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The CR Recommends

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Over the last few years, this feature has become a tradition. Our answer to the top 10 lists of books, music, TV, movies, podcasts, etc. that always pop up at the end of the year is CR Recommends. Rather than compiling list after list in various categories and ranking them, we simply ask our reporting staff to share their favorites. With a staff ranging from 20-something interns and reporters to the sort-of-retired CR president Jack Ronald — he’s back helping out on a daily basis as we await a new sports editor — we end up with fairly eclectic mix. We hope you are able to try at least some of them and find something new to enjoy.

Local interest

Chimichanga Tropical

Pineapple on pizza has sparked debate for years. What about pineapple on chimichangas? Cuervo’s Tacos II in Portland offers “Chimichanga Tropical,” a deep-fried burrito filled with al pastor meat and topped with cheese and pineapple. When Cuervo’s opened earlier this year, I decided to venture out of my comfort zone and try one of their house specials. Although I’m not a pineapple pizza lover, the combination of sweet and savory in this dish really hits the spot. — Bailey Cline

Good-Rich Brewery

This recommendation comes from two angles: I love beer, and I was lucky enough to pour beer there for a couple of months. Now that the local brewery is open — 5 to 9 p.m. Thursday through Saturday — the offerings are a must-try for beer lovers like me. The “IDLB, B – I Don’t Like Beer, Beer” is fruity and, as it suggests, doesn’t quite taste like beer. Other staples like “Pretty Blonde Ale” and “American Wheat Raspberry” go down easy too. The taps constantly change, so be sure to visit often to see what Wil Goodrich will brew next. — Chris Schanz

Truck patch baked potato

What is a “truck patch” baked potato? I wondered the same thing when I first encountered it. It’s a specialty of Payless Pizza that features a baked potato covered in barbecue beef, onions, peppers and cheese, topped with sour cream. And it is spectacular. We’re obviously not talking about diet fare here, but if you’re in need of a hearty comfort food you can’t do much better than this. (Pro tip: I learned from friend Ric Van-Skyock, who introduced me to the truck patch, to order double meat and double cheese.) — Ray Cooney

Podcasts

Mayim Bialik’s Breakdown

My wife and I got hooked on “Big Bang Theory” in the past year. Mayim Bialik’s character, Amy, became one of my favorites on the show. The actress, “Jeopardy!” host and real-life neuroscientist launched her own podcast in January 2021 that focuses on myths and misunderstandings of mental health issues. — Chris Schanz

Revolutions

For a history buff, this is a top choice. Host Mike Duncan chooses a revolution and explores it in depth. The first season covers the English Civil War of the 1600s. The second, the American Revolution. You’ll learn a lot, but be prepared because the journey isn’t short. It takes more than 50 episodes to work through the French Revolution. The Russian Revolution? 80. There are 10 seasons, so this one can keep you busy for a long time. — Ray Cooney
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Television

Carpool karaoke

My TV viewing tends to fall back on things I already know I like. (Let’s not talk about how many times I’ve watched the “Parks and Recreation” and “The Office” series.) So I’m kind of cheating in this category. But if you haven’t seen them, I highly recommend searching YouTube for The Late Late Show With James Corden’s carpool karaoke segments. They are a combination of great music and comedy. It’s difficult to imagine him ever doing one better than the ride with Paul McCartney. Ed Sheeran, Adele and Sam Smith are a few of my other favorites. — Ray Cooney

School of Chocolate

I’m a sucker for chocolate, and I’m growing to love art in all its forms. Swiss-French pastry chef Amaury Guichon has more than 5 million followers on Instagram for his work sculpting chocolate, and he hosts a game show on Netflix in which eight pastry chefs vie for a \$50,000 prize. The artistry on the show is stunning, and seeing the process they take to make their creations keeps me hooked. — Chris Schanz

WandaVision

Disney released the first episode in January. The series follows Marvel superheroes Wanda Maximoff (also known as the “Scarlett Witch”) and Vision in their day-to-day lives in a suburban New Jersey neighborhood. Each episode, “WandaVision” takes notes from a different popular show in past decades, such as “Bewitched,” “The Brady Bunch” and “Modern Family.” Secrets about Wanda’s past are also quickly revealed, setting a dark tone on the town of Westview and its occupants. If you’re a fan of old sitcoms, it’s worth a watch. — Bailey Cline

Two file to run for recorder

Hesher and Upp file for GOP primary

The early hours of election filing provided one contested race.

Another was added later in the day.

Becky Hesher and Melanie Upp filed Wednesday to run in the Republican primary for Jay County recorder.

The filings for recorder gave the county a second contested race for the primary election after Republicans Tony Lennartz and Patrick Wells, who are seeking to become Jay County Sheriff, were among the first to fill out their paperwork early Wednesday.

Also Wednesday, Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker, who represents the middle district, and State Sen. Travis Holdman filed to run for re-election.

Upp and Hesher are both currently employed in county offices at Jay County Courthouse. Upp works in the treasurer’s office while Hesher serves under Betty St. Myers, the county recorder.

St. Myers is ineligible to run for re-election because she has served two consecutive terms.

Wells and Lennartz are both longtime sheriff’s office employees. They are seeking to replace Dwane Ford, who, like St. Myers, can not seek re-election after serving two consecutive terms.

Aker, a Republican who currently serves as commissioner president, is seeking his second term. He won election in 2018 by defeating his cousin Brian Aker in the general election after topping incumbent Barry Hudson and Caleb Lutes in the primary.

Holdman filled out his paperwork in Indianapolis and announced the filing in a press release late Wednesday. The Republican represents the 19th District, which after redistricting will include Jay, Adams, Wells and Blackford counties as well as part of Allen County, and has been in office since 2008.

Robin Alberson filed to run for a second term as Jay County’s assessor.

Others who filed to run for office Wednesday were Republican Jeff Overholser for Noble Township Board and Jenae Blasdel for Republican convention delegate.

Bill sparks debate over school curriculum

By CASEY SMITH

Associated Press/Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana lawmakers on Wednesday began debate on a Republican-backed bill that would require all school curricula to be posted online for parental review and ban schools’ ability to implement concepts like critical race theory.

The proposal, which Republican bill author Sen. Scott Baldwin maintained is intended to prevent certain “discriminatory

concepts” from being taught in classrooms, prompted a full day of back-and-forth testimony before the Senate education committee from school advocates, teachers and parents.

The first draft of the Senate bill prohibits K-12 schools from requiring a student or employee to “engage in training, orientation, or therapy that presents any form of racial or sex stereotyping or blame on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or politi-

cal affiliation.” Teachers would also not be allowed to “include or promote” such concepts as part of their curriculum.

The bill does not explicitly reference critical race theory, which has become a catch-all term for the idea that racism is systemic in the nation’s institutions and that they function to maintain the dominance of white people in society.

Instead, it instructs that schools can’t teach “that any individual should feel discom-

fort, guilt, anguish, responsibility, or any other form of psychological distress” on account of what Baldwin called “the eight specific divisive concepts” outlined in the bill text.

Baldwin said a core aspect of the bill requires transparency for parents by requiring that all curriculum be published online, and by creating curriculum committees with parents on them to approve classroom materials. He questioned whether posting curriculum

online was too burdensome for teachers, however, and said he was open to amending that language.

Bob Taylor, executive director of the Indiana Association of Public School Superintendents, echoed testimony from numerous educators Wednesday that requiring syllabi or course outlines to be published, rather than entire lesson plans, would be less punitive and cumbersome for individual teachers.

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In review

Jay School Board will meet in executive session at 4 p.m. Monday at General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. The board will hold its organizational meeting at 5 p.m., and it will meet as the school corporation’s board of finance at 5:15 p.m.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 37 early Wednesday. The low dipped to 14 just before midnight with a wind chill of minus 4.

Tonight’s low will be 7, with winds up to 20 miles per hour and a wind chill of minus 5. Friday’s high will be in the low 20s. See page 2 for an extended forecast.

Correction

There was an error in Wednesday’s newspaper in the information below a photo of candidates who filed for county elections. Tony Lennartz, a candidate for Jay County Sheriff, was incorrectly identified in the photo. The information in the accompanying story was correct.

Coming up

Friday — Coverage of today’s Portland Board of Works meeting.

Tuesday — Results from Saturday’s JCHS boys basketball game at Adams Central.



Curriculum ...

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According to the legislation, parental consent would also be needed for ongoing mental, social and emotional services to students, except in cases of crisis or emergency.

If schools violate the law, the bill empowers parents to bring a lawsuit against the school corporation.

Baldwin maintained Wednesday that the bill was drafted in a different format before the 2021 legislative session, and emphasized that he heard "many complaints" from constituents about "divisive" con-

cepts being taught in Indiana schools.

He further insisted that nothing in the bill intended to prevent the teaching of "historical facts."

"Teaching factual topics, past of present, good or bad, is not a subject of this bill," he said. "We're creating new language in Indiana code to make it crystal clear these are discriminatory concepts that don't believe in Indiana schools."

Gail Zeheralis, the Indiana State Teachers Association's Director of Government Relations, said the bill will have a

negative effect on teachers, though, making them will feel "constrained" by what they'll be allowed to teach, and adding to already "frustrating" workloads.

"The bill is coming at a time of tremendous stress in our schools, coming at a time when teachers and staff have moved heaven and earth to put an educational program together to meet kids where they are, both in-person and remotely," Zeheralis said. "It will hurt kids' abilities to learn and grow, both in terms of their understanding of the world, and in

their own critical thinking skills development."

Two similar bills filed in the House would additionally require schools to post learning materials and educational activities publicly online.

One piece of proposed legislation requires students to be taught that concepts like "socialism, Marxism, communism, totalitarianism, or similar political systems" are "incompatible with the concepts of freedom upon which the United States was founded," in grades six through 12.

The legislation also allows

parents to opt their students out of face mask or vaccine requirements, and mandates that schools can not require vaccination against COVID-19 or another communicable disease "as a condition for employment, enrollment, attendance, or participation in a school corporation or qualified school or in a school extracurricular activity."

Another bill, which similarly requires schools to post curricular materials online and stipulates what can and cannot be taught in classrooms, will be heard by the House education committee on Monday.

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Friday 1/7	Saturday 1/8	Sunday 1/9	Monday 1/10	Tuesday 1/11
21/13	37/33	37/11	21/10	27/22
Mostly sunny skies are expected Friday with wind chill values as low as -10 degrees.	Another day of mostly sunny skies, with wind gusts reaching as high as 25 mph. Rain likely at night.	There's a 20% chance of rain before 10 a.m. Otherwise, mostly cloudy throughout the day.	More mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Monday. The high will be around 21 degrees.	Tuesday should be sunny, with the high temperature reaching about 27 degrees.

Lotteries

Powerball 6-14-25-33-46 Power Ball: 17 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$20 million	Cash 5: 14-18-24-36-45 Hoosier Lotto: 8-14-16-23-29-34 Estimated jackpot: \$4.6 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$278 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 8-9-2 Pick 4: 2-9-3-5 Pick 5: 3-4-3-8-6 Evening Pick 3: 6-9-9 Pick 4: 9-0-1-5 Pick 5: 2-8-3-8-3 Rolling Cash: 1-16-32-34-39 Classic Lotto: 2-9-36-38-39-43 Kicker: 3-4-2-8-7-8 Estimated jackpot: \$19.7 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 7-4-8 Daily Four: 3-9-2-5 Evening Daily Three: 3-5-3 Daily Four: 3-6-6-6 Quick Draw: 1-4-14-15-17-18-23-26-28-30-39-45-46-49-50-54-64-67-71-80	

Markets

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Today in history

On Jan. 6, 2021, supporters of President Donald Trump, fueled by his false claims of a stolen election, assaulted police and smashed their way into the Capitol to interrupt the certification of Democrat Joe Biden's victory, forcing lawmakers into hiding; most of the rioters had come from a nearby rally where Trump urged them to "fight like hell." A Trump supporter, Ashli Babbitt, was shot and killed by a police officer as she tried to breach a barricaded doorway inside the Capitol. Capitol Police Officer Brian Sicknick, injured while confronting the rioters, suffered a stroke the next day and died from natu-

ral causes, the Washington, D.C., medical examiner's office said. (In the weeks that followed, four of the officers who responded to the riot took their own lives.) Congress reconvened hours later to finish certifying the election result.

In 1838, Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, New Jersey.

In 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.

In 1972, Lawrence W. Hudson, a Portland resident who was chairman the Mutual Security Company board, died after a brief illness at the age of 83.

—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioner's room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting	4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay School Board executive session, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

House GOP proposes cut

By TOM DAVIES

Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana House Republicans are proposing broad business and individual tax cuts even as the state's Republican governor and state Senate have been cautious about taking major action this year.

The House proposal released late Tuesday would cut Indiana's current individual income tax rate of 3.23% over the next four years to 3.0%. That would ultimately reduce state tax collections by an estimated \$500 million a year when fully implemented in 2026.

The plan also proposes cuts in several business taxes, potentially cutting those tax bills by between \$700 million and \$850 million a year.

The proposal comes as officials have estimated that a big jump in state tax

collections would boost Indiana's budget surplus to a whopping \$5.1 billion, or 29% of state spending, by the end of next June.

Holcomb and top Senate Republicans have taken a cautious stance on possible tax cuts during this year's legislative session, saying they are worried about inflation and a possible slowdown in state sales tax collections when federal COVID-19 relief payments end.

House Speaker Todd Huston said Tuesday he would continue to push Holcomb and Senate leaders to support substantial tax cuts.

"I feel strongly that with upwards of potentially \$5 billion in reserves and a \$2 billion structural surplus that we can do a tax cut responsibly," Huston said. "We're not trying to do anything that wouldn't position Indiana well, not

just for 2022, but 2023 and beyond."

Holcomb said Monday he had an open mind about possible tax cuts but indicated he would rather wait on such a decision until a new two-year state budget is drafted in 2023 and there was more certainty about the economy.

The House Republican plan would cut the property taxes charged on business equipment by nearly \$400 million a year, according to legislative staff estimates. Utility company taxes would be cut an estimated \$220 million annually, while broadening a sales tax exemption on business equipment purchases could cost between \$85 million and \$250 million a year.

The proposed changes would result in state government becoming even more dependent on its 7% sales tax, which is already its biggest revenue source

and the second-highest rate in the country. Indiana's individual income tax is currently lower than any surrounding state.

Republican Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray said he was grateful the state's finances were strong enough to consider tax cuts, but that it would be unusual to do so before the next budget process in 2023.

"Headwinds in our economy, including inflation and workforce challenges, argue in favor of waiting for a budget year so the state of our economy can come more clearly into focus," Bray said in a statement Wednesday.

House Democratic Leader Phil GiaQuinta of Fort Wayne said money from the state's surplus could go toward needs such as helping parents pay for child-care expenses and lowering health-care costs.

Felony court news

Common nuisance

A Dunkirk resident was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court for maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.

Danielle D. Moser, 23, 458 E. Center St., was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail with all but 365 days suspended and given 222 days credit for time served. Moser was placed on probation for 365 days, fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge for possession of marijuana was dismissed.

Illegal driving

Two Jay County residents were sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle after forfeiture of license for life, a Level 5 felony.

Zackary C. Hare, 43, 1780 S. 875 East, Dunkirk, was sentenced to 1,460 days in Indiana Department of Correction with all but 545 days suspended and given 219 days credit for time served. He was placed on probation for 916 days and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for resisting law enforcement was dismissed.

Ryan L. Mikel, 47, 611 W. Main St., Portland, was sentenced to 1,460 days in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. Mikel was assessed \$185.50 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a habitual enhancement on his charge was dismissed.

Resisting law

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay

Circuit Court to resisting law enforcement, a Level 6 felony.

Nathan S. Lawhead, 43, was sentenced to two years in Indiana Department of Correction. He was also assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, the following charges were dismissed: two Level 5 felonies for two counts of battery with bodily injury to a public safety officer; two Level 5 felonies for disarming a law enforcement officer and operating a vehicle after forfeiture of license for life; two Level 6 felonies for strangulation and intimidation, two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and criminal trespassing.

Domestic battery

A Portland woman was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to battery, a Level 6 felony.

Heather M. Teal, 37, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served from July 11 to July 22. Teal was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention fee.

As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony charge for strangulation was dismissed.

Unlawful possession

A man from Union City was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony.

Jeremy M. Swoveland, 48, 1015 N. Howard St., was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days suspended and given two days credit for time served.

He was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 305 days.

Criminal assistance

A Muncie woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to assisting a criminal, a Level 6 felony.

Rebecca N. Foy, 21, 1400 E. 5th St., was sentenced to 365 days in Jay County Jail with all but four days suspended and given four days credit for time served. Foy was placed on probation for 361 days, fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of her plea agreement, two Class A misdemeanors for resisting law enforcement and criminal trespassing, as well as a Class B misdemeanor for disorderly conduct, were dismissed.

Burglary

A Dunkirk man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to burglary, a Level 5 felony.

Robert O. Patterson, 52, 444 N. Main St., was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served since April 22. Patterson was assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay \$400 restitution to Sandra Rollins. As part of his plea agreement, two Level 6 felony charges for possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed.

Theft

A Portland woman was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to theft, a Level 6 felony.

Jamie E. Spencer, 32, 648 Katelynn Drive, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served since Sept. 15, 2019. Spencer was assessed \$185 in court costs.

SERVICES

Friday

Hudson, Karen: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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

Saturday

May, Vickie: 11 a.m., Salomonia Church of Christ, 3900 S. 600 East, Portland.

Ashcraft, Mary: 1 p.m., Southside Church of Christ, 1209 S. Shank St., Portland.

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Politics sour friendship

DEAR ABBY: A friend of 40 years got mad at me after the last presidential election. I told her I didn't want to talk politics, since we voted for different candidates. She then emailed me saying she thought we should take a break from our long-distance phone calls. We had been calling each other every two weeks to catch up.

Dear Abby



day card and include in it that you treasure your friendship and wish her a speedy and complication-free recovery. After THAT, the ball is in her court.

Because it has now been more than a year, I emailed her, texted her and finally left a message on her answering machine asking if she was still mad. (I did this over a period of a week.) Then I got worried, since she's in her 80s. I finally called her daughter and was told she was in the hospital recovering from heart surgery. When her daughter told her I was trying to get in touch, I received a text that read, "Not mad. Just don't want to talk." I hate to give up on a long friendship. Her birthday is coming up. Should I send her a birthday card, or respect her wishes and give up? — OLD FRIEND IN FLORIDA

DEAR OLD FRIEND: Please don't jump to conclusions. People in the early stages of recovery from major surgery may not feel up to long discussions until they are stronger. By all means, send your friend a birth-

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to a lovely woman for 40 years. I recently found out that five years into our marriage she had an affair with a friend of ours. It lasted several weeks, during which they would meet at our house over the lunch hour.

My wife does not know this friend, having recently found religion, has confessed to me. I had suspected it for a few years. Should I tell her I know or just go on as though nothing happened? — IN THE KNOW IN ILLINOIS

DEAR IN THE KNOW: I cannot guess what justification this "friend" has given for trying to clear his conscience by telling you something that could destroy your marriage. The punishment for his guilt should

have been the burden of carrying it to his grave without sharing it with you. If his confession will erode your relationship with your wife, tell her what you were told so you can talk it through.

DEAR ABBY: My neighbor's husband died of COVID-related problems. I was never officially informed. About a week later, his clothing, favorite chair and other items were put on the curb in a free pile. While the pile is now gone, my concern is for the people who took the items. I will let you inform the world what might be the better solution. — PANICKED IN OREGON

DEAR PANICKED: I am glad to do that. The information is available to anyone who is interested. Folks, it's as near as your computer. Fire it up and go to [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html), where you will find a "Frequently Asked Questions" section with information about how the virus is spread and how to avoid contracting it. From what I have read, germs on surfaces are less likely to spread the virus than person-to-person contact.



Photo provided

Five generations

Pictured are five generations of the Mills, Mong, Masters and Ronald family. Standing are grandmother Melissa Mills and great-grandmother Evelyn Mong. Seated are Mother Rhianon Masters holding Aspen BriAnn-Rose Masters and great-great-grandmother Martha Sue Ronald.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

Community Calendar

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

Today

PTSD SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The

meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Friday

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 7, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each

month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

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.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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.

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Manufacturing has buoyed Indiana

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Cartoonists again have represented the new year of 2022 as a baby in diapers. More appropriately, 2022 peeks in cautiously, wearing a mask, standing in a circle with a 12-foot diameter and a certificate of vaccination in hand.

The old year, 2021 is seen wheezing, bedraggled and heading toward eternal rest in an overcrowded hospital emergency room.

We know the tragedy and turmoil of the coronavirus pandemic. Unemployment and simultaneous staffing shortages, plus supply chain disruptions and selective inflation, get the headlines.

What we may not appreciate is the actual performance of the

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economy during nearly two full years of COVID.

Clearly, COVID hit the economy in both the U.S. and Indiana in the first half of 2020. However, real gross domestic product (GDP) — the market value of goods and services, adjusted for inflation — shows there was already economic weakness evident. In the last quarter of 2019, private sector growth rates for the nation and Indiana were moving toward

zero.

When the third quarter of 2021 data for real GDP (the most recent figures we have) are compared with the same quarter in 2019, we find the nation as a whole has advanced only 1.9% for the entire two-year period. That's a pathetic record, but Indiana's growth rate of 3.7% is nearly twice the nation's and ranks seventh among the 50 states.

Who's lagging?

Of the 12 states that have yet to achieve recovery to the level of 2019's third quarter, the biggest economies are those of Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Together, these two states accounted for 5.4% of real GDP, more than three times Indiana's share of the nation's economy.

In addition, four energy pro-

ducing states (Oklahoma, Louisiana, Wyoming and Alaska), along with tourist-dependent Nevada and Hawaii, bring up the bottom of the list of laggards.

Why has Indiana done relatively well in this period of economic distress?

Once again, manufacturing drove the Indiana economy forward. Over the two-year period, third quarter 2019 to third quarter 2021, Hoosier manufacturing accounted for approximately 72% of the state's real GDP growth, but only 2.7% of the growth in the U.S. economy.

Nationally, about one-third of the real GDP growth came from just two industries: information services and financial/insurance services. Those two groups

contributed less than 12% of Indiana's advance.

For some time, cynics argued manufacturing is Indiana's hidden problem. They said, "Manufacturing is a shrinking part of the economy."

It is more realistic to say, "Manufacturing remains the mode by which knowledge is embedded in goods for diverse uses by all sectors of society. And specialization in such a key economic element leads to a prosperous economy."

Meanwhile, the sustaining value of financial and insurance services is an open question. In several respects, they may be warts on the economic body.

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Dysfunction has us behind

The Wall Street Journal

Biden Administration officials are crowing that they prevented a collision over 5G wireless spectrum between airlines and wireless carriers that had threatened to ground flights across America this week. But they created this problem, and the mess could endanger U.S. 5G leadership.

Congress charged the Federal Communications Commission with ensuring that wireless spectrum is deployed to balance the interests of different industries while advancing U.S. innovation. With the U.S. trailing China in 5G, former FCC Chair Ajit Pai moved regulatory mountains to free up more spectrum.

After public comment and technical review, the FCC in March 2020 issued a 258-page decision approving the repurposing of C-band spectrum from satellite operators for 5G. The document included precautions to prevent 5G signal interference with other spectrum users, including aviation.

Usually spectrum interference involves transmissions on the same frequencies, not in different bands. Airplane radio altimeters that measure the distance from the ground occupy bands in the same region but are still a safe distance from C-band. Think the distance between Trenton, N.J., and New York City.

The FCC nonetheless included a 220 to 400 megahertz buffer between the two bands, which was more than twice as much as what engineers deemed sufficient to prevent signal interference. Nearly 40 countries operate 5G on C-band spectrum—many at higher power levels or in closer spectral proximity to airplane radio altimeters than what the FCC had proposed—with no instances of interference. Two Navy radars also operate in frequencies much closer to altimeters at power levels that are 10,000 times greater than 5G base stations without any reports of interference.

Last January wireless carriers paid \$80 billion to the U.S. Treasury for the C-band spectrum and have since spent billions of dollars to deploy it. AT&T and Verizon had planned to light up their spectrum on Dec. 5. Yet Biden Administration officials interfered at the last minute, causing a near-crash between wire-

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less carriers and the aviation industry.

Enter Federal Aviation Administration Administrator Steve Dickson, who is eager to redeem the agency after its embarrassment over Boeing's 737 Max. On Nov. 2, the FAA warned airlines that 5G could interfere with safety instruments. AT&T and Verizon agreed to delay their rollout to Jan. 5.

This didn't satisfy Mr. Dickson, who warned that the 5G rollout might force the agency to reroute planes in bad weather. As if flying weren't stressful enough. On New Year's Eve, the FAA chief and his co-pilot, Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg, demanded more concessions from the wireless carriers that would effectively cede to the government control over the 5G rollout.

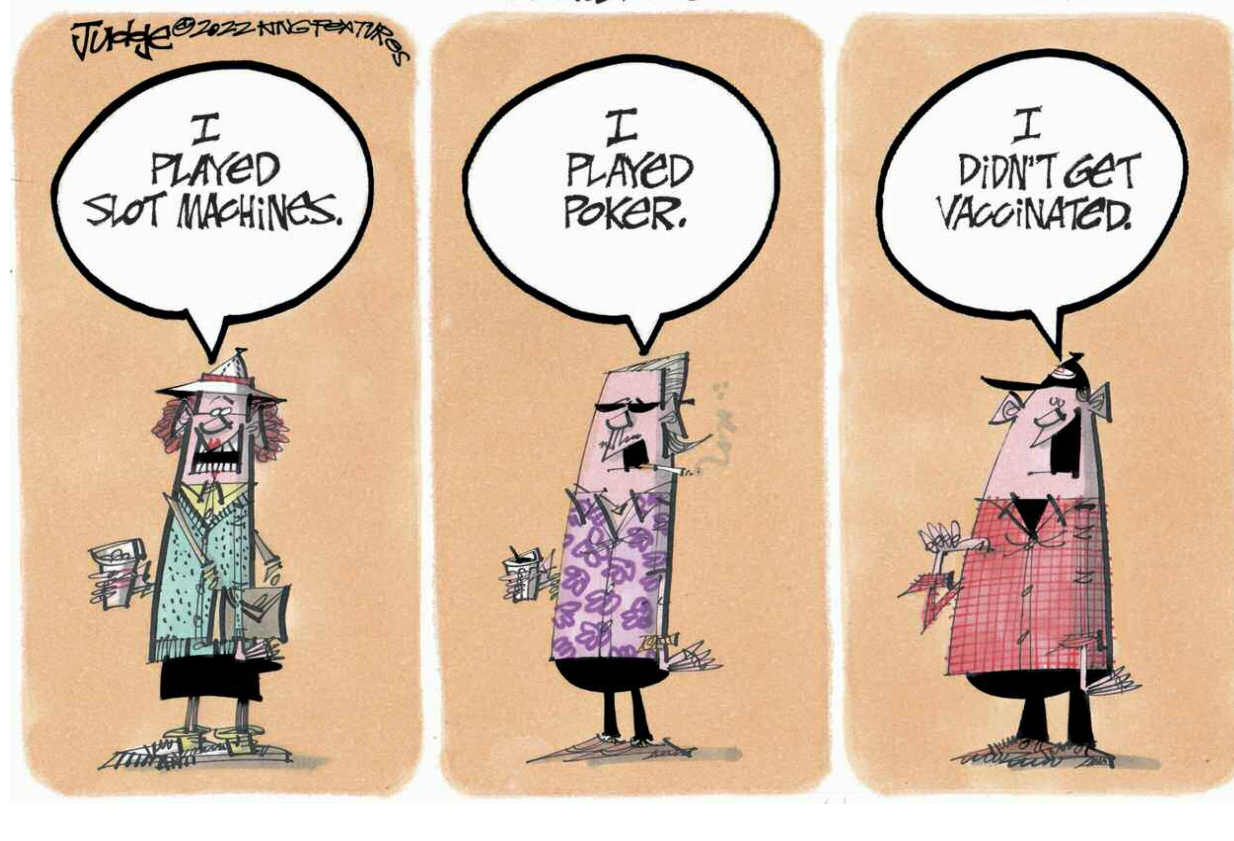
Verizon and AT&T on Sunday rebuffed their demand, offering instead to reduce C-Band power on runways and in the first mile of takeoff or final approach for six months. Yet airlines threatened to file suit, fearing the 5G standoff between their regulators and wireless carriers could disrupt flights.

Messrs. Dickson and Buttigieg on Monday accepted the wireless carriers' offer, albeit with a two-week delay supposedly to allow the FAA more time for safety studies. They are likely to demand that this delay be extended. Mr. Buttigieg isn't an expert in aviation or broadband, but he knows that there's no risk for him in overcaution—and it isn't his money.

Meanwhile, FCC Chair Jessica Rosenworcel, who had supported the C-band rollout, has for the most part been missing in action. Mr. Pai frequently had to assert himself during the Trump Presidency when heads of other federal agencies, including the Defense and Transportation departments, encroached on FCC turf. Ms. Rosenworcel is failing her first test as chair.

Politicians complain the U.S. is falling behind China in 5G, but dysfunctional government is a big reason.

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'Sportswashing' needs to end

By MINKY WORDEN

Special To The Washington Post

In 2019, then-International Ski Federation President Gian Franco Kasper told a German newspaper that the Olympics are "easier in dictatorships." The honorary International Olympic Committee member was referring to awarding the 2022 Winter Olympics to China. "Dictators can organize events such as this without asking the people's permission," Kasper said. He walked back his comments under pressure, but he had already said out loud what many sport federation leaders think in private.

The Beijing Winter Olympics open in a month and the FIFA World Cup kicks off in November in Qatar. With the world's two biggest sporting events being hosted by major human rights abusers, this year is forcing an overdue reckoning for powerful sports bodies that for years have sidelined their formal commitments to human rights.

The Olympics and the World Cup each have audiences of more than 3 billion people worldwide — almost half the global population — which is why China and Qatar so badly want to refashion their images as glamorous sporting hosts in good standing in the world. And why they are effectively "sportswashing" their abysmal human rights records.

Sportswashing is not new. Russia used hosting to spin its image with the 1980 Olympics and the 2018 World Cup. In 2008, the Beijing Summer Olympics were advertised as "a force for good" but instead featured journalist arrests, migrant labor abuses and the repression of civil society. Chinese and Qatari authorities have spent vast sums on public relations to win over fans.

The IOC failed to punish Chinese leaders for breaking their empty Olympic promises — and in 2015 awarded Beijing the 2022 Winter

Games. Since then, President Xi Jinping's government has arrested journalists, women's rights activists and lawyers; dismantled freedoms in Hong Kong; and committed crimes against humanity in Xinjiang, including mass detentions, torture, sexual abuse and cultural persecution of Uyghurs and other Turkic Muslims. Crimes against humanity are among the gravest human rights abuses under international law, making the Chinese government the wrong host for an event the IOC claims will "celebrate humanity." The IOC has uttered not a word about these abuses.

In Qatar, eight new or renovated stadiums will host 32 teams for the FIFA World Cup. Human Rights Watch has documented that the infrastructure for World Cup events has been built via the abusive kafala labor sponsorship system, leading to hundreds and possibly thousands of preventable worker deaths. In some cases, labor practices may amount to modern slavery.

Qatar is the world's richest nation per capita, but 2 million migrant workers have little power to bring complaints or escape abuse when employers control their exit from the country, residency and ability to change jobs. Many employers exploit this control by confiscating workers' passports, forcing them to work excessive hours and denying them wages. Reporting on labor abuses is hard in Qatar, a country without press freedom. LGBTQ rights do not exist, and Qatar also has a Saudi Ara-

bia-like male guardianship system that severely curtails basic rights for women and girls.

The case of three-time Chinese Olympian Peng Shuai focused the world's attention on the conflict between the rights of citizens, including world-class athletes, and the claimed privileges of autocratic governments to escape accountability. Chinese authorities silenced the tennis star after she accused a former top official of sexual abuse. In response, the Women's Tennis Association called off its tournaments in China. In contrast, IOC officials are effectively collaborating with Beijing's coverup.

But the IOC and FIFA find themselves in a new world in 2022, when there will be costs to coddling dictators. In December, the United States, Britain, Canada, Australia and Japan, the last Olympic host, announced a diplomatic boycott of the Beijing Winter Olympics.

In this new era of close scrutiny of corporate social responsibility, Olympic corporate sponsors including Coca-Cola, Procter & Gamble, Intel, Visa, and Airbnb have been called to the U.S. Congress to explain their funding of sportswashing.

This sport annus horribilis may ultimately prove how necessary human rights are to staging megaevents. The IOC and FIFA should reverse course and back athletes and human rights over profits. If they keep covering up for China and Qatar, their brands will be at great risk. If they acknowledge they can no longer sell games to the highest authoritarian bidder, they might survive 2022 by promising future games will be awarded on the basis of basic human rights and the values that athletes and fans expect them to share.

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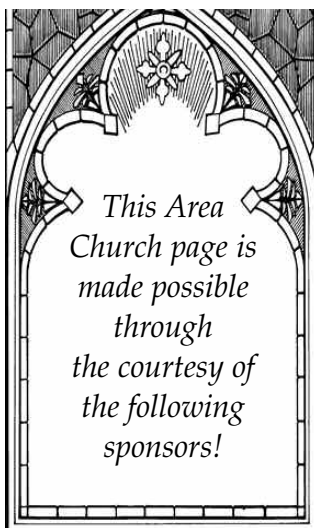
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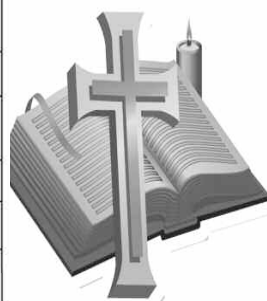
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Michael Burk
(260) 726-4282
Services: 10:30 a.m.

Bellefontain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
Gordon Jackson
Services: 9 a.m.

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Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
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Bluff Point Friends
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1209 S. Shank St., Portland
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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
Kevin McClung
(260) 729-7295
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Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
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Billy Stanton
(260) 251-2403
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Evangelical Methodist
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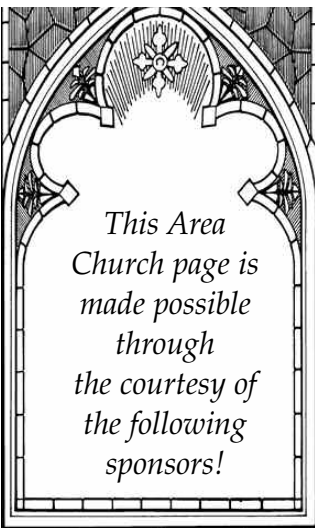
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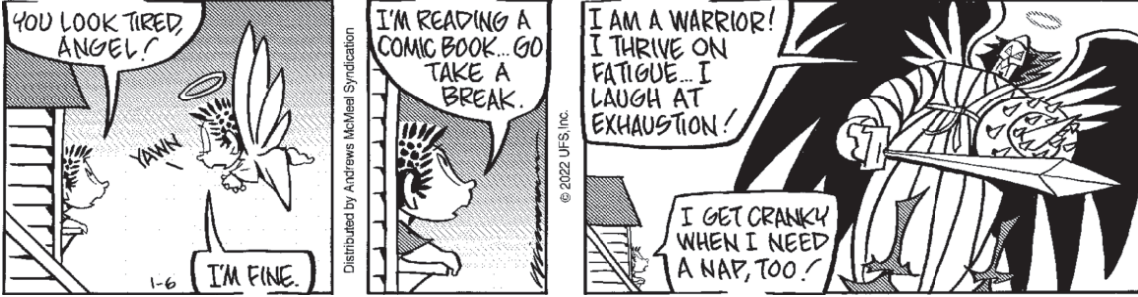
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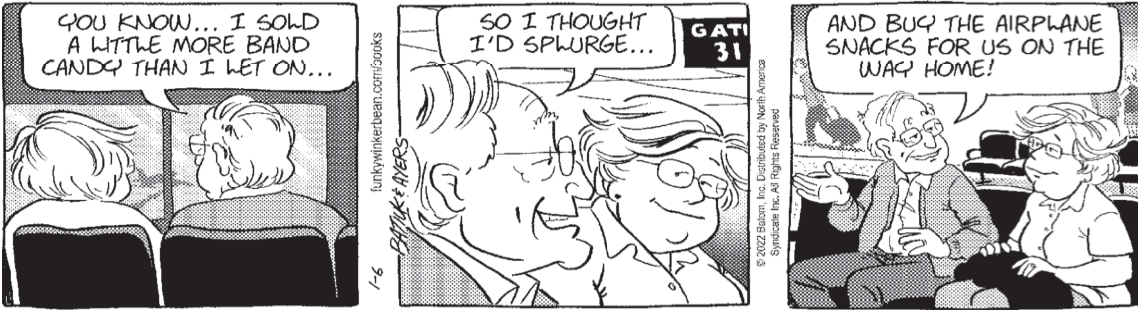
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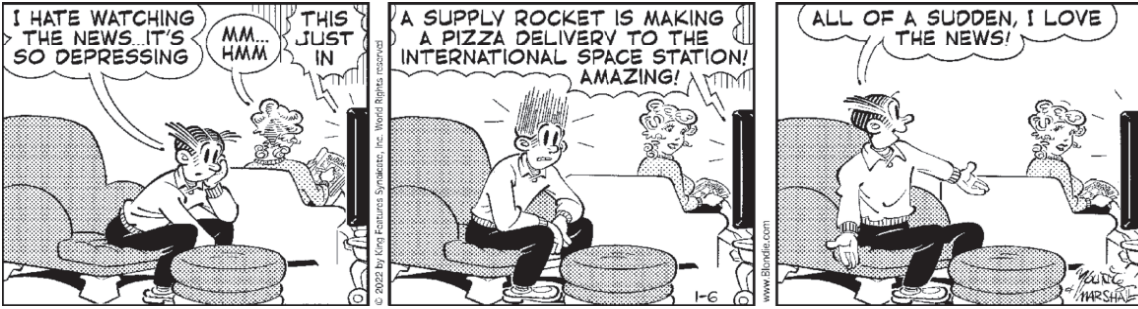
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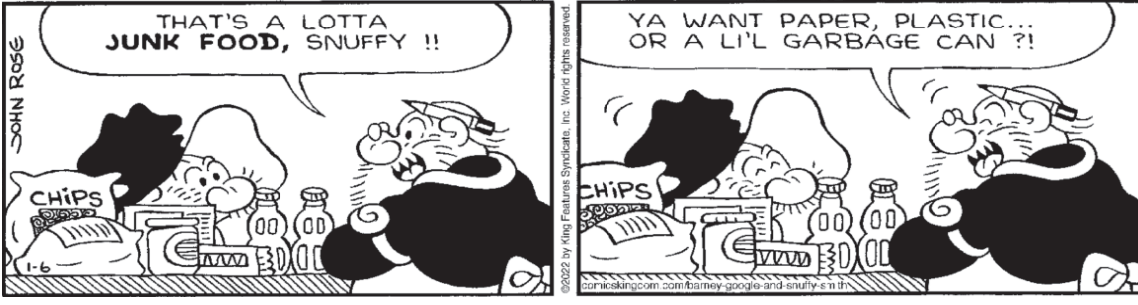
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Movies

A Quiet Place II

The sequel to John Krasinski's 2018 horror film hit the big screen in May. Both movies are set in a post apocalyptic world with roaming carnivorous monsters. The plot follows a deaf girl's family, who have stayed alive because they have learned their deadly enemies are sensitive to sound. All audio incorporated in both flicks is made with purpose. Like its predecessor, "A Quiet Place Part II" not only invokes a terrifying theme but also demonstrates the lengths a parent will go through to protect their children. — Bailey Cline

Don't Look Up

This Netflix original ignited conversations from all sides of the political spectrum. The movie acts as a social commentary, producing satire inspired by current events. Written by Adam McKay, the story follows two scientists (Leonardo DiCaprio and Jennifer Lawrence) as they attempt to warn the world of an incoming comet set to destroy Earth. The U.S. government fails to take heed and later attempts to capitalize off of the impending armageddon. Viewers have debated whether the movie is based on climate change, the coronavirus pandemic, or both. Regardless, it showcases issues such as greed, ignorance and nepotism. — Amy Schwartz



Netflix

"Don't Look Up" features two astronomers who go on a media tour to warn humankind of a planet-killing comet hurtling toward Earth. A distracted world turns a blind eye to the issue.

Books

Cloud Cuckoo Land

It was a great autumn for new fiction from some of my favorite authors. At the top of the list is this new offering from Anthony Doerr.

I found it mesmerizing. When I would take a break and put the book down, it almost felt like I was climbing out of another world.

Why? Because it takes you to 15th century Constantinople, 21st century Idaho, and Mission Year 65 in a spaceship trying to take "dying Mother Nature's silver seed to a new home in the sun," as Neil Young put it in a song long ago. — Jack Ronald

West With Giraffes

My reading was prolific in early 2021 before dwindling in part because of staffing changes at work and the return of Jay County Civic Theatre to live shows. This book by Lynda Rutledge isn't one I would typically pick up. I stumbled upon it as a free option through Amazon First Reads. I loved this coming-of-age story of a young man, down on his luck, who stumbles into taking part in a trip transporting giraffes via truck from the East Coast to the San Diego Zoo. It's a little slow at the start, but give it a chance. It is outstanding. — Ray Cooney

Video games

Lego Harry Potter

As the Harry Potter series celebrates its 20-year anniversary since the release of the first movie, many fans are searching for a way to celebrate. With this game, fans can explore the beloved wizarding world as a multitude of characters as they are tasked to complete various objectives, such as creating potions and casting spells. There are two versions of the game: one for years 1 through 4 and one for years 5 through 8. There is also a "Collection" version of the game, which includes every magical year in the students' journey through Hogwarts. — Amy Schwartz

Story of Seasons:

Pioneers of Olive Town

There's just something about farming simulators that warm my soul. If you're like me, you may find joy in this game. The player starts as a new farmer in a coastal village with plenty of room for crops and livestock. Other abilities including mining, chopping wood, clearing ponds, capturing wild animals, befriending townsfolk and restoring the land. ("Pioneers of Olive Town" takes heavy inspiration from the popular "Harvest Moon" franchise.) It displays vivid colors and even has an optional online aspect. Plus, it's just downright cute. — Bailey Cline



Photo provided

The Tedeschi Trucks Band (Music) launched in late 2008 when husband and wife Susan Tedeschi and Derek Trucks decided to set aside their solo careers and focus on a new band. Tedeschi is a singer and guitarist, and Trucks also plays guitar.

Other

The Tedeschi Trucks Band (Music)

You know who can still get your toes tapping and make you want to sing along? The Tedeschi Trucks Band, that's who. Singer Susan Tedeschi, who sounds as if she's genetically linked to the great Bonnie Raitt, joins with blues/rock guitarist Derek Trucks to produce some consistently enjoyable tunes. There's a bit of country, a bit of the blues and a bit of an edge to the performances. Good stuff for a road trip. — Jack Ronald

Joyce Sutphen (Poetry)

She is a Minnesota poet in the mold of Nebraska's Ted Kooser. There's an honesty in her poems, most of which are set in the farming community of her childhood. Consider these lines from the poem "Making Do": "The days were long. Money flowed away/on the river or the wind carried it./We were being relieved of a great weight./but at the time did not understand./We had become so accustomed to what/we did not need that for a while we thought/it was what we wanted, but we were wrong." Sutphen's latest volume is "Carrying Water to the Field," published by the University of Nebraska Press. — Jack Ronald

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The case of the telltale deuce

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K J 8
♥ 7 2
♦ 8 5 3
♣ A K Q J 3

EAST
♠ 9 5
♥ 10 9 8 6 4 3
♦ Q 2
♣ 10 7 2

WEST
♠ 6 3
♥ A Q 5
♦ A K J 9 6 4
♣ 9 4

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 7 4 2
♥ K J
♦ 10 7
♣ 8 6 5

The bidding:
North East South West
1♣ Pass 1♠ 2♦
2♠ Pass 4♣

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

Things are not always what they seem; in fact, sometimes they are exactly the opposite! Assume you're West and lead the king of diamonds against four spades. East plays the deuce and South the seven. Looking at only your own hand and dummy, what should you do next?
If you continue with the ace of diamonds, which seems the natural thing to do, declarer easily makes

the contract. But if you lead a low diamond at trick two, South goes down one. Your partner wins with the queen and returns a heart, bless him, and it's all over.

How can you possibly be expected to know that a low diamond lead at trick two is the only winning play? It's the right play, but it takes a few mental gyrations to reach this conclusion.

Your sole task is to interpret the meaning of your partner's deuce of diamonds. Ordinarily, a deuce means "stop playing the suit." But in the present case, it would be a serious error to attribute this meaning to it.

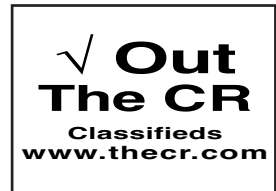
After the play to the first trick, you should reason that East cannot have either the Q-10-2 or the 10-2, since he would have played the ten from either holding to ask for a continuation. Therefore, he must have either the singleton deuce or the Q-2 doubleton.

Consequently, no harm can come from leading a low diamond at trick two. If East has no more diamonds, he will ruff and return a heart; if East started with the doubleton queen, he will win and also return a heart. So, oddly enough, the deuce cannot possibly mean what it appears to say.

Tomorrow: Test your play.
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT IS THE PREFERRED WARM BEVERAGE OF TELEVISION HOST TOM AND BEAT POET GARY? APPLE SNYDER.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals V

<p>90 SALE CALENDAR</p> <p>PUBLIC AUCTION Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 TIME 10:00 A.M. LOCATED: Sapphire's Reception Center — 1100 West Votaw Street, Portland, IN ANTIQUES</p> <p>Oak 12-ft bar-back from Cromer Brother's store in Portland, Oak double-drawer drop-front secretary, Large cherry double glass-door display cabinet, ornate Victorian love-seat & sofa, Oil lamps, Book collection. HOUSEHOLD — MISCELLANEOUS</p> <p>LG 50-in Flatscreen TV, Fishing poles & supplies, Several items not mentioned.</p> <p>**NOTE: The Joy's were avid antique collectors — This is a truly outstanding high-quality auction! Check out the photos online at either Auctionsoft, or AuctionZip, to see this wonderful collection!**</p> <p>OWNER: Dick Joy (deceased) & Lola Joy (owner) SHAWVER AUCTIONEERING AND REAL ESTATE AC31800004 AUCTIONEERS Zane Shawver Lic. #AU10500168 260-729-2229 Pete D. Shawver Lic. #AU19700040 260-726-5587 More Photos available at www.auctionzip.com & www.auctionsoft.com</p>	<p>100 JOBS WANTED</p> <p>AMISH CREW LOOKING FOR any work. No job is too big or small. Pole barns, roofing, remodeling. 260-849-2489.</p> <p>110 HELP WANTED</p> <p>MAINTENANCE/CUSTOMER SERVICE Part-Time, Pleasant working environment; flexible hours Applicant should be able to: Perform general cleaning and maintenance tasks Lift 50 — 75 lbs. Climb ladders Submit letter of application with experience and references or visit Arts Place for an application: Arts Place, Inc. 131 East Walnut Street P. O. Box 804 Portland, IN 47371 EOE</p> <p>\$10,000 SIGN ON BONUS FOR AN EXPERIENCED SEMI DRIVER needed in Portland, IN. Monday-Friday dedicated run only, \$0.60/mile, 2500-3000 miles/week. Lots of benefits included. Call/text 260.251.7839 or email customerservice@tjxpservice.com</p> <p>130 MISC. FOR SALE</p> <p>ALUMINUM SHEETS 23"x30", .007 thick. Clean and shiny on one side..35 cents each or four for \$1.40, plus tax. The Commercial Review, 309 W Main, Portland 260-726-8141.</p>	<p>130 MISC. FOR SALE</p> <p>PAPER END ROLLS FOR SALE Various sizes and prices. Call The Commercial Review at 260-726-8141 for more information.</p> <p>190 FARMERS COLUMN</p> <p>AG RENTAL Spreaders: BBI, Artsway Vertical. New Holland 228 skid loaders w/full cab, heat/ac. Fort Recovery 419-852-0309</p> <p>200 FOR RENT</p> <p>INMAN U-LOC Storage. Mini storage, five sizes. Security fence or 24 hour access units. Gate hours: 8:00-8:00 daily. Pearl Street, Portland. 260-726-2833</p> <p>LEASE SPACE available, Coldwater, OH. Manufacturing, warehousing, assembly, distribution, offices, inside and outdoor storage. Easy access to major highways and railroad access with loading docks and overhead cranes available. Contact Sycamore Group, 419-678-5318, www.sycamorespace.com</p> <p>NEED MORE STORAGE? PJ's U-Lock and Storage, most sizes available. Call 260-726-4631.</p>	<p>220 REAL ESTATE</p> <p>FOR SALE 2 Bedroom House, Gas heat, Located at 127 E Baker St. Portland IN. Call 765-305-2248.</p>	<p>230 AUTOS, TRUCKS</p> <p>CASH PAID FOR JUNK CARS Any year, any condition. Running or not. We tow away. 765-578-0111 or 260-729-2878. Massey's Towing</p> <p>WE PAY CASH for junk autos. We pick up at your location. 1-765-546-2642 or 1-765-857-1071. Slocum's Salvage</p>
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Sports

Irving helps Nets in season debut

By MARK AMBROGI
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Kyrie Irving scored 22 points and sparked Brooklyn to a big rally in the second half of his season debut. Kevin Durant had 39 and the Nets beat the Indiana Pacers 129-121 on Wednesday night.

Irving is ineligible to play home games because he is not vaccinated as mandated in New York City, and the Nets had decided against allowing him to just play road games for most of the season.

But they changed their mind last month and were glad they did Wednesday, when Irving helped them charge back from a 19-point deficit. The point guard played 32 minutes as Brooklyn snapped a three-game losing streak.

"He looks like himself, not that that's a surprise," Nets coach Steve Nash said.

Durant said it was amazing to see Irving out on floor again.

"He didn't act nervous. He has a nice poker face," Durant said. "He's a quiet guy. He plays with energy and passion."

Irving said he was nervous, adding it was different than any previous debut in his basketball career.

"This meant a little more, taking eight months off and so much uncertainty," he said "I settled down closer to the second half. Whatever the team (needs), I'll do."

Domantas Sabonis had 32 points, 12 rebounds and 10 assists for the Pacers, who have lost in six in a row. Lance Stephenson, who had two previous stints with the Pacers, scored 30 in his first home game with

the Pacers after signing a 10-day contract.

"Just working out two years, waiting for this moment," Stephenson said. "I'm so happy to be here, it's home. It's like playing in front of family."

Stephenson delighted the home crowd by scoring the final 20 points for the Pacers in the first quarter as Indiana took a 37-32 lead. He hit 8 of 9 shots, 4 of 5 3-pointers in that 6-plus minute stretch.

The 20 points were a record for any Pacers player in the first quarter. It was also the most points in the opening quarter for a player coming off the bench.

The Pacers shot 62% to a grab a 73-60 lead at half-time. Irving hit a shot at the third-quarter buzzer to cut Indiana's lead to 101-94. That capped an 8-0 run by the Nets.

Patty Mills sank a 3-pointer to put Brooklyn ahead for good at 107-106 with 7:23 left. Irving followed with two consecutive baskets to push the lead to 111-106 and Indiana never recovered.

"It came down to defense and effort, and second half was night and day to the first," Nash said. "It took us getting in a deep hole before we showed them the respect the game and them the respect they deserved."

Irving agreed that the comeback started on the defensive end.

Brooklyn shot 56% overall while Indiana finished at 49%.

"We kept our composure and made shots when we needed to," said James Harden, who added 18 points. "We got physical and challenged shots."



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Hollowell to the hole

Jay County High School sophomore Cash Hollowell drives past Carma Bryant of Concordia during the Patriots' 57-19 victory Thursday night. JCHS, which has won nine games in a row, will host Bluffton on Friday.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Swimming hosts Celina & Coldwater — 6 p.m.; Freshman boys basketball at Anderson — 6 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball at Fort Recovery — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball at New Knoxville — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball at New Knoxville — 5 p.m.; Junior high girls basketball vs. Jay County — 5 p.m.

Friday
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. Bluffton — 6 p.m.; Swimming hosts Jay County Diving Invitational — 6 p.m.; Jun-

ior varsity wrestling at Northeastern — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball vs. New Knoxville — 6 p.m.

Saturday
Jay County — Wrestling in IHSWCA Team State Finals at Martinsville — 9 a.m.; Swimming hosts Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys basketball tripeheader at Adams Central — 6 p.m.; Junior varsity wrestling at Northeastern — 9 a.m.; Junior high wrestling at Norwell Invitational — 9 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Swimming at Jay County Invitational — 9 a.m.; Boys basketball vs. Botkins — 6 p.m.

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7 p.m. — College Basketball: Ohio State at Indiana (FS1); Maryland at Illinois (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Minnesota Wild at Boston Bruins (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at New York Knicks (TNT)
8 p.m. — Women's College Basketball: Northwestern at Iowa (BTN)
9 p.m. — College Basketball: Iowa at Wisconsin (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los

Angeles Clippers at Phoenix Suns (TNT)
11 p.m. — College Basketball: USC at California (FS1)

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6:30 p.m. — College Basketball: Marquette at Georgetown (FS1)
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7 p.m. — College Basketball: Xavier at Butler (FS1)
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