deaf to the wants and needs of his constituents, or he is endorsing bills that help the real estate industry. As the owner of Zay Leasing & Rentals, Inc., he has a conflict of interest by co-authoring this bill

and voting to approve it this week.

Fishermen, farmers, recreationalists and people who live in rural Indiana will be harmed by this bill if it is passed because Indiana will see an increased risk for flooding events, drinking water issues and toxic algal blooms. Meanwhile, construction companies and lobbyists will profit off their destruction and in turn have more money to shovel into the Indiana Statehouse to grow their influence on our state legislature.

Indiana's wetlands are a vital resource that's already seen massive destruction. The degradation has already turned farm fields into lakes, washing away seed and destroying crops, and our reservoirs green with algae.

Many residents in this area enjoy seeing sandhill cranes and the resurgence of bald eagles, but if our reservoirs and wetlands are not protected, these majestic birds will likely roost elsewhere. Endangered species like the long-

eared Indiana bat and water moccasin will lose vital habitat and food sources, further threatening their existence.

Right now, the state allows developers to proceed with projects on private lands that have wetlands. However, the current system makes them do it safely. Stripping these permitting requirements will only leave limited federal protection for a miniscule portion of our state's wetlands.

Zay has already cast his vote, but the bill now heads to the Indiana House. It's not too late to call your representative and lobby on behalf of the people, not corporations. Gov. Eric Holcomb has expressed concern about the bill, but he's facing enormous pressure from his party.

It will take a statewide effort to stop this bill from passing, but if this bill is adopted, it will create irreversible damage to a system that protects the people in order to shovel money into corporations' pockets.

One question faces senators

By COLBERT I. KING

The Washington Post

On Jan. 6, then-Vice President Mike Pence wrote to Congress that his "oath to support and defend the Constitution constrains me from claiming unilateral authority to determine which electoral votes should be counted and which should not," and thus he could not change the results of the November election.

Pence reportedly had shared his views with then-President Donald Trump the previous day. Nonetheless, in a tweet Jan. 6, Trump wrote that if Pence "comes through for us, we will win the Presidency."

Understanding how events progressed is crucial to passing judgment on Trump's culpability.

Again on the morning of Jan. 6, Trump claimed on Twitter that Pence had the power to reject states' certification, thus delaying the process and ultimately giving him the win. Wrote Trump, "All Mike Pence has to do is send them back to the States, AND WE WIN. Do it Mike, this is a time for extreme courage!"

Midday, Pence went to the Capitol to preside over a joint session of Congress to count the electoral college votes.

At a rally on the Ellipse around the same time, Trump falsely told his supporters that "this election was stolen from you, from me, from the country," declaring, also falsely, that he won "in a landslide." He said the day "is not the end, it is just the beginning," and that he "will never give up, we will never concede."

Trump described for the crowd a conversation he had with Pence, in which he urged Pence to send electoral votes back to the states. "I just spoke to Mike. I said 'Mike, that doesn't take courage. What takes courage is to do nothing.'"

Following the rally, a violent mob of Trump supporters stormed the Capitol. In the midst of the violence and destruction, Trump tweeted, "Mike Pence didn't have the courage to do what should have been done to protect our Country and our Constitution."

During the riots at the Capitol, some of Trump's loyal disciples who invaded the building were captured

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on video chanting, "Hang Mike Pence."

According to the FBI, one man who was charged with trespassing and disorderly conduct after making his way into the Senate chamber said in a YouTube video: "Once we found out Pence turned on us and that they had stolen the election, like, officially, the crowd went crazy. I mean, it became a mob."

And who told the mob that Pence had not come through for him — or them? Who lied to and provoked his devoted supporters to go after the vice president of the United States?

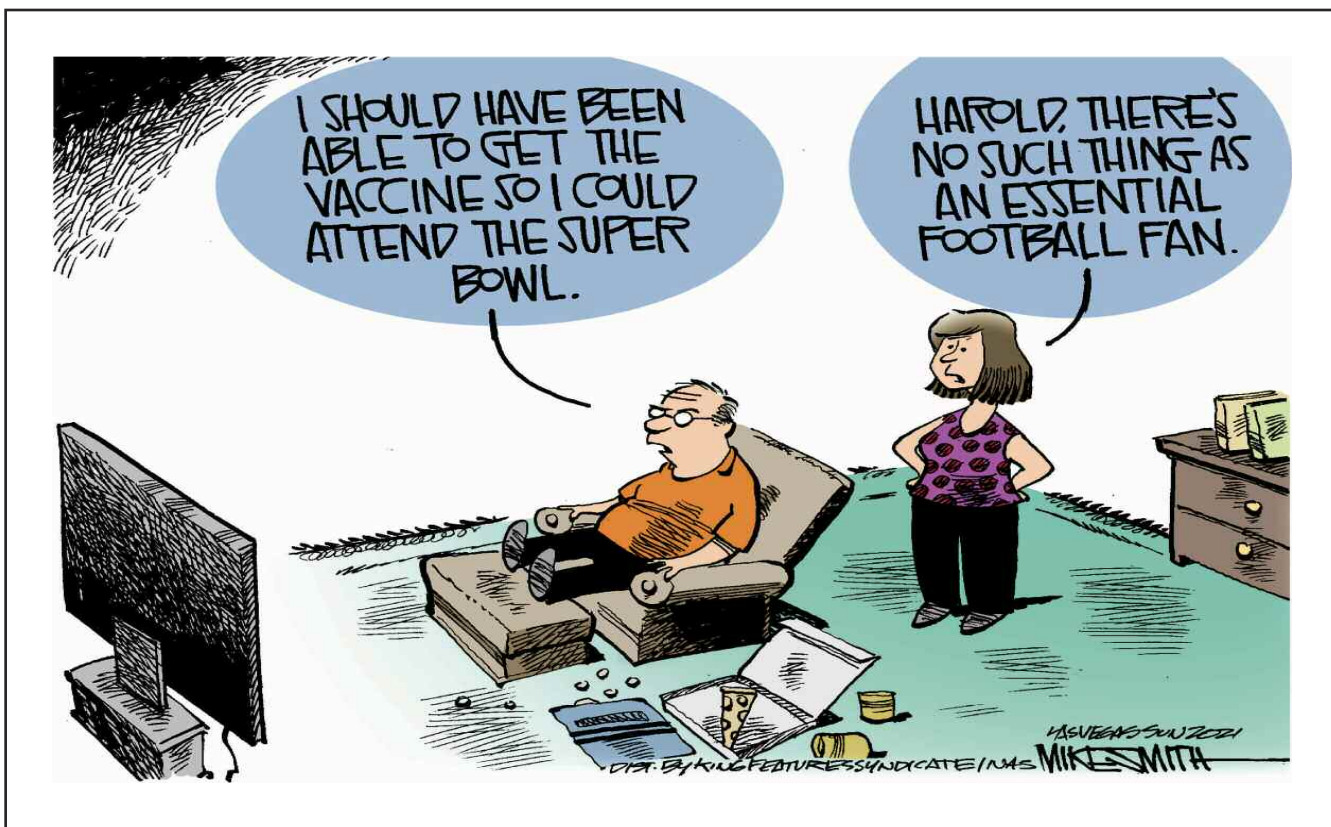
Through it all, Pence stood tall. When he reopened the proceedings, he told Trump's rioting thugs "you did not win." Speaking from the Senate dais, which members of the mob had fouled with their presence hours earlier, Pence said it was "a dark day in the history of the United States Capitol." He promised that "the world will again witness the resilience and strength of our democracy."

So here we are. Trump brought the calamity on Congress. Because of him, a mob invaded the Senate, rifled through senators' desks, took papers, broke and destroyed and lounged with obvious contempt in the Senate president's chair.

The question of the hour — the only question — is whether Republicans in the upper chamber, sitting as jurors, have the integrity, the respect for the Constitution and the law, as well as the guts to stand up on behalf of their own body against the narcissistic and amoral Donald Trump.

Any senator who ducks, hedges and dances around the truth of Trump's lawlessness and shameful misconduct is unworthy of the honor bestowed upon them by American voters.

King, who writes a column sometimes about D.C., sometimes about politics, won the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary.



Remote learning is inefficient

By DANIEL W. DREZNER

Special To The Washington Post

Next month will mark the one-year anniversary of the pandemic altering daily life in the United States — which means it will also be the one-year anniversary of university professors like myself teaching remotely via Zoom. What have we learned?

A year can produce a lot of data, and the Chronicle of Higher Education's Beth McMurtrie has been diligently curating what other university faculty and students are saying. According to McMurtrie, "students are reporting that their academic workloads have increased" and yet "many faculty members say they've scaled back expectations." This seems incongruous.

In a fascinating essay, Wake Forest University professor Betsy Barre offers six hypotheses for why this is. Maybe, as professors alter their assignment expectations, they are unintentionally assigning more work. Or maybe students are being forced to work harder than in the Before Time. Or maybe, just maybe, online instruction places unexpectedly greater demands on students who otherwise could have coasted through listening to a professor drone on and on and on.

Every professor has a story to tell. Before I tell mine, let me stipulate for the record that I occupy a position of privilege and good fortune. Because I had previously recorded a lot of content for Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University's online degree, it was easy to adapt it to be asynchronous content for Fletcher students. Furthermore, I have only been teaching graduate students. This is a far cry from someone trying to teach Introduction to English Literature at Ohio State, is what I'm saying.

That said, a year into this exercise, here is my primary takeaway from

Daniel W. Drezner



this experience: The reason for the cognitive dissonance between students and faculty is that online instruction, no matter how you slice it, is less efficient than in-person instruction. Both students and professors are working harder, and yet this greater effort does not quite yield the pedagogical benefits of being in the same classroom as students.

Readers might suspect me of being a Luddite on these matters, and they have evidentiary grounds for that suspicion. But I am not saying that online teaching is useless or a waste of time or anything remotely like that. Students who need to work full time but are highly motivated to earn a degree can profit from the online experience. On the technical side, Zoom and other platforms have handled this transition extremely well by my reckoning.

Furthermore, as I have moved down the learning curve, I suspect my teaching has probably improved. Last year I found myself exhausted from Zoom instruction. This semester the synchronous sessions have been much less taxing; perhaps my brain has adjusted to this new online environment. My assignment instructions have grown more detailed and precise.

What has not changed, however, is that teaching online cannot completely replicate the in-person experience. For all the talk about the advantages of flipped classrooms, it does not compare with the interactive give-and-take that even an in-person

lecture can offer, much less an in-person seminar. Any halfway-decent professor knows how to read the room mid-lecture and adjust. That is literally impossible to do with recorded lectures, and next to impossible to do synchronously on Zoom.

Virtual instruction also eliminates some of the more spontaneous and fruitful ways of engaging with students. I miss bumping into my students in the hallways and catching up. I miss talking with them after class as I leave the classroom. I miss seeing them at other talks and in-person functions. Attempts to replicate these elements online simply reveal the meager nature of the virtual substitute.

Going forward, what I truly dread is the persistence of ongoing hybrid instruction — synchronous classes in which some students are in person and some are participating virtually. At least with remote teaching everyone is occupying the same-size box on a screen. I have yet to meet an instructor who has handled this mix well, and anyone who has been in a meeting with some people dialed in remotely knows why. The rhythms of real-time interactions in person are just different enough from online exchanges to throw both sets of students off their game.

None of this is anyone's fault. My fellow faculty are trying harder than ever before to adapt material to a virtual format. My students seem intent on learning. We are just in a situation in which everyone is putting in more effort and no one is getting as much out of it as they want. That is what "inefficiency" means. This does not mean that online instruction should end — it just means we need to acknowledge the costs.

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In review

Sentenced

ALBION, Ind. — A northeastern Indiana man who was shot by a police officer he pulled a gun on during a 2019 domestic disturbance has been sentenced to 22 1/2 years in prison.

Faustino Jesus Vasquez, 29, was sentenced by a Noble County judge after pleading guilty to a felony count of pointing a firearm. The Fort Wayne man received a 2 1/2-year sentence on that count.

But as part of Vasquez's plea agreement a sentencing enhancement added another 20 years to his sentence during Monday's hearing, The (Kendallville) News-Sun reported.

In November 2019, a Kendallville police office was responding to a domestic call at a mobile home park when Vasquez drew a handgun and pointed it at the officer, prosecutors said.

Crash kills

DALLAS — A massive crash involving more than 130 vehicles on an icy Texas interstate left six people dead and dozens injured Thursday amid a winter storm that dropped freezing rain, sleet and snow on parts of the U.S.

At the scene of the crash on Interstate 35 near downtown Fort Worth, a tangle of semitrailers, cars and trucks had smashed into each other and had turned every which way, with some vehicles on top of others.

"There were multiple people that were trapped within the confines of their vehicles and requiring the use of hydraulic rescue equipment to successfully extricate them," said Fort Worth Fire Chief Jim Davis.

At least 65 people were treated at hospitals, with 36 of them taken by ambulance from the crash site, including three with critical injuries, said Matt Zavadsky, spokesman for Med-Star, which provides the ambulance service for the area.

Locking

MELBOURNE, Australia — Melbourne, Australia's second-largest city, will begin its third lockdown today because of a rapidly spreading COVID-19 cluster centered on hotel quarantine.

The five-day lockdown will be enforced across Victoria state to prevent the virus spreading from the state capital, Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews said.

The Australian Open tennis tournament will be allowed to continue but without spectators, he said.

—Associated Press

UN warns of starvation threat

By NOHA ELHENNAWY
Associated Press

CAIRO — More than 2 million Yemeni children under the age of 5 are expected to endure acute malnutrition in 2021, four United Nations agencies said today, urging stakeholders to end the years-long conflict that has brought the Arab world's poorest country to the brink of famine.

The U.N. report warned that nearly one in six of those kids — 400,000 of the 2.3 million — are at risk of death due to severe acute malnutrition this year, a significant increase from last year's estimates. The report also said a lack of funds was hampering humanitarian programs in Yemen, as donor nations have failed to make good on their commitments.

Compounding the crisis,

around 1.2 million pregnant or breastfeeding women in Yemen are also projected to be acutely malnourished this year.

"These numbers are yet another cry for help from Yemen, where each malnourished child also means a family struggling to survive," said David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Program, which jointly issued the report with the Food and Agriculture Organization, UNICEF and the World Health Organization.

"The crisis in Yemen is a toxic mix of conflict, economic collapse and a severe shortage of funding," Beasley explained. In 2020, humanitarian programs in Yemen received only \$1.9 billion of the required \$3.4 billion, the report said.

UNICEF estimates that virtually all of Yemen's 12 million children require some sort of assistance. This can include food aid, health services, clean water, schooling and cash grants to help the poorest families scrape by.

"But there is a solution to hunger, and that's food and an end to the violence," Beasley said.

Yemenis have suffered six years of bloodshed, destruction and humanitarian catastrophe. In 2014, the Iran-allied Houthi rebels seized the capital and much of the country's north. A Saudi-led coalition launched a sweeping military intervention months later to restore the U.N.-backed government. Despite relentless Saudi airstrikes and a blockade of Yemen, the war has ground to a stalemate.

Last week, President Joe Biden announced that the U.S. will no longer support the Saudi-led coalition. But reaching peace will be a difficult path.

Biden also reversed the Trump administration's designation of the Houthis as a terrorist organization. That move has been hailed by aid groups working in Yemen, who feared the designation would disrupt the flow of food, fuel and other goods barely keeping Yemenis alive.

"Malnourished children are more vulnerable to diseases ... It is a vicious and often deadly cycle, but with relatively cheap and simple interventions, many lives can be saved," said WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.



Washington Post/Salwan Georges

Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, walks back to his office as senators take a break during the second day of the impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump on Wednesday. House impeachment managers finished their case Thursday, and Trump's defense lawyers were slated to begin their arguments today.

Defense ...

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In both legal filings and in arguments earlier in the week, Trump's lawyers have made clear their position that the people responsible for the riot are the ones who actually stormed the building and who are now being prosecuted by the Justice Department.

Anticipating defense efforts to disentangle Trump's rhetoric from the rioters' actions, the impeachment managers spent days trying to fuse them together through a reconstruction of never-been-seen video footage alongside clips of the president's months-long urging of his supporters to undo the election results.

Democrats, who wrapped their case Thursday, used the rioters' own videos and words from Jan. 6 to pin responsibility on Trump. "We were invited here," said one. "Trump sent us," said another. "He'll be happy. We're fighting for Trump."

The prosecutors' goal was to cast Trump not as a bystander but rather as the "inciter in chief" who spent months spreading falsehoods and revving up supporters to challenge the election.

In addition to seeking conviction, they also are demanding that

he be barred from holding future federal office.

Trump, they said, laid the predicate for the attack by stoking false claims of fraud, encouraging supporters to come to Washington and then fanning the discontent with his rhetoric about fighting and taking back the country.

"This attack never would have happened but for Donald Trump," Rep. Madeleine Dean, one of the impeachment managers, said as she choked back emotion. "And so they came, draped in Trump's flag, and used our flag, the American flag, to batter and to bludgeon."

For all the weight and moment that the impeachment of a president is meant to convey, this historic second trial of Trump could wrap up with a vote by this week-end, particularly since Trump's lawyers focused on legal rather than emotional or historic questions and are hoping to get it all behind him as quickly as possible.

With little hope of conviction by the required two-thirds of the Senate, Democrats delivered a graphic case to the American public, describing in stark, personal terms the terror faced that day — some of it in the very Senate chamber where senators are sitting as jurors. They used security video of rioters searching for House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Vice President Mike Pence, smashing into the building and engaging in bloody, hand-to-hand combat with police.

They displayed the many public and explicit instructions Trump gave his supporters — long before the White House rally that unleashed the deadly Capitol attack as Congress was certifying Democrat Joe Biden's victory. Five people died in the chaos and its aftermath.

Videos of rioters, some they posted to social media themselves, talked about how they were doing it all for Trump.

"What makes you think the nightmare with Donald Trump and his law-breaking and violent mobs is over?" asked Rep. Jamie Raskin, D-Maryland, the lead prosecutor. He said earlier, "When Donald Trump tells the crowd, as he did on Jan. 6, 'Fight like hell, or you won't have a country anymore,' he meant for them to 'fight like hell.'"

At the White House, Biden said he believed "some minds may be changed" after senators saw the security video, though he has previously said that conviction was unlikely.

Though most senators sat riveted as the video played Wednesday in the chamber, some shaking

their heads or folding their arms as screams from the video and audio filled the Senate chamber; most of the jurors seemed to have made up their minds. And by Thursday, as the House case wrapped up, many seem to be prepared to move on.

"I thought today was very repetitive, actually. I mean, not much new. I was really disappointed that they didn't engage much with the legal standards," said Republican Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri.

Trump's lawyers will contend that the former president in the very same remarks encouraged the crowd to behave "peacefully" and that his remarks — and his general distrust of the election results — are all protected under the First Amendment. Democrats strenuously resist that assertion, saying his words weren't political speech but rather amounted to direct incitement of violence.

The defense lawyers also may return to arguments made Tuesday that the trial itself is unconstitutional because Trump is now a former president. The Senate rejected that contention Tuesday as it voted to proceed with the trial, but Republican senators have nonetheless signaled that they remain interested in that argument.

Amazon facing unionization push

By JOSEPH PISANI
AP Retail Writer

NEW YORK — The second Jennifer Bates walks away from her post at the Amazon warehouse where she works, the clock starts ticking.

She has precisely 30 minutes to get to the cafeteria and back for her lunch break. That means traversing a warehouse the size of 14 football fields, which eats up precious time. She avoids bringing food from home because warming it up in the microwave would cost her even more minutes. Instead she opts for \$4 cold sandwiches from the vending machine and hur-

ries back to her post. If she makes it, she's lucky. If she doesn't, Amazon could cut her pay, or worse, fire her.

It's that kind of pressure that has led some Amazon workers to organize the biggest unionization push at the company since it was founded in 1995. And it's happening in the unlikelyest of places: Bessemer, Alabama, a state with laws that don't favor unions.

If organizers succeed in Bessemer, it could set off a chain reaction across Amazon's operations nationwide, with thousands more workers demanding better working conditions.

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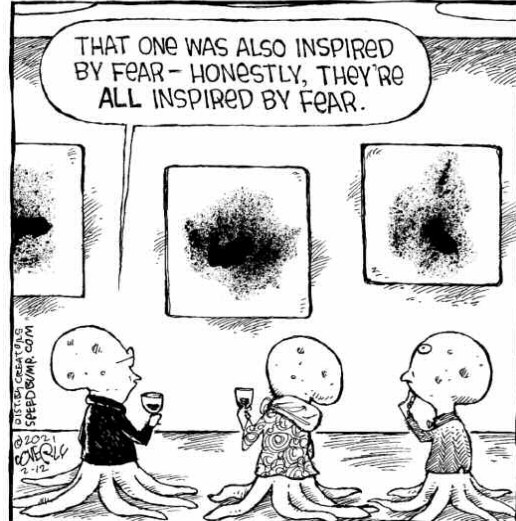
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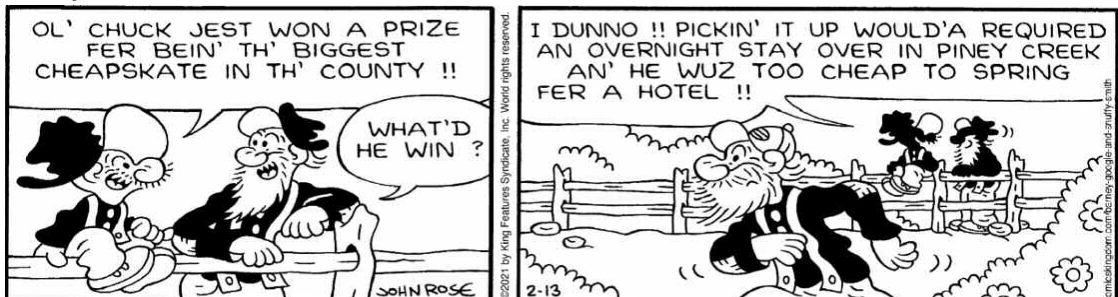
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"If someone comes out focused and catches fire, anything can happen."
Rowles and Wood were the Patriots' two regional champions, and they'll square off against kids who placed fourth in their respective regional tournaments.
Rowles (34-1) meets Fairfield senior Ryan Keller (19-14) in the first round at 106 pounds. Potential opponents in the ticket round — a win punches their ticket to the state finals — are Carroll sophomore Gilbert Ruselink (23-5) and Peru freshman No. 18 Jalen May (24-5).
"Cody comes in as a champion," Myers said. "He has a fourth-placer first round, but something we emphasize is one

match at a time. If we start looking at the ticket round or the semifinals that's where we get in trouble."
Other semi-state qualifiers at 106 include eighth-ranked Tanner Tishner (27-1) of Western and No. 16 Keegan Malott (18-2) of East Noble.
Wood (34-3), who is ranked ninth at 120 pounds, meets Aidan Sanderson (19-8) in the first round, with Cole Sailors (25-4) of Pero or Mikey Kallimani (30-4) of Jimtown awaiting in the ticket round.
"Tony set himself up really well," Myers said.
Wood's bracket also features sixth-ranked Aidan Sprague of East Noble, No. 11 Jacob Veatch of Leo and No. 14 Justin Puckett of Northridge.

Having taken third at regional, 113-pounder Tave Curtis will have to go through at least one ranked opponent in order to get to state. Curtis has an opening-round match with No. 19 Elliott Cornwell (33-2) of Bishop Dwenger, with either Beau Brabender (27-3) of Northridge or Anthony Martin (19-4) of Western in the ticket round.
"He's got a tough first-round match but he's wrestling as well as he's wrestled all year right now," Myers said. "He's very confident. It's the right time to be wrestling like that."
Bellmont junior Isaac Ruble, who is ranked third, and fifth-ranked Hayden Brady of Garrett are also in Curtis's bracket.
Cameron Clark (26-4) meets Garrett junior Brayden Baker

(23-5) in the first round at 132 pounds, with Robert Dinn of Western and Braxton Miller of DeKalb as potential ticket round opponents.
"The way his draw played out he may have a tougher first-round match than he may have in the second round," Myers said. "We really have to focus on who he's got first round. Definitely a winnable match there for Cameron, but it'll be a tough one and he'll have to grind one out there."
R.J. Heskett, a 138-pound senior with a 29-7 record, was a sectional champion two weeks ago but took third at regional, squares off against Ben Miller (27-4) of Lakeland ahead of a ticket round match against either No. 15 Brody Arthur (24-1)

of Oak Hill or Jared Landez (21-9) of Carroll.
Patriot senior Blake Pruett, who is 24-10 at 160 pounds and had his sophomore and junior seasons cut short because of meniscus injuries, is upset-minded after placing fourth at regional. He's got 10th-ranked Landon Buchanan (32-2) of Jimtown in the first round, with Mekhi Spencer (24-5) of Snider and Bryce Buckley (38-3) of Eastern (Greentown) as potential ticket-round opponents.
"It's going to be pretty tough," Pruett said. "But I think I'm going to do pretty good. I think I've improved drastically since my leg injuries so I think I'm going to go out there pretty mean, be able to upset a couple matches."

Drives ...

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But sometimes she's having an off night or she's on the bench in foul trouble. When that happens, someone tends to step up in her absence. In the sectional semifinal Feb. 5 against Yorktown, that player was Izzy Rodgers. The junior guard caught fire from the perimeter, making five 3-pointers and finishing with a career-high 28 points, including a 10-point effort in the second quarter when Schwieterman was on the bench for the full eight

minutes. The Patriots desperately needed some help at that time, and Rodgers picked the perfect time to shine and have a career night.
If it's not Rodgers, perhaps it's Madison Dirksen, the 6-foot forward who creates matchup nightmares for both teams. Opposing coaches have to choose, take away Schwieterman or limit Dirksen. Teams often can't do both.
Defensively, senior Aubrie Schwieterman has been one of the most fun

players to watch. I long considered 2019 graduate Kendra Muhlenkamp as one of the best on-ball defenders I've seen at Jay County, but this year Schwieterman certainly made her case as one of the best as well.
While she was often a little too aggressive on defense and sometimes put herself in foul trouble, her quickness and tenacity fighting for loose balls almost always led to some fireworks.
Sisters Grace and Sophie

Saxman, a senior and freshman, respectively, were a couple defensive stalwarts as well, and late in the season the younger sister always seemed to find herself in the right position to come up with some big offensive rebounds. Both Saxmans are listed at 5-7, and they played much bigger than their frames might suggest.
Speaking of defense, freshman Breanna Dirksen solidified herself as a role player down the stretch when Grace Saxman was

out with a knee injury. Like the older Schwieterman, Dirksen was often tasked with guarding the opposing team's best player. That was most prevalent in the sectional tournament when coach Kirk Comer shifted to a triangle-and-two to shut down high-scoring guards from both Yorktown and Hamilton Heights.
Gabi Bilbrey, a regular starter, wasn't relied upon to score, but she had a knack for throwing her body around down in the

post for rebounds before kicking it out to teammates for an open shot.
Comer, who finished his 26th year as a coach, said it best following Saturday's loss: "I've said this before, but this is one of my all-time favorite teams. They're just a special group. I hate to see (the season) come to an end."
It's one of the best JCHS girls teams I've seen since I've been here.
I just wish I, and they, could have had at least one more game.

Loses ...

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Carr tied the game again with a pair of free throws. Williams answered with an up-and-under move to beat Robbins for a layup. But the Gophers responded immediately, as Carr banked in a 3-pointer from the top of the key to put Minnesota ahead 69-68 with 14 seconds left.
"He made some big-time shots," Minnesota coach Richard Pitino said. "The one thing about Marcus and all of these guys, I want them to feel free to go make some plays."
So, despite making five of his first 16 shots, Carr had the green light to keep shooting. In the end, it worked out, even if one of his huge shots came off a scramble and the other went in off the backboard.
"I'm not sure if you guys could hear it, but he called out 'bank,'" Pitino said.

Kalscheur hit two free throws, giving Minnesota a 71-68 lead, and Sasha Stefanovich's last-second 3-pointer came up short, leaving the Boilermakers to lament a handful of bad breaks.
"That's life on the road, man — everything doesn't always go your way," Williams said. "We've just got to be better in the future, trying to put games away, so we don't even have to go through that."
"We allowed it to be close, and that's what happens in close games," Painter added. "We've just got to be one possession better."
Williams, who was held to eight points in Purdue's victory over Northwestern on Saturday, came up huge against Minnesota, especially in the first half, when he scored 13 straight Purdue points in one crucial stretch.
Minnesota surged to an early seven-

point lead on the strength of three straight baskets by freshman Jamal Mashburn Jr. But the Gophers missed 10 of their next 12 shots, and the Boilermakers took advantage.
Williams helped launch a 15-2 run with a three-point play and a jumper. Hunter fed Aaron Wheeler for an alley-oop dunk, then knocked down a jumper of his own to give Purdue a 30-24 lead.
On a day when the outside temperature was below zero degrees Fahrenheit at tip-off, both teams were chilly from long distance, but one of them found its shooting stroke just in time. Minnesota was 3 for 19 from beyond the arc before hitting four of its last five attempts — two apiece by Kalscheur and Carr.
Meanwhile, Purdue connected on 2 of 17 3-pointers, missing 12 straight at one point.

Sports on tap

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Saturday
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Sports

Line Drives



Loss left longing for more hoops

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Sports seasons come and go. Most often during the dead of winter, I welcome the end of basketball season. It usually means the joys of spring are soon to come. But just this once, I don't want basketball season to end.

I long to watch the Patriot girls play another game this season.

If there was one positive to the Jay County boys team having to quarantine twice it is that I got to watch the girls perhaps more than I normally would have.

I covered 16 of their 23 games this season. I was there for the season-opening win against Union City on Nov. 13. Then I saw them struggle against North Central, currently the top-ranked team in Class 4A, the following night.

Then there was a big five-point win against Bellmont. Then they held off Winchester, which had won four straight sectional titles as well as state championships in 2018 and 2019.

I was also at the eight-point win Dec. 5 at Fort Recovery. Three weeks later, I went to Yorktown and saw the Patriots overcome a 13-point halftime deficit and win by 10. Then they won the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament.

Jay County also held off state-ranked Norwell with me in attendance, and on Friday kept Yorktown at bay again in the sectional semifinal.

The Patriots were 14-1 in games I covered. They almost made it 15-1, but fell just short in the sectional championship game Saturday night.

And that loss, just the Patriots' fourth of the season, hurt the most.

I needed to see this team play more basketball.

There's just something about this squad that was so enjoyable to watch.

Perhaps it was sophomore standout Renna Schwieterman, who backed up her breakout freshman year with an even better one. After totaling 365 points last year, she exploded for 418 points, which almost cracked the top five for most points in a season. Her year included a school-record 43-point effort in a 74-36 win against Southern Wells on Jan. 23. Through two seasons, Schwieterman has 783 points, putting her more than half way to Shannon Freeman's record of 1,458 points for a career.

Schwieterman has the ability to put a team on her back, like she did by scoring 30 points in the Allen County Athletic Conference tournament final to carry the Patriots to the championship.

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Jay County High School wrestling coach Eric Myers is taking six members of his team to the semi-state wrestling tournament on Saturday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. Pictured from left are freshman Cody Rowles, freshman Cameron Clark, senior Blake Pruett, Myers, senior R.J. Heskett, freshman Tony Wood and freshman Taye Curtis. Action is set to begin at 8:30 a.m.

Patriot youth ready for semi-state

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

The youth movement is in full force for the Patriots.

As a half dozen members of the Jay County High School wrestling team prepare for Saturday's semi-state tournament, four of them are freshmen.

The other two are seniors making their first trip to this level of the state tournament.

Patriot coach Eric Myers has his work cut out for him because for the first time in more than a decade the team has no returning

semi-state qualifiers.

"The No. 1 thing is keep focusing on one match at a time," said Myers, whose squad will begin competition at 8:30 a.m. Saturday at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne. "A lot of times kids get to semi-state or state and they kind of let themselves gawk up in the stands a little bit."

"They've got to put their heads down. I tell them whenever they look out on the mat you've got to shut out everything that's outside that circle. Take it one match at a time."

That mentality can be tough for youngsters or anyone else who is two matches away from reaching the state finals — wins in the first two matches Saturday guarantee a top-four finish and a state berth.

But the Patriot freshmen — Cody Rowles, Taye Curtis, Tony Wood and Cameron Clark — have competed in high-profile matches already in their young careers at middle school state as well as national tournaments.

Seniors R.J. Heskett and Blake Pruett aren't quite as experienced as those four, but they're still on

the cusp of ending their JCHS wrestling careers at the state's highest level.

"They've wrestled really well to get to this point," Myers said of the six Patriots. "Very deserving. We talk all year about setting themselves up and giving themselves an opportunity to qualify for the state finals so whether its first through fourth (at regional) they all have a shot on Saturday. Obviously our champions have a little better shot but everybody's got a shot."

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Pacers snap four-game skid

By NOAH TRISTER
AP Sports Writer

DETROIT — Domantas Sabonis had 26 points, eight rebounds and eight assists, and the Indiana Pacers snapped a four-game losing streak with a 111-95 victory over the Detroit Pistons on Thursday night.

Malcolm Brogdon added 18 points and Jeremy Lamb scored 17 for the Pacers, who posted a season-low 94 points in a loss to Brooklyn on Wednesday. One night later, it was Detroit that struggled offensively, shooting 5 of 28 from 3-point range.

"I thought we guarded the ball better tonight," Pacers coach Nate Bjorkgren said. "We were disruptive. I thought we were pressed up to their shooters on the catch."

Josh Jackson led Detroit with 18 points, and rookie Isaiah Stewart added 17 in his first start at center. Mason Plumlee missed the game for the last-place Pistons because of a right elbow issue.

Detroit missed its first eight shots from beyond the arc, but the Pistons were effective enough inside that the game was tied 52-all at halftime. Then the Pacers

outscored Detroit 30-18 in the third quarter. Brogdon had 10 points and Myles Turner added nine in that period for Indiana.

The Pacers went on a 13-1 run during the third quarter to take a 70-59 lead. Sabonis, Brogdon and Turner did all the scoring during that stretch for Indiana.

"I think for us, all it comes down to is defense and getting stops," guard T.J. McConnell said. "When we're really connected defensively, like we were tonight, we're tough to beat."

Jerami Grant, coming off big games against the Lakers and Nets, shot 4 of 17 from the field and scored only nine points for the Pistons.

"We're getting bumped and hit and we didn't respond in the proper way," Detroit coach Dwane Casey said. "They played last night. I just didn't think we had the proper disposition in the second half."

Grant set a franchise record with 23 straight games with at least two 3-pointers. That streak ended Thursday when the Detroit forward went 1 of 6 from 3-point range. Griffin and Wayne Ellington were 1 of 6 as well.

Purdue loses on late rally

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — For more than 38 minutes of action, Purdue had held Minnesota's leading scorer in check. But Carr ended the game in style, giving the Golden Gophers a dramatic comeback victory.

Carr finished with 19 points, including eight in the final 1:08, to lift Minnesota past No. 24 Purdue 71-68 on Thursday.

Gabe Kalscheur broke out of a shooting slump to score 16 points, Brandon Johnson scored 15 and Liam Robbins added 11 points and 10 rebounds for Minnesota (12-7, 5-7 Big Ten), which trailed by five with 2 minutes to play.

Trevion Williams led Purdue with 24 points and 10 rebounds. Eric Hunter Jr.

had 14 points and Zach Edey added 13 for the Boilermakers (13-8, 8-6).

In a sluggish game in which both teams struggled from 3-point range, Minnesota finally got hot at the end.

Purdue led 64-59 before Robbins hit a jumper, and after a Purdue turnover, Carr came up with a loose ball and drained a long 3-pointer to tie the game at 64 with just over a minute to play.

After a timeout, Purdue worked the ball inside to Williams, who missed twice but came up with the rebound both times. He was successful on his third attempt, a dunk that gave Purdue a two-point lead with 51 seconds to play.

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