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Back on stage

Arts Place will host Ken Bantz on Thursday for its first live performance since March 2020

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

It's been more than 11 months since anyone has performed live from the stage at Arts Place.

That will change Thursday, though the seats in Hall-Moser Theatre will remain empty.

Arts Place will present its first live-streamed performance at 7:30 p.m. Thursday as local musician Ken Bantz takes the stage. The free show will be available via the Arts Place's Facebook and YouTube pages.

"It's great," said Arts Place executive director Eric Rogers. "I'm really excited about this."

The last live performance at Arts Place was Harmony Players' production of "Charley's Aunt" on March 19. Originally scheduled for three performances with live audiences, it was cut back to one live-streamed show in the early days of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

As the pandemic continued, Arts Place looked at putting together a virtual performance of its own.

"We actually wanted to ... but we didn't feel like we had the right equipment for it," said Rogers. "We didn't like the quality of what we were going to see."

Some new equipment was already planned as part of the facility's renovation and expansion project that is currently in process, so a decision was made to take the extra step to make virtual performances possible. That included buying a camera that is now mounted above the light/sound booth in the theatre and the related computer equipment to operate it.

When Bantz learned about the new equipment and virtual show plans while chatting



Photo provided

Portland musician Ken Bantz will perform a free, live-streamed show from Arts Place at 7:30 p.m. Thursday. It will be available via Arts Place's Facebook and YouTube pages and will mark the organization's first live performance in more than 11 months.

with Rogers, he volunteered to be the beta tester for the new procedure.

"I love Arts Place. I've had so many great experiences there," Bantz said, noting that he has taken painting classes with instructor Steve McClung. "I've also performed there a few times and I've gone to a num-

ber of performances there. What they do for the community, they're just a real gem. We're really blessed and fortunate to have them here."

Bantz, who retired a couple of years ago from teaching accounting at Ball State University, has played guitar since he was about 10 years old.

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Ken in concert

Arts Place will host its first live performance in more than 11 months when Portland's Ken Bantz takes the stage this week. Details of the free concert are below.

7:30 p.m. Thursday
via live stream at
facebook.com/artsplace
and bit.ly/ArtsPlaceYouTube

Police bills pass Senate

Measures regarding use of force, prosecution advance

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana senators advanced measures Tuesday that would allow police to determine what use of force is reasonable in some cases and would allow the state's attorney general to appoint special prosecutors to handle criminal cases local authorities decide not to pursue.

Both bills are now headed to the House.

Sen. Mike Young, who sponsored the measure on prosecutors, said it ensures local authorities can't create lists of crimes they won't prosecute, pointing to such decisions made by prosecutors in Boston, Chicago and St. Louis to stop pressing charges in cases like trespassing, disorderly conduct or prostitution.

"Our job ... is to pass what we think are prudent laws that are fair and effective for the citizens of our state to keep them safe," Young said. "The only people this bill applies to is a prosecuting who won't follow the law themselves."

The Republican state senator introduced a nearly identical bill last year after Democratic Marion County Prosecutor Ryan Mears announced that his office wouldn't pursue charges against adults for possessing about 1 ounce or less of marijuana.

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Intelligence missed?

By MARY CLARE JALONICK,
MICHAEL BALSAMO
and LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Missed intelligence was to blame for the outmanned Capitol defenders' failure to anticipate the violent mob that invaded the building Jan. 6 and temporarily halted certification of the presidential election, the officials who were in charge of security that day said in their first public testimony.

The officials, including the former chief of the Capitol Police, pointed their fingers at various federal agencies — and each other — for their failure to defend the building as supporters of then-President Donald Trump overwhelmed security barriers, broke windows and doors and sent lawmakers fleeing from the House and Senate chambers. Five people died as a result of the riot, including a Capitol Police officer and a woman who was shot as she tried to enter the House chamber with lawmakers still inside.

Former Capitol Police Chief Steven Sund, who resigned under

Law enforcement officials place blame on federal agencies for being outmanned on Jan. 6

pressure immediately after the attack, and the other officials said Tuesday they had expected the protests to be similar to two pro-Trump events in late 2020 that were far less violent. Sund said he hadn't seen an FBI field office report that warned of potential violence citing online posts about a "war."

Sund described a scene as the mob arrived at the perimeter that was "like nothing" he had seen in his 30 years of policing and argued that the insurrection was not the result of poor planning by Capitol Police but of failures across the board.

"No single civilian law enforce-

ment agency — and certainly not the USCP — is trained and equipped to repel, without significant military or other law enforcement assistance, an insurrection of thousands of armed, violent, and coordinated individuals focused on breaching a building at all costs," he testified.

The hearing was the first of many examinations of what happened that day, coming almost seven weeks after the Senate voted to acquit Trump of inciting the insurrection by telling his supporters to "fight like hell" to overturn his election defeat.

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FFA drive-in

Jay County FFA members drove their tractors to Jay County Junior-Senior High School this morning as part of their celebration of National FFA Week. Pictured, Wyatt Rogers (foreground) with passenger Mason Johnson and Keegan Hough (background) with passenger Jean Pieterse arrive at the school.

Deaths

David Rains, 73, rural Portland
Shirley Patterson, 83, Dunkirk
Edward Raszkowski, 79, Union City
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 41 degrees Tuesday. The low was 37.
Tonight's forecast calls for a low in the mid 20s. Expect a high of 38 Thursday under partly cloudy skies. Highs are expected to be in the 50s this weekend.
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

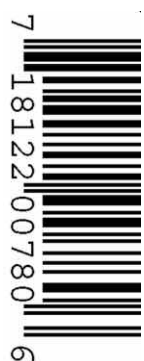
In review

Jay County Democrats will hold a reorganization meeting at 6:30 p.m. March 4 at party headquarters, 221 S. Meridian St., Portland. The meeting will include the election of party officers.

Coming up

Thursday — An update on the ongoing coronavirus pandemic in Jay County.

Saturday — Results from the JCHS boys basketball team's regular-season finale.



Obituaries

David Rains

Nov. 23, 1947-Feb. 22, 2021

David Rains, age 73, of rural Portland passed away Monday, Feb. 22, 2021, at IU Health.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1947, in Randolph County, the son of Kenneth and Marie (Winders) Rains. He was married on Feb. 10, 1968, to Rebecca Hudson who survives. He was retired as an electrician with General Cable in Marion, Indiana. He was a 1966 Redkey High School graduate and enjoyed hunting and fishing.

Surviving are his wife of 53 years, Rebecca; two sons, Brad Rains of Indianapolis and Doug Rains (wife: Ramey) of Indianapolis; one daughter, Jennifer Harris (husband: Jason) of Indianapolis; two brothers, Robert Rains and Don Rains, both of Rushville; two sisters, Kathy Foreman and Krissi Williams, both of Rushville; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.



Rains

He was preceded in death by a brother, John Rains.

Private funeral services will be in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with burial in the Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant.

Memorials can be made to Jay County Humane Society.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com

Shirley Patterson

Feb. 27, 1937-Feb. 22, 2021

Shirley Anne Patterson, 83, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away early Monday morning, Feb. 22, 2021, at Albany Healthcare of Albany, Indiana.

She was born Feb. 27, 1937, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Eugene and Cecile (Coulson) Towne. She was a 1955 graduate of Dunkirk High School.

Shirley retired in 1994 as a nurse aide with Miller's Merry Manor and had previously retired in 1988 following her cafeteria work at Jay School Corporation. She was a member of Faith Evangelical Church.

She leaves to cherish her memory a loving husband of 66

years, Howard A. Patterson; a daughter, Marita S. Workman (husband: Ted) of Dunkirk, Indiana; four sons, Rocky A. Patterson of Dunkirk, Indiana, Monty A. Patterson (wife: Deneen) of Dallas, Texas, Bradley D. Patterson (wife: Jackie) of Dunkirk, Indiana, and B. Shannon Patterson of Dunkirk, Indiana; a brother, Donald K. Towne of Indianapolis; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Leon V., Robert E. and Calvin O. Towne; and a sister, Carolyn S. Towne.

A service to celebrate Shirley's life will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 25, 2021, at Wilson Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel of Dunkirk, Indiana. Burial will follow in Dunkirk IOOF Cemetery. Family and friends may gather to share and remember



Patterson

from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be expressed at wilsonshookfh.com.

Edward Raszkowski

Dec. 12, 1941-Feb. 11, 2021

Edward E. Raszkowski, 79, passed away Thursday, Feb. 11, 2021, surrounded by family at home.

He was born Dec. 12, 1941, in Jay County, Indiana, a son of the late Edward and Imogene Prescott Raszkowski.

Ed was a lifelong farmer. He worked at the UCBC for 32 years then went on to building houses and expanding the Parkview addition. He was an avid sports fan especially Indiana University basketball and Union City sports, was a long-time member and trustee of the Pleasant Hill Church and also belonged to the Lion's Club.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 55 years, Janice Frazier Raszkowski; children, Kim (Bruce) Davison and Brian (Kim) Raszkowski; grandchild-

dren, Sarah and Isaac Davison; and siblings Pauline (Bill) Williamson, Joe (Valerie) Raszkowski, Carol (Dan) Bousman and Jim (Elaine) Raszkowski.

He was preceded by his parents.

A celebration of life service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday Feb. 27, 2021, at the Pleasant Hill Church. Friends and family may call two hours prior to services also at the church from 1 to 3 p.m. Burial will be held later at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions can be made to Gideon Bibles or the Pleasant Hill Church.

Condolences may be expressed at reichardfh.com

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

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Thursday 2/25	Friday 2/26	Saturday 2/27	Sunday 2/28	Monday 3/1
38/23	41/32	52/37	51/30	39/24
Skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 35.	We'll get the rare sunny day in the winter with a high in the low 40s.	The forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with the high climbing into the upper 40s.	The high will be in the mid 50s. There is a chance of snow and rain continuing into the evening.	Skies will be mostly sunny in the morning with more clouds appearing at night.

Bills ...

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Young has maintained that the bill's latest iteration "has nothing to do with" the Marion County prosecutor and said it is aimed at any prosecutor in the state who adopts a "social justice prosecution" policy not to pursue charges for certain crimes.

Another bill, authored by Republican Sen. Scott Baldwin, would ban local governments or merit

boards from disciplining officers who lawfully defend themselves when they believe their lives are at risk. Under the measure, police officers would be allowed to determine "reasonable" uses of force in certain situations. That means officers could disregard their department's use of force policy and use techniques — including chokeholds, which are currently prohibited by Indianapolis

police — that are not currently permitted. The bill also prohibits officers from firing warning shots.

"At the end of the day, officers have to act reasonably," Baldwin said. "Piling on more and more guidelines creates more stress and decreases reaction time and causes officers to second guess themselves in their actions, leading to danger for themselves and others."

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

Two wild animals caused accidents this week.

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his vehicle. Damage to the 2019 Ford F150 is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

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Leatherman's 2004 Chevrolet were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

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But it was in his 20s, during what he describes as a tumultuous time in his life, that he turned to music more seriously. He improved his guitar skills, then learned to sing, then started writing songs, finishing his first around 1990. He's been writing ever since and has recorded four albums that are available at kenbantz.com.

As he thought about Thursday's performance at Arts Place, it didn't take long to settle on a theme.

"With what's going on in the world right now, I said, 'We need a little more love right now,'" he said. "Why not do songs about love?"

The performance of all original songs will include "Crowded Room," a song about love at first sight. He'll also play "One More Chance," which focuses on the male tendency to "mess up love" and subsequently need to ask for forgiveness.

Bantz plans to play for about 45 minutes, saying he will start somewhat subdued with songs picking up tempo as the performance moves along.

In preparation for its first live-streamed show, Arts Place has held a couple of rehearsals with Bantz in an effort to make sure there are no unex-

pected glitches Thursday night. The experience only served to make him even more excited to be back on stage and performing live. He took advantage of every moment during rehearsal, even as the Arts Place crew was tinkering with its new technology.

"I just kept on playing because it just ... felt so good to play and hear it," said Bantz. "It's going to be kind of strange playing to nobody in there," he added, "but I'm just going to do my best to be true to the songs and try to give everybody a little bit of an uplifting show."

Arts Place has several other performances planned, with Pete Vogler, Amelia Freeman and Rogers to hold a live-streamed faculty recital April 8, and another virtual show to come later in the spring. It will host Dave Bennett — his band was slated to close out Arts Place's 2020 performance series in April before that show was canceled because of the ongoing pandemic — for a free concert June 25 at Hudson Family Park.

"Thursday night is sort of putting our toe in the water," said Rogers. "We're going to do these virtual events and then be able to do live events outside. And by this fall we expect to be doing live events, in person, inside."

Felony arrests

Failed to appear

An Ohio man was arrested Monday for failing to appear in court.

Hayden M. Hensel, 28, 115 E. Lower St., Union City, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony. He's being held in Jay County Jail without bond.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$90 million	Daily Four: 0-2-7-5 Quick Draw: 1-6-9-14-15-17-22-24-26-29-31-33-38-44-53-55-58-67-68-79 Cash 5: 3-20-23-38-44 Estimated jackpot: \$126,500
Mega Millions 5-7-9-20-57 Mega Ball: 15 Megaplier: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$30 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-2-7 Pick 4: 0-5-3-8 Pick 5: 2-1-6-0-7 Evening Pick 3: 6-5-1 Pick 4: 7-7-5-2 Pick 5: 8-9-3-0-1 Rolling Cash: 13-19-24-32-39 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-6-0 Daily Four: 3-9-8-8 Quick Draw: 4-7-11-14-17-31-38-42-45-49-54-56-58-59-62-63-66-73-75-76 Evening Daily Three: 8-2-3	

Markets

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Today in history

On Feb. 24, 1868, the U.S. House of Representatives impeached President Andrew Johnson by a vote of 126-47 following his attempted dismissal of Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton; Johnson was later acquitted by the Senate.

In 1803, in its Marbury v. Madison decision, the Supreme Court established judicial review of the constitutionality of statutes.

In 1938, the first nylon bristle toothbrush, manufactured by DuPont under the name "Dr.

West's Miracle Toothbrush," went on sale.

In 1961, the Federal Communications Commission authorized the nation's first full-scale trial of pay television in Hartford, Connecticut.

In 1971, Pennville defeated Bryant 68-67 in overtime to win Jay County's junior high boys basketball tournament.

In 1993, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney resigned after more than eight years in office.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station,	1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
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Punishment doesn't fit crime

DEAR ABBY: When I stopped by my brother's house a couple of weeks ago, he mentioned that his 9-year-old son was grounded in his bedroom. He was being punished for snooping in his dad's vintage collection of porn.

At first I was upset with my brother and his wife, because it was their fault that the boy had access to it, and boys are naturally curious. But when I found out what his punishment was, I became enraged. Their "brilliant" idea was to make my nephew disgusted with porn by forcing him to look at the entire collection for three hours instead of playing outside.

Maybe this tactic works for cigarette smoking or chewing tobacco, but this seemed very wrong. I was so appalled, I overstepped; I went straight into my nephew's room and told him he was allowed to go outside and play. Abby, what do you think? Am I being ridiculous? What should I have done? — APPALLED IN OHIO

DEAR APPALLED: The child's punishment was extreme and inappropriate. What you SHOULD have done was point out to your brother and sister-in-law that their punishment may have been counterproductive. Rather than working as aversion therapy, it could result in whetting their son's appetite for more. You might also have suggested they consult a child psychologist for suggestions on how to deal with

Dear Abby



their son's budding sexual curiosity, which is entirely normal, and urged that from now on they keep their collection under lock and key.

DEAR ABBY: I recently met a very nice woman online. During our first phone call, she told me about an injury she received a few months ago that has left her with a disability. I'm not bothered by it, and I'd like to get to know her better.

From the way she responded to a few things, I got the impression that she is still coming to terms with what has happened, as anyone would be. I have no experience with a situation like this, and I have no idea if, from the perspective of dating, it is the right thing to engage someone who is going through this. Any thoughts? — TENTATIVE IN INDIANA

DEAR TENTATIVE: Yes, it's the right thing — but only if you can be supportive and patient during what has to be an extremely emotionally disruptive time in this woman's life. I am sure she could use a supportive male friend right now, as long as you two can con-

tinue to have an open and honest dialogue with each other.

DEAR ABBY: My 30-year-old son lives with me for financial reasons, and I love him dearly. He helps with bills and works a full-time job. My only problem with him is he wears the same pair of pants for weeks without washing them and hasn't washed his sheets in months. I didn't raise him that way. He does take a shower every night.

He owns only one pair of pants, and I can't get him to buy another pair. I have complained to him several times about the bad smell. How can I get him to change his ways? — FED-UP MOTHER IN TEXAS

DEAR FED UP: At this point in his life, that may not be possible. It seems strange to me that someone who smells bad could hold a full-time job, but I will take your word for it. The easiest solution to your problem might be for you to wash his bedding every few weeks. As to the fact that he has only one pair of pants, buy him a pair for his next birthday or for Christmas — whichever comes sooner.

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

Small moments are pure bliss

BY TED KOOSER
U.S. Poet Laureate

I suspect that one thing some people have against reading poems is that they are so often so serious, so devoid of joy, as if we poets spend all our time brooding about mutability and death and never having any fun. Here Cornelius Eady, who lived in Indiana and

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taught at Notre Dame University, offers us a poem of pure pleasure. Eady currently lives in New York.

A Small Moment

I walk into the bakery next door
To my apartment. They are about
To pull some sort of toast with cheese
From the oven. When I ask:
What's that smell? I am being
A poet, I am asking

What everyone else in the shop
Wanted to ask, but somehow couldn't;
I am speaking on behalf of two other
Customers who wanted to buy the
Name of it. I ask the woman
Behind the counter for a percentage
Of her sale. Am I flirting?
Am I happy because the days
Are longer? Here's what

She does: She takes her time
Choosing the slices. "I am picking
Out the good ones," she tells me. It's
April 14th. Spring, with five to ten
Degrees to go. Some days, I feel my duty;
Some days, I love my work.

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Cryptic note origin discovered

BY MARISA IATI
The Washington Post

The words are scrawled in pencil in a corner of one of the world's most iconic works of art, visible only to those who are looking for them. An image of a blood-red sky obscures the tiny print, hovering above a ghostlike figure with his hands to his head and his face contorted into a wail.

"Can only have been painted by a madman," the message reads. The author of the cryptic note

etched into "The Scream," by Norwegian painter Edvard Munch, has intrigued art historians, who debated his identity for 117 years. Now, researchers believe they know who's behind the enigmatic phrase.

The conclusion took more than a century because, for a long time, art historians were tired of researching Munch's biography. They did not attempt for years to investigate the inscription, which was written in old-fashioned Norwegian, said Mai Britt Guleng, a curator at the muse-

um specializing in old masters of modern art.

Curators recently used an infrared camera to snap photos of the painting, which gave them a better view of the inscription. Then they compared the sample to thousands of pages of Munch's notes and letters.

The handwriting was a match. The vandal was the painter himself. "He might have been drunk doing it," Guleng said. "It might have been a moment of emotional distress. But he never mentioned it later."

Community Calendar

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

Today

FRIENDS OF THE OPERA HOUSE — The Friends of Fort Recovery Opera House committee will have an open meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 24, in the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School auditoria about revitalizing the opera house above Brockman Appliance. The public is welcome.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes

activities and devotional time.

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 - BRIANNA'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.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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

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It's tough, but confidence is strong

By JACK RONALD
The Commercial Review

My father popped up in a dream the other night.

He was still a youngish man in the dream, probably in his 40s.

And he was smiling.

He held in his hand a bunch of page proofs and a yellowing sheet of paper with a long, type-written memo he wanted me to see.

The page proofs were from early editions of The Graphic, which was born on my first birthday in November 1949.

As I flipped through them, I saw the grown-ups of my childhood: John Jaqua Sr., Ray Elliott, Gordon Meeker, Pete Brewster, Lee Hall, Haynes Starbuck, John Shambarger, Ethel Cartwright, Art Harshman and more. Civic leaders, elected officials, volunteers who coached kids in baseball leagues, members of Home Extension Clubs,

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they were all there. The newspaper pages documented their triumphs, their dreams and their disappointments.

And as I flipped through those page proofs, they became pages from The Commercial Review and The News and Sun. And the faces became more familiar and more contemporary: Gerald Kirby, Skip Mallers, Paul Goslee, Leo Glogas, Ron Liggett, Sue Gillespie and more.

It was as if those pages of old newsprint held in their ink the spirit of all those personalities.

It's not unusual for me to dream of my dad.

He'll always be the standard I measure myself against.

But this dream was different: He was smiling.

At first, I couldn't figure that out.

After all, the newspaper business today is tough, incredibly tough. And there are plenty of sidewalk wiseguys ready to tell you that print is done, the "dead tree media" are finished.

But my father's smile in that dream told me he wasn't buying that crap and that I shouldn't either.

Neither should you.

Starting The Graphic back in 1949 was an enormous leap of faith. My dad had a great job as plant manager for The Jay Garment, but an earlier venture into the newspaper business — The Redkey Times Journal — had been something of a money pit.

To pin the family's future on an untested enterprise was an

expression of optimism at the extreme.

But maybe he had heard an aphorism coined by another Jay County newspaperman years before. I can't remember the guy's name, but I know that he ended up in Rensselaer.

His motto was this: "No newspaper is better than its town, and no town is better than its newspaper."

Today, I'd substitute the word "community" for "town," but the thought holds true. It's a symbiotic relationship.

Was it easy back in 1949? Nope. Sometimes the family bank account had to help meet payroll.

Was it easy in the 1960s when aggressive and honest reporting about scandals — one involving law enforcement and another involving embezzlement at the local REMC — led to libel suits seeking damages that would have led to bankruptcy? Nope, but we won those libel suits.

Is it easy today when independent retailers have been decimated by Walmart and other big box stores, when "free" advertising on the internet undermines a 200-year-old business model that has supported an independent press and when the very sense of community itself is fragile?

Of course not. It was tough then. It is tough now.

But what I remember most from that dream is that my father was smiling.

His confidence was strong. So is mine.

Just the same, I wish I could get my hands on that long type-written memo that he said he wanted me to see.

My guess is that it would echo that old motto: "No newspaper is better than its community, and no community is better than its newspaper."

And it would focus on putting out the next edition.

We are ready for investment

By JENNIFER RUBIN
The Washington Post

Another poll last week showed overwhelming support for President Joe Biden's pandemic rescue plan. The latest Navigator poll shows 73% of Americans support it, including 53% of Republicans.

Interestingly, Biden and Democrats are greatly favored over Republicans to handle both COVID-19 and unemployment benefits (65 to 23%). As Biden has argued, the majority of Americans are afraid the government will do too little (64%) versus too much (36%), although here a majority of Republicans feels the opposite. Biden is widely seen as more interested in helping the working and middle class than the wealthy. The White House deserves credit for its laserlike focus and communication effort, but when nearly three-quarters of Americans agree about something (anything?), the reasons bear further study.

Backing up from the particulars of this plan, it is easy to see how desperate Americans are for a stronger federal response. Considering the past 12 years — going from financial meltdown to recovery to pandemic and recession — the idea that the private sector can fix our current crisis does not strike many people as sensible. While the rich — especially in high tech and finance — continued to prosper over this period, a GOP Senate and president blocked sufficient investment in communal benefits from education to infrastructure to public health, which act as both a cushion and a springboard for working- and middle-class Americans.

Not only did the divide between rich and poor continue to grow, the gap between investment and need that only the federal government could fill grew as well. It is no wonder that the pandemic and ensuing recession have hit hardest the communities with the smallest margin of error; the very people who could have enjoyed growing prosperity had we, for example, broadened our public health-care system or improved rural broadband.

Texas is the quintessential example of a state that saw boom years and huge increases in wealth over the past decade or so, but failed to maintain vital

Jennifer Rubin



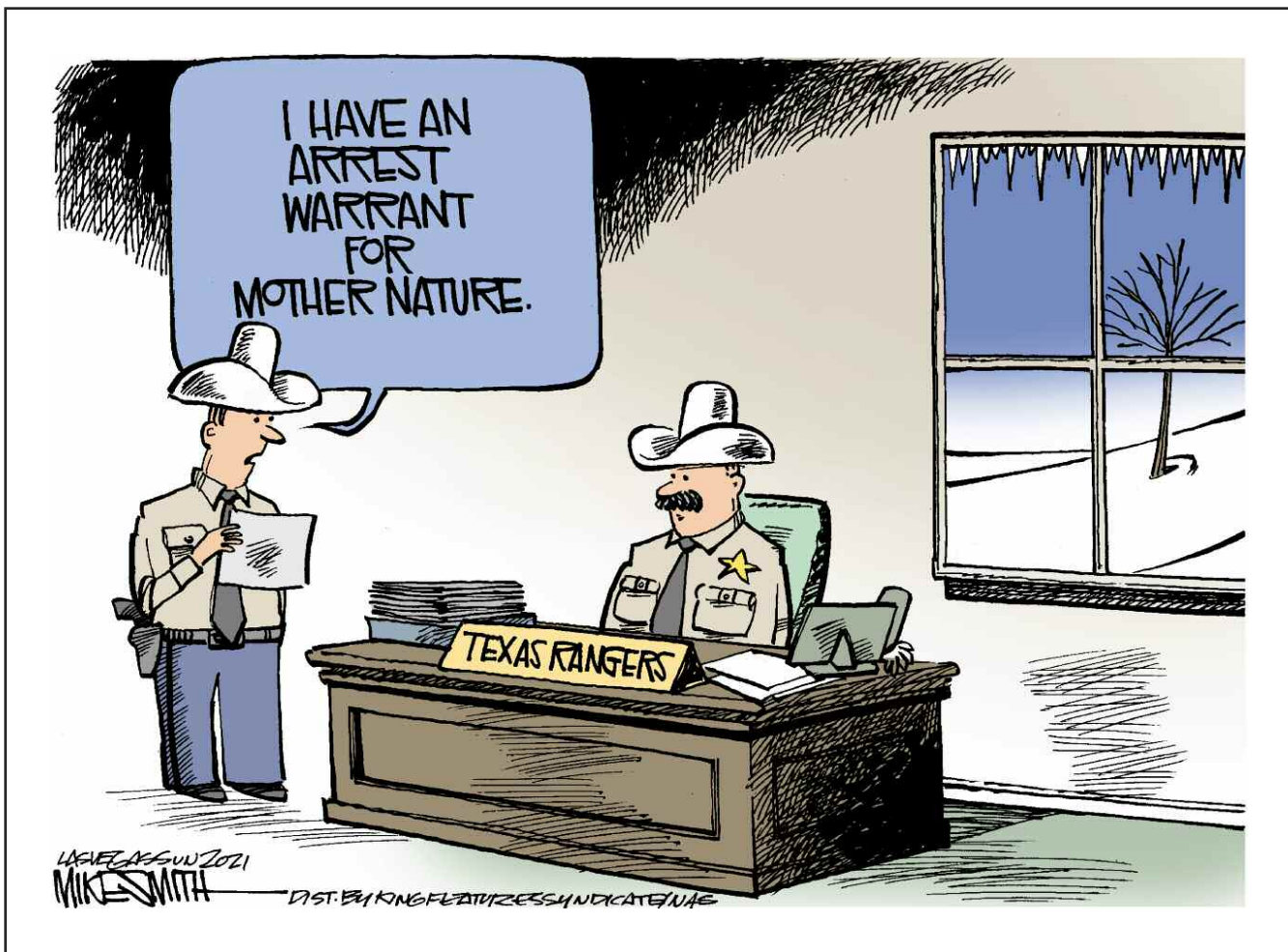
services. The state trailed much of the nation in education, access to health care and the environment (40th on combating pollution); lagged in economic opportunity (37th); experienced the worst child poverty and, of course, failed to weatherproof its electrical grid. It now only makes the top 10 on one measure: Income inequality. Only seven states have more unequal distribution of income. The notion that widespread prosperity was going to be achieved through deregulation, tax cuts and low investment in the public sector sure didn't work out as Texas conservatives planned.

And so, perhaps like Texas, our entire country is finally willing — desperate, even — to have the federal government come help in a big way. The death of a half-million Americans and a historic recession certainly may spur support for a more vigorous federal government, as did the Great Depression and World War II. In this crisis, even the wealthy experienced downsides — no school for children, inability to travel — even if they kept their jobs, because of a collapse of public health and welfare. They too might finally see how investing in the welfare of other Americans also benefits them.

The mandate coming out of 2020 was plainly to seek a revived public sector. The Build Back Better idea is recognition that without substantial investments in public goods, we can no longer endure crises and function — even the well-off. If we are entering a new era in which public support for government action and for narrowing the divide between rich and poor is reaching new heights, it is no wonder Biden's plan is so popular.

"Help is on the way," the new president likes to say. Apparently, for most Americans — and even a lot of Republicans — that help cannot come fast enough.

Rubin writes reported opinion for The Washington Post.



Support groups whenever possible

To the editor:
Tri Kappa week is Feb. 21 through 27.

Tri Kappa is a philanthropic organization existing only within the boundaries of the state of Indiana. Established in 1901, Tri Kappa's purpose is to bring women into close, unselfish relationships for the purpose of charity, culture and education. Each year, the 146 local chapters join with the state organization to contribute approximately \$1.5 million to Indiana charities and students. Tri Kappa is proud to have supported Riley Hospital since 1922.

On the local level, our chapter gives Christmas gifts to each nursing home and Jay County Retirement Center. We award six schol-

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arships to high school seniors, and we donate to 20 community organizations.

As is the case with many philanthropic organizations, 2020 was a hard year for our local chapter. One of our three main fundraising events, the April Bingo, had to be canceled. We also had lower proceeds from fair week. Because of this, we regrettably had to cut back on some of our giving.

We would like to thank those who have supported Tri Kappa in the past, and especially this past year by supporting our annual Terri Lynn Nut and Abbott caramel sale. Unfortunately, our 2021 April Bingo will again have to be canceled. But we hope to see you at the 2021 Jay County Fair.

Jay County is a great place to live and raise a family, in part because of the giving, both financial and of time and talents, of the several philanthropic organizations in our community. Please remember to support not just Tri Kappa, but all philanthropic groups, whenever possible.

Jodi McKee
President
Beta Theta chapter of Tri Kappa

Voucher expansion deserves an F

South Bend Tribune

With public schools grappling with the challenge of educating students during a pandemic, with uncertainty about funding, Republican lawmakers in the Indiana General Assembly have chosen to go all-in on growing the state's voucher program.

Three proposals would expand the state's private school vouchers and create a new Education Scholarship Account program, allowing parents to access the state dollars that would be spent on educating their children

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through an online portal to spend on education expenses like tuition, supplies or uniforms.

The expansion would power an increase of potentially tens of millions of dollars to the program.

In total, these publicly funded private school programs would receive a

substantial portion of the new K-12 education dollars in the House budget.

Not surprisingly, a number of groups have lined up in opposition to these proposals, including the Indiana Parent Teacher Association, the Indiana Association of School Business Officials and Indiana Urban Schools Association.

Last week, three former superintendents of public instruction issued a letter coming out against the proposals. The letter was signed by Suellen Reed Goddard,

Glenda Ritz and Jennifer McCormick.

At a news conference on Monday, Reed Goddard said that "Now is not the time to divert any of our funding from public education."

She's right. Legislators who propose pouring additional money into the state's voucher program at the expense of public schools short on funds during a public health crisis should turn their attention elsewhere: to the issues and needs within public schools, which 90 percent of K-12 students attend.

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Winter damage

Plumber Troy Watts, left, discusses the damage in Willie Hunt's house from water pipes bursting during last week's frigid storm. Since a hard, icy freeze descended on Valentine's Day night, holding firm for more than 72 awful hours, thousands in Houston city have been waiting for a plumber to fix their broken pipes and get their water turned back on. It's become a common greeting of shared misery: "How many days did you go without water?"

Missed ...

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Fencing and National Guard troops still surround the Capitol in a wide perimeter, cutting off streets and sidewalks that are normally full of cars, pedestrians and tourists.

The joint hearing, part of an investigation by two Senate committees, was the first time the officials testified publicly about the events of Jan. 6. In addition to Sund, former Senate Sergeant-at-Arms Michael Stenger, former House Sergeant-at-Arms Paul Irving and Robert Contee, the acting chief of police for the Metropolitan Police Department, testified.

Irving and Stenger also resigned under pressure immediately after the deadly attack. They were Sund's supervisors and in charge of security for the House and Senate.

"We must have the facts, and the answers are in this room," Senate Rules Committee Chairwoman Amy Klobuchar said at the beginning of the hearing. The Rules panel is conducting the joint probe with the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

Even after the hearing, much still remains unknown about what happened before and dur-

ing the assault. How much did law enforcement agencies know about plans for violence that day, many of which were public? And how could the Capitol Police have been so ill-prepared for a violent insurrection that was organized online?

Sund told the lawmakers that he didn't know then that his officers had received a report from the FBI's field office in Norfolk, Virginia, that forecast, in detail, the chances that extremists could bring "war" to Washington the following day. The head of the FBI's office in Washington has said that once he received the Jan. 5 warning, the information was quickly shared with other law enforcement agencies through a joint terrorism task force.

Sund said Tuesday that an officer on the task force had received that memo and forwarded it to a sergeant working on intelligence for the Capitol Police but that the information was not sent on to other supervisors.

"How could you not get that vital intelligence?" asked Senate Homeland Chairman Gary Peters, D-Michigan, who said the failure of the report to

reach the chief was clearly a major problem.

"That information would have been helpful," Sund acknowledged.

Even without the intelligence, there were clear signs that violence was a possibility on Jan. 6. Far-right social media users openly hinted for weeks that chaos would erupt at the U.S. Capitol while Congress convened to certify the election results.

Sund said he did see an intelligence report created within his own department warning that Congress could be targeted on Jan. 6. But he said that report assessed the probability of civil disobedience or arrests, based on the information they had, as "remote" to "improbable" for the groups expected to demonstrate.

Contee, the acting city police chief, also suggested that no one had flagged the FBI information from Norfolk, Virginia, which he said came in the form of an email. He said he would have expected that kind of intelligence "would warrant a phone call or something."

Sund and Irving disagreed on when the National Guard was called and on requests for the guard beforehand.

Vaccine decision expected quickly

By LAURAN NEERGAARD and MATTHEW PERRONE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Johnson & Johnson's single-dose vaccine protects against COVID-19, according to an analysis by U.S. regulators today that sets the stage for a final decision on a new and easier-to-use shot to help tame the pandemic.

The Food and Drug Administration's scientists confirmed that overall the vaccine is about 66% effective at preventing moderate to severe COVID-19. The agency also said J&J's shot — one that could help speed vaccinations by requiring just one dose instead of two — is safe to use.

That's just one step in the FDA's evaluation of a third vaccine option for the U.S. On Friday, the agency's independent advisers will debate if the evidence is strong enough to recommend the long-anticipated shot. Armed with that advice, FDA is expected to make a final decision within days.

The vaccination drive has been slower than hoped, hampered by logistical issues and weather delays even as the country mourns more than 500,000 virus-related deaths. So far, about 44.5 million Americans have received at least one dose of vaccine made by Pfizer or Moderna, and nearly 20 million have received the second dose required for full protection.

J&J tested its single-dose option in 44,000 people in the U.S., Latin America and South Africa. Different mutated versions of the virus are circulating in different countries, and the FDA analysis cautioned that it's not clear how well the vaccine works against each variant. But J&J previously announced the vaccine worked better in the U.S. — 72% effective against moderate to severe COVID-19, compared with 66% in Latin America and 57% in South Africa.

Still, in every country it was highly effective against the most serious symptoms, and early study results showed no hospitalizations or deaths starting 28 days after vaccination.

Board leaders resign

By PAUL J. WEBER and DAVID KOENIG

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Top board leaders of Texas' embattled power grid operator said Tuesday they will resign following outage over more than 4 million customers losing electricity last week during a deadly winter storm, including many whose frigid homes lacked heat for days in sub-freezing temperatures.

The resignations are the first since the crisis began in Texas, and calls for wider firings remain in the aftermath of one of the worst power outages in U.S. history.

All of the five board directors who are stepping down, including Chairwoman Sally Talberg, live outside of Texas, which only intensified criticism of the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. The resignations are effective today — a day before Texas lawmakers are expected to sharply question grid managers and energy officials about the failures during hearings at the state Capitol.

Another candidate for a director posi-

tion, who also does not live in Texas, said he was withdrawing his name.

Four of the departing board members acknowledged "concerns about out-of-state board leadership" in a letter to grid members and the state's Public Utility Commission, which oversees ERCOT. During the crisis, ERCOT officials removed contact information for board members off its website, saying they had become the target of threats.

The board members did not reflect on their own performance in the letter.

"Our hearts go out to all Texans who have had to go without electricity, heat, and water during frigid temperatures and continue to face the tragic consequences of this emergency," the letter read.

The other board members are vice chairman Peter Cramton, Terry Bulger and Raymond Hepper. Talberg lives in Michigan and Bulger lives in Wheaton, Illinois, according to their biographies on ERCOT's website.

Experts fear more prisoners

By VICTORIA MILKO

Associated Press

JAKARTA, Indonesia — Whether taken from their homes in the middle of the night or grabbed off the streets during protests, hundreds of people have been arrested in the weeks since Myanmar's military coup, leading human rights groups and experts to fear a sizable expansion in the number of political prisoners in the country.

As of Tuesday, some 696 people — including monks, writers, activists, politicians and others — had been arrested in relation to the coup, according to the Assistance Association for Political Prisoners, or AAPP, a Myanmar-based organization.

Many of those arrested were charged using a legacy of laws — some dating back to British colonial times and others institut-

ed under previous military regimes — that have been used against critics by every government, including the one led by Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party, which was ousted in the Feb. 1 coup.

"The National League for Democracy was comfortable leaving repressive laws on the books because in some instances they felt they might be able to take advantage of those laws themselves," said Ronan Lee, a visiting scholar at Queen Mary University of London's International State Crime Initiative.

"It's now clear that some of those laws are now going to be weaponized against democracy campaigners in a way that maybe the National League for Democracy didn't foresee," Lee said.



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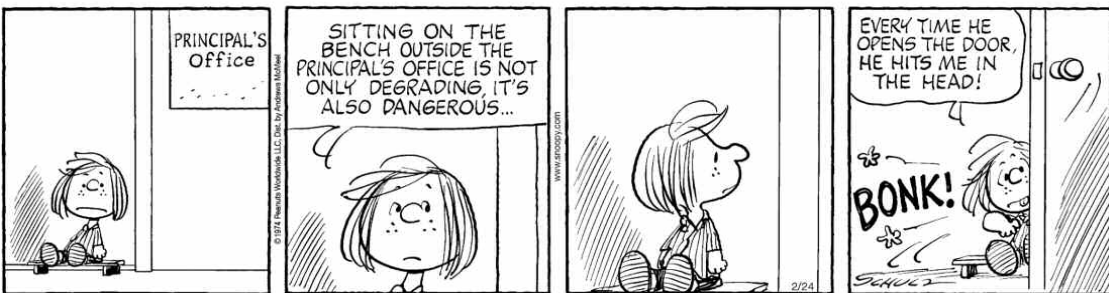
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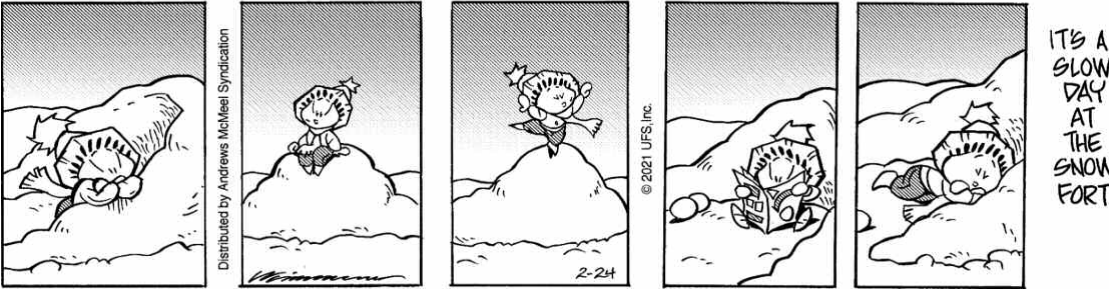
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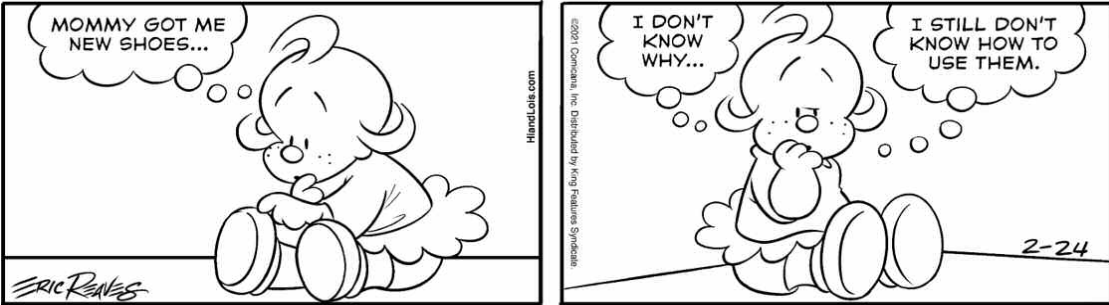
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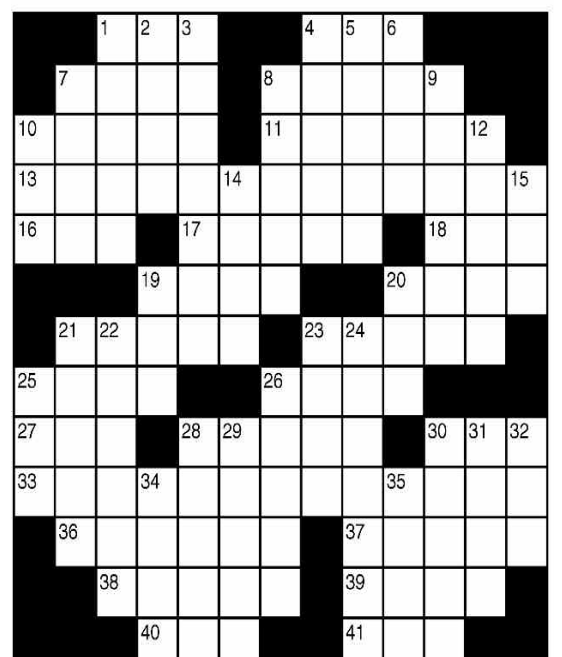
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Drill ...

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“We were attacking and started hitting some shots there, which really made a difference,” said Winchester coach Dustin Baldwin, whose team was coming off of back-to-back losses to Bishop Luers and Class 2A No. 10 Northeastern. “The ball never really stuck in that end of the third and all of the fourth. We were attacking gaps and just really, really playing team ball and stepping up and hitting some shots.”

The Patriots were able to get back to within eight points, but then went scoreless for the final three minutes of the game.

Burelison lit up the Jay County from the outside, pouring in seven 3-pointers for his game-high 21 points. Beshears added three as Winchester shot 11-of-24 from long distance to outscore the visitors 33-3 from beyond the arc. “We’ve been waiting on Brooks to come out of the

slump,” said Baldwin of the senior who was 7-of-15 from long distance. “Hopefully that happened tonight. Hopefully he’s got his confidence back going into the tournament.”

Sparks, who had a pair of dunks, followed with 10 points. He also snagged a game-high 15 rebounds and had four assists, with his passing one of the key factors in the game-changing, third-quarter run.

Most of the first three quarters was a back-and-forth affair, with the lead changing hands seven times.

Winchester’s largest advantage during that stretch was seven points while the Patriots were never up by more than two.

The Golden Falcons denied Jay County, which was coming off consecutive wins over Norwell and Seton Catholic, the opportunity to even its regular-season record. The Patriots will close out the regular season at home Friday against Belmont. The goal

for that game, Bomholt said, will be to limit errors that can erase a team’s opportunity to win.

“You can’t have five or six things happen in a game that you’re doing wrong. You can have one and maybe overcome it,” said Bomholt. “But when you don’t make your free throws and you don’t take care of the ball, give up defensively crucial threes at crucial times, when you put that together in one game you don’t stand much of a chance.”

Junior varsity

Jay County saw its double-digit lead slip away but turned in a strong fourth quarter for a 51-42 victory over the Golden Falcons.

The Patriots (9-7) roared out to a 12-point lead by scoring 18 in the opening period. They were up 25-13 at halftime before Winchester poured in 21 third-quarter points to get back in the game. The visitors, however, were able to close out the win with a 15-8

Box score			
Jay County Patriots at Winchester Golden Falcons			
Boys varsity summary			
Jay County (7-9)		PTS	
FG-FGA	FT-FTA		
Weitzel 2-8	1-1	6	
Faulkner 0-1	0-0	0	
Dowlen 0-6	1-4	1	
Dirksen 6-18	0-0	12	
GMhinkmp 1-3	0-2	2	
AMhinkmp 1-1	0-0	2	
Pearson 7-9	1-1	15	
Totals	17-46	3-8	38
	.370	.375	
Winchester (16-6)		PTS	
FG-FGA	FT-FTA		
WSickels 1-4	0-0	5	
McCoy 2-2	1-1	5	
Burelison 7-15	0-0	21	
DSickels 0-1	0-0	0	
Welch 1-2	0-0	3	
Beshears 3-5	0-0	9	
Patterson 2-3	0-0	4	
Sparks 4-7	2-5	10	
Totals	20-39	3-6	54
	.513	.500	
Score by quarters:			
Jay Co.	10	11	9
WCHS	11	13	19
	8	11	— 54
3-point shooting: Jay County 1-11 (Weitzel 1-2, Dirksen 0-5, Dowlen 0-2, Faulkner 0-1, GMuhlenkamp 0-1). Winchester 11-24 (Burelison 7-15, Beshears 3-5, Welch 1-2, WSickels 1-3).			
Rebounds: Jay County 23 (Dirksen 5, Pearson 5, Weitzel 4, team 4, Hensler, Faulkner, Dowlen, GMuhlenkamp, AMuhlenkamp). Winchester 25 (Sparks 15, Patterson 3, McCoy 2, team 2, WSickels, Welch, Beshears).			
Assists: Jay County 9 (Dirksen 3, GMuhlenkamp 3, Weitzel 2, Dowlen). Winchester 11 (WSickels 6, Sparks 4, Patterson).			
Blocks: Jay County 2 (Weitzel, Faulkner). Winchester 4 (Sparks 2, WSickels, McCoy).			
Personal fouls: Jay County 4 (Weitzel 2, Faulkner, Pearson). Winchester 10 (WSickels 4, DSickels 3, McCoy, Welch, Sparks).			
Turnovers: Jay County 9. Winchester 11.			

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery — Girls swimming state final at C.T. Brannin Natatorium in Canton — 4:30 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Junior high wrestling at Woodlan — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball district semifinal vs. Minster at Wapakoneta — 5:30 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Boys basketball tripe-header vs. Bellmont — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball sectional final TBA — 7 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Gymnastics wrestling at Concordia — TBA; Junior high wrestling hosts Jay County Invitational — 9:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Marquette at North Carolina (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Golden State Warriors (FSN)

9 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Alabama at Arkansas (ESPN2); Xavier at Providence (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Utah (ESPN)

11 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Fresno State at UNLV (FS1)

Thursday
7 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Iowa at Michigan (ESPN); Nebraska at Illinois (BTN); Western Kentucky at Houston (ESPN2); Washington at Arizona (FS1)

7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)

9 p.m. — Men’s College Basketball: Ohio State at Michigan State (ESPN); Boise State at San Diego State (FS1); Northwestern at Minnesota (BTN)

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North-South vulnerable.

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♥ 8 2
♠ A 1 9 6 4
♣ A 10 3

WEST
♠ K 8 3
♥ 10 7 4
♦ 8 3
♣ 9 7 5 4 2

EAST
♦ J 10 9 4 2
♥ J 9 6 3
♦ K 5
♣ K 8

SOUTH
♦ A Q
♥ A K Q 5
♦ Q 10 7 2
♣ Q J 6

The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — four of clubs.

Experience shows that when a side has 26 points or more in the combined hands, a game can nearly always be made. But mere possession of these points doesn't mean the game is automatically awarded to the side that has them. There is first the question of selecting which game to bid, and then there is the question of how declarer manages his assets.

Take this case where West led a club and declarer played low from

dummy, losing the finesse to East's king. Back came the jack of spades, the queen losing to the king, and a spade continuation drove out the ace.

When declarer then tried his third finesse — this time in diamonds — East won and cashed his spades to put South down two.

The hand shows how easy it is to fall victim to habit. It is admittedly tempting to finesse West's opening club lead, but declarer should put up the ace more quickly than he can say Rumpelstiltskin. Taking the ace assures the contract, while taking the finesse jeopardizes it. The finesse should therefore be rejected.

If South were dealing only with the problem of winning the maximum number of club tricks, he would of course finesse. But that is not his assignment. He is trying to make three notrump, and he should not allow himself to be diverted from that goal by the opportunity to take a club finesse. Instead, he should take the ace of clubs, cross to the ace of hearts, lead the queen of diamonds and finesse.

If the diamond finesse loses, South has nine tricks. If it wins, he has at least 10 tricks. The 30 points he may gain by winning a club finesse are a drop in the bucket compared to the value of making a game.

Tomorrow: A positive approach.

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Woods faces tough recovery

By **STEPHANIE DAZIO** and **DOUG FERGUSON**

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — In a career filled with remarkable comebacks, Tiger Woods faces his toughest recovery of all.

Woods was driving through a sweeping, downhill stretch of road through coastal suburbs of Los Angeles when his SUV struck a sign, crossed over a raised median and two oncoming lanes before it toppled down an embankment, coming to a halt on its side.

The airbags deployed. A sheriff's deputy poked his head through a hole in the windshield to see Woods, still wearing his seatbelt, sitting in the driver's seat.

The crash caused "significant" injuries all down his right leg that featured rods, pins and screws during what was described as a "long surgical procedure" at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Anish Mahajan, the chief medical officer, said Woods shattered tibia and fibula bones on his right leg in multiple locations. Those were stabilized by a rod in the tibia. He said a combination of screws and pins were used to stabilize additional injuries in the ankle and foot.

A statement on his Twitter account said he was awake, responsive and recovering.

"I will say that it's very fortunate that Mr. Woods was able to come out of this alive," said Carlos Gonzalez, the deputy from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department who was the first on the scene after a neighbor called 911.

"As if his body hasn't endured enough," Jon Rahm, the No. 2 player in the world, said from the Workday Championship in Florida. "I just hope he can get out of the hospital after recovery and he can still play with his kids and have a normal life."

The single-car crash was the latest setback for Woods, who at times has looked unstoppable on the golf course with his 15 major championships and record-tying 82 victories on the PGA Tour. He is among the most recognizable sports figures in the world, and at 45 with a reduced schedule from nine previous surgeries, remains golf's biggest draw.

He won the 2008 U.S. Open with shredded knee ligaments and two stress fractures in his left leg. His personal life imploded on Thanksgiving weekend in 2009 when he was caught having multiple extramarital affairs, and he returned to win his 11th award as PGA Tour player of the year and reach No. 1.

By **CHRIS SCHANZ**

The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — The Indians were hot from the field in the first half.

When they needed to be hot from the free-throw line, their touch turned cold. But they did enough to turn away the Rangers.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team staved off a potential fourth-quarter rally by the New Knoxville Rangers on Tuesday for a 65-51 victory in a sectional semifinal of the Division IV Wapakoneta District at Fort Site Fieldhouse.

"I thought our guys came out firing on all cylinders early on," said FRHS coach Jim Melton. "We got a little stagnant through a few periods there where they were zoning us and changing their defenses a little bit.

"Our guys just kind of stopped attacking and I was on them about attacking. We want to score, take the lanes (and) get what we want. I was proud of the guys for finishing the game."

Fort Recovery (12-11), the district's No. 6 seed, advances to the sectional final at 7 p.m. Friday against third-seeded St. Henry. The 16-7 Redskins, who defeated the Indians 43-42 on their home court Jan. 22, trounced Temple Christian 69-19 in their sectional semifinal.

Trailing 53-33 nearing the midway point of the fourth quarter, New Knoxville (5-17) started to foul in an effort to shorten the game and force the Indians into preserving the lead from the free-throw line.

New Knoxville, which had only committed two fouls up to that point, recorded five quick ones to get Fort Recovery in the bonus with 3:50 to play.

Patrick Covert and Sammy Anspach combined to outscore the Indians 16-6 in less than two minutes as the Rangers trimmed the margin to 59-49 with slightly more than two minutes to play. Covert and Anspach had eight points each, with both of them hitting a pair of free throws. Anspach scored another two from the stripe, and Covert had his other two points on a drive and a layup.

"They started fouling at the end to shorten the game and stop the clock," Melton said. "I get it. They started doing a two-man game, putting three guys on one side and doing a two-man pick-and-roll pop.

"We need to do a little better job of handling that situation."

During that span, Fort Recovery was 7-of-14 from the charity stripe, including missing the front end of a one-and-one twice and missing both double-bonus free throws twice.

In the final 1:57, however, the Indians were 4-of-6 from the line

Hot and cold

Indians on fire early on and ice cold down the stretch but hold on for double-digit win in opening round of sectional



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

Brian Bihn, a Fort Recovery High School senior, puts up a shot during the first quarter of the Division IV Wapakoneta District sectional semifinal against the New Knoxville Rangers on Tuesday at Fort Site Fieldhouse. Bihn had a game-high 22 points in helping the sixth-seeded Indians beat the No. 11 seed Rangers 65-51.

and got a layup from Cale Rammel as they outscored the Rangers 6-2.

New Knoxville committed 16 fouls while Fort Recovery was 11-of-20 from the stripe in the final 4:22.

Tribe post man Brian Bihn was a big reason why the Indians were able to build their lead. The 6-foot, 6-inch forward had nine of his game-high 22 points in the first quarter, guiding the Indians to a 17-8 advantage.

Bihn was a force as well in the second quarter, scoring six more as he went into halftime with 15, three less than New Knoxville had as a team. The Indians led 34-18 and were shooting 50% from the field.

On a handful of occasions, Bihn got the ball on the block and then kicked it back out to the wings. Three times, however, he faked that pass then went straight to the hoop for an easy bucket.

"We've been working (on the fakes to the perimeter)," Melton said. "We've been talking about him being a little bit more selfish. We like the unselfishness, but you're right there, 3 feet around the basket; just go up, big fella. Finish it."

Rammel hit a pair of first-quarter 3-pointers and finished with 14 points. Clay Schmitz had two triples in the second period and matched his jersey number with 12 points.

Anspach led the Rangers with 18 points, and Covert chipped in

Box score

No. 11 seed New Knoxville Rangers vs. No. 6 seed Fort Recovery Indians							
Score by quarters:							
	NKHS	8	10	11	22	—	51
	Fort Rec.	17	17	9	22	—	65
Division IV Wapakoneta District sectional semifinal at Fort Site Fieldhouse							
Boys varsity summary							
New Knoxville (5-17)							
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS				
Henschen	3-6	0-0	8				
Dyrness	0-1	0-0	0				
Covert	6-12	2-2	17				
Bierlein	4-10	0-1	8				
Anspach	6-13	2-2	18				
Osborne	0-0	0-0	0				
Thomas	0-1	0-0	0				
Underwood	0-0	0-0	0				
Totals	19-43	4-5	51				
	.442	.800					
Fort Recovery (12-11)							
	FG-FGA	FT-FTA	PTS				
Martin	2-3	1-2	5				
DJutte	1-3	1-4	4				
Schmitz	5-9	0-1	12				
Rammel	4-8	4-6	14				
Bihn	9-13	4-4	22				
Thobe	0-0	1-2	1				
DEvers	1-3	2-2	4				
OJutte	1-2	0-1	3				
Post	0-0	0-0	0				
Homan	0-0	0-0	0				
Leverette	0-0	0-0	0				
CEvers	0-0	0-0	0				
Totals	23-41	13-22	65				
	.561	.591					
3-point shooting: New Knoxville 9-22 (Anspach 4-9, Covert 3-5, Henschen 2-4, Bierlein 0-2, Dyrness 0-1, Thomas 0-1). Fort Recovery 6-12 (Schmitz 2-3, Rammel 2-3, OJutte 1-2, DJutte 1-1, Martin 0-1, Bihn 0-1, DEvers 0-1).							
Rebounds: New Knoxville 17 (Covert 9, Bierlein 3, Dyrness 2, Henschen, Anspach, team). Fort Recovery 30 (DJutte 6, Schmitz 5, Rammel 5, Bihn 4, OJutte 4, Martin 2, DEvers 2, team 2).							
Assists: New Knoxville 5 (Covert 2, Bierlein, Anspach, Osborne). Fort Recovery 9 (DJutte 2, Rammel 2, Bihn 2, Thobe 2, Schmitz).							
Blocks: New Knoxville 1 (Bierlein). Fort Recovery 2 (DJutte, DEvers).							
Personal fouls: 18 (Henschen 4, Covert 4, Dyrness 3, Bierlein 3, Anspach 3, Osborne). Fort Recovery 7 (Bihn 4, Thobe 2, Schmitz)							
Turnovers: New Knoxville 7, Fort Recovery 8.							

17 to go with his game-high nine rebounds.

Fort Recovery will be looking to avenge its earlier loss to Midwest Athletic Conference rival St. Henry in the sectional final. The Indians were trailing by five with one quarter to play in the previous meeting but, like Tuesday, struggled from the foul line in the fourth quarter.

They were 2-of-9 from the stripe in the last eight minutes as St. Henry rallied for the win.

"We're just going to go over and play our game," Melton said. "We've got two days to prepare. I'm sure coach (Eric) Rosenbeck is doing the same thing.

"We just appreciate the opportunity that lies ahead and look forward to Friday night."

Two-minute drill

Winchester closes third quarter on 13-1 run to pull away from Jay

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WINCHESTER — The Patriots played essentially even with their hosts for 22 minutes.

It only took two minutes for the game to get away from them.

The Winchester Golden Falcons closed the third quarter on a 13-1 run to take control Tuesday night as they handed the Jay County High School boys basketball team a 54-38 defeat.

"The third quarter determined the game," said JCHS coach Jerry Bomholt.

"We're down one. We're one possession away from going where we want to go with it. And then next thing you know, boom, boom, boom."

The Patriots (7-9) were down by just one with two minutes left in the third quarter when sophomore guard Jamison Beshears hit a 3-pointer to start the Winchester run. Payton Sparks, who stands 6 feet, 10 inches and has signed to play for Ball State University, followed with a steal and dunk, and then slipped a no-look pass from the free throw line to Cooper McCoy on the left block for a 37-29 lead.

After Josh Dowlen hit a free throw for JCHS, Sparks assisted on two more 3-pointers. The first came from Brooks Burelison in on the left wing and the second from Paul Welch in the left corner as time expired in the period.

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Jay County High School sophomore Dusty Pearson puts up a shot during the third quarter of the Patriots' 54-38 loss Tuesday at Winchester. Pearson made his first four field-goal attempts and finished 7-for-9 to lead JCHS with 15 points.