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Podcast extends group's reach

Brianna's Hope has launched 'Faith in Your Recovery'

By BAILEY CLINE
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A local nonprofit organization started a podcast in October.

It has been listened to more than 10,000 times.

A Better Life - Brianna's Hope launched its first episode of "Faith In Your Recovery" just over three months ago. Executive director Randy Davis explained the podcast focuses on "all things recovery," with a goal of sharing addiction stories.

"We want to provide hope, we want people to know (recovery) can be done," he said. "We want people to know the resources that are available."

Davis explained the podcast aims to connect with others and show them a part of the struggles that come with addiction.

"We believe that will help reduce the stigma, you know, get them a better understanding because, I can't imagine going through this life without being touched by (addiction) in one way or the other," he said.

Brianna's Hope is a local nonprofit organization for those seeking recovery. Since its founding in 2014, its chapters have spread to 24 counties in Indiana and four counties in Ohio.

Twice a week, Davis heads to Anderson to record podcasts with a guest, usually a local with a story of addiction to share. He has also recorded at WPGW radio in Portland.

The idea for the podcast came from Eric Foley, who Davis met through mutual friends. Foley and a friend invested in equipment and started a podcast five years ago.

"He was hunting for something of this nature, we were able to fill that bill," Davis said.

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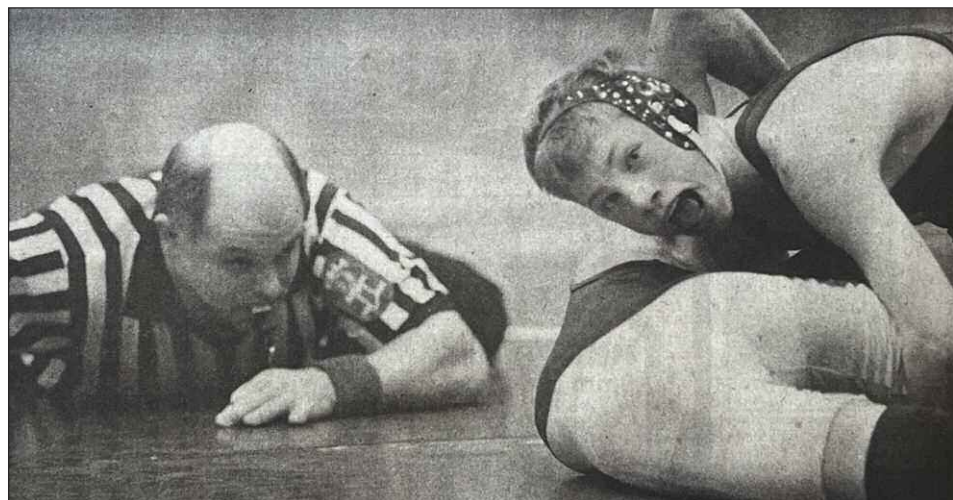
Hitting the hill

After the travel warning was lifted in Jay County about noon Friday, it was time to enjoy the snow that had shut down the community for the previous two days. Pictured above, siblings Tyce and Aubrey Foreman enjoy a sled ride down the hill at Hudson Family Park early Friday afternoon. Below, 15-year-old Kaylee Brock, experiencing her first full winter in Indiana after moving from Georgia, rides down the hill on a sled while dragging her friend Tina Gentry, 15, behind her.



Retrospect

Patriot wrestlers ended 9-year drought



The Commercial Review/Mike Snyder

Jay County High School's Brian Caster mugs for the camera during his championship match at 103 pounds during the Feb. 1, 1997, sectional tournament.

Twenty-five years ago this week, the Patriots were celebrating a return to the top.

The Feb. 3, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the Jay County High School wrestling team winning its first sectional championship since 1988.

The Patriots scored 226 points to knock off eight-time defending champion Winchester (172) in the four-team tournament. They advanced all of their 14 wrestlers to the regional round of the tournament.

"I don't think it could

have gone any better," said JCHS coach Craig Campbell, whose team had eight individual champions. "There's a couple of individuals that just missed it, but all in all, it was just one incredible experience."

Jay County senior Bart Brandenburg led the team as he won his fourth consecutive sectional championship by shutting out Winchester's Keith Nunley 8-0. Also winning titles were Josh Weesner (119 pounds), James Myers (125), Andrew Byrum (135), Jeremiah Abbott (145), Shawn Jordan (152),

(160) and Jason Million (171).

"I took them into the locker room before the finals and told them we had already locked up the team title, so there was no pressure on them," Campbell said. "At that point it was up to them where they would be in the individual regional draw. I was pleased with the way we wrestled in the finals."

Also advancing to the regional round with runner-up finishes were Brian Caster (103), Heath Alexander (112), Dustin Louck (140), James Brewster (189), Ryan Smitley (215) and Aric Hartvig (heavyweight).

Deaths

Marilyn Homan, 85, Coldwater, Ohio
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 19 degrees Friday. The low was 12.

Today's high will be 18 with wind chill values as low as negative 15. The low will be 9. Expect sunny skies Sunday with the high climbing to 29.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Because Jay County Clerk's office was closed Friday, by state statute the deadline to file to run in the May primary election has been extended until noon Monday.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's wrestling regional tournament at JCHS.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.



Obituaries

Marilyn Homan

July 22, 1936-Feb. 3, 2022 Marilyn C. Homan, age 85 of Coldwater, Ohio, died, Thursday, Feb. 3, 2022, at Briarwood Village in Coldwater. She was born July 22, 1936, in Osgood, Ohio, to the late Joseph and Cecilia (Bruening) Frey. On Sept. 28, 1957, she married Donald J. Homan and he died May 14, 2010. She is survived by 10 children, Becky (Paul) Overman of Fort Loramie, Ohio, Richard Homan

of Celina, Ohio, Dennis (Mary) Homan of Portland, Indiana, Rolly (Brenda) Homan of Coldwater, Joe (Diane) Homan of Coldwater, Mike (Holly) Homan of Sugarhill, Georgia, Russell (Lori) Homan of Coldwater, Ruth (Bill) Siefring of Fort Recovery, Rodney (Cindy) Homan of St. Anthony, Ohio, and Roman (Lucy) Homan of St. Anthony; 21 grandchildren;



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19 great-grandchildren; siblings and in-laws, Bertie (Willie) Bruns of St. Sebastian, Ohio, Bernice Frey of Osgood, Walter Braun of Maria Stein, Ohio, Mary Ann Young of Huntington, Indiana, and Pat Homan of Lima, Ohio. She was preceded in death by siblings and in-laws, Lucille (Andy) Bergman, Walter Frey, Ralph (Esther) Frey, Alvin Frey, Vernon (Julie) Frey, Herb (Dorothy) Hoying, Cy (Betty) Overman, Marian Braun, Lillian (Orlie) Flatt, Dolores (Donald) Replogle, Jean Homan, Zeno

Homan and Hilbert Homan, Joan & Jim Pleiman, Jack Young. She was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church. Marilyn was a homemaker who raised 10 children and then worked at Briarwood. The family wishes to thank Briarwood and Everheart Hospice for their wonderful care. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2022, at St. Anthony Church. Burial will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. on Monday and 9 to 10 a.m. Tuesday at the

Hogenkamp Funeral Home in Coldwater. Condolences may be expressed at hogenkampfh.com. The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Sunday 2/6, Monday 2/7, Tuesday 2/8, Wednesday 2/9, Thursday 2/10. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (29/17, 27/7, 28/20, 35/24, 32/18).

Podcast ...

Continued from page 1 "Faith In Your Recovery" aired its first show Oct. 22. "He's a natural, (and) I've had all different types of people in and out the studio," said Foley, who works at Anderson homeless shelter The Christian Center, of Davis as a podcast host. "I had never listened to a podcast," Davis admitted. "Now I am doing one." His original career choice had been radio or television broadcasting. In the late 1960s, Davis attended Ball State University and studied broadcasting. During his college years, he said, he struggled to give speeches in front of crowds. Now he has been in ministry for 35 years and facilitates the podcast interviews for Brianna's Hope.



Photo provided

"I'm finally on the radio at 71," he remarked. Davis' passion for the project, Foley said, as well as the amount of locals willing to go on-air, have fueled it forward. "People are lining up to be on the show," Foley said. "And (we) found an audience really quick." Most new podcasts, he explained, are lucky to have 100 listens per week. Faith In Your Recovery has had anywhere from 500 to 1,000 weekly. The reach of "Faith In Your Recovery" extends beyond Indiana. Listeners chime in from across the United States and world, with some tuning in from as far as Europe, Davis noted. "It gives us the opportunity to reach a much broader audience for a story that we think is relevant to any community, regardless of the size," he said.

Randy Davis interviews a guest while recording an episode of "Faith In Your Recovery," a podcast started in connection with local nonprofit A Better Life - Brianna's Hope. Davis, executive director of Brianna's Hope, started a podcast in October to share local recovery stories.

members despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. "This gives us a chance to still be a part of your life, and the idea of a podcast is so great, because you can go to it at any time of day, or night, and it remains there," Davis said. Another goal Davis hopes to reach with a podcast is for his audience to understand recovery is different for everyone. "There's no absolute one-way to

recovery, we want people to know the journey is different for everyone, we'll keep hunting to find the right path to get you there," he said. "Faith In Your Recovery" is available for streaming on Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts and Soundcloud. Episodes also air on WPGW at 7:45 a.m. Sunday mornings. Those interested in joining the show as a guest or to give feedback can email podcast@ABLH.org.

Most of the show's guests are locals who are in recovery or have been touched by addiction. To date, the episode most listened to features Dan Watson, a current member of Dunkirk board of works, the city's former mayor and the former Jay County engineer. Watson lost his son to overdose and has a daughter currently incarcerated on drug-related charges. "It's a struggle. I understand that now more than ever," Watson says, talking about addiction in the podcast. "It was raw, it was real," Davis said of the episode. "Dan just put it out there." The podcast has also given Brianna's Hope a way to connect with its

Lotteries

Lottery results for Hoosier, Ohio, Powerball, and Mega Millions. Hoosier Midday: 1-8-6, Daily Four: 6-9-0-3. Ohio Midday: 8-8-0. Powerball: \$137 million. Mega Millions: \$22 million.

Markets

Market prices for Cooper Farms Fort Recovery, POET Biorefining Portland, and The Andersons Richland Township. Includes prices for Corn, March corn, Beans, and March beans.

Today in history

On Feb. 5, 2020, the Senate voted to acquit President Donald Trump, bringing to a close the third presidential trial in American history. In 1811, George, the Prince of Wales, was named Prince Regent due to the mental illness of his father, Britain's King George III. In 1917, the U.S. Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an act severely curtailing Asian immigration. In 1918, during World War I, the Cunard liner SS Tuscania, which was transporting about 2,000 American troops to Europe, was torpedoed by a German U-boat in the Irish Sea with the loss of more than 200 people.

In 1922, the first edition of Reader's Digest was published. In 1937, President Franklin D. Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of U.S. Supreme Court justices; the proposal, which failed in Congress, drew accusations that Roosevelt was attempting to "pack" the nation's highest court. In 1971, Apollo 14 astronauts Alan Shepard and Edgar Mitchell stepped onto the surface of the moon in the first of two lunar excursions. In 1972, the Redkey High School boys basketball team cruised to a 102-67 victory over Pennville in Dunkirk. In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for U.S. Army Col. William B. Nolde, the last official American combat casualty before the Vietnam cease-fire took effect. In 1993, President Bill Clinton signed the Family and Medical Leave Act, granting workers up to 12 weeks unpaid leave for family emergencies. —AP and The CR

Indiana debates unsettled

By TOM DAVIES Associated Press INDIANAPOLIS — Just how far Indiana lawmakers will go in limiting what teachers can say in their classrooms about race and politics is among several key unresolved issues at the midway point of this year's legislative session. While Republicans dominate both the Indiana House and Senate, those chambers remain at odds over proposals that would force businesses to grant broad exemptions from any workplace COVID-19 vaccination requirements and a push for a large package of business and individual tax cuts. Republican House members pushed through bills on those topics but they face resistance among GOP Senate leaders ahead of the legislative session ending by mid-March. School subjects Several school and teacher organizations have strongly opposed Republican-backed bills mandat-

ing that classroom materials be vetted by parent review committees and placing restrictions on teaching about racism and political topics. Senate Republicans pulled their version of the proposal in mid-January following widespread criticism after bill sponsor GOP Sen. Scott Baldwin of Noblesville said teachers must be "impartial" when discussing Nazism and other political ideologies. House Republicans, however, forged ahead, endorsing a bill that includes a prohibition on teaching that anyone should feel "discomfort" or "guilt" about their race, gender, religion or political affiliation. COVID-19 clash Holcomb has strong Republican legislative support for the administrative steps he says are needed for him to end the COVID-19 public health emergency declaration he first issued nearly two years ago. Action on those items,

however, has been ensnared in a legislative debate over whether the state should severely limit businesses from imposing workplace vaccination requirements. Many health experts maintain ending the health emergency would send the wrong message with Indiana still recording high levels of COVID-19 hospitalizations and deaths. Tax cut talk Senate Republicans remain resistant to the House GOP's plan for broad cuts to Indiana's business and individual income taxes. The House-endorsed proposal potentially cuts more than \$1 billion a year in various taxes, which supporters say is possible following a big jump in state tax collections helped by federal COVID-19 relief funding. Key parts of the House plan would cut Indiana's current individual income tax rate of 3.23% over the next four years to 3%.

SERVICES

- Today Green, Helen: 2 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S.Wayne St., Fort Recovery. Monday Hutson, Harriett: 11 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland. Fuller, Denny: 4 p.m. MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey. Tuesday Homan, Marilyn: 10:30 a.m., St. Anthony Catholic Church, 471 St. Anthony Road, Fort Recovery. Thursday Wolford, Todd: 1 p.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, 7230 S. Indiana I, Redkey.

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Citizen's calendar

Calendar items for Monday (5:30 p.m. - Portland City Council, 6 p.m. - Jay County Commissioners) and Wednesday (6 p.m. - Jay County Council).

Flowers & Gifts for Your Valentine advertisement for Bricker's Flowers & More, featuring Valentine's Day specials and contact information.

inogen FREEDOM. TO BE YOU. advertisement for oxygen therapy, featuring a woman and child, with contact number 1-877-930-3271.

Divorced spouses reconnect

DEAR ABBY: I reconnected with my ex-husband, "Liam," a year ago, 16 years after our divorce. (We hadn't seen or talked to each other during that time.) He's remarried with four kids; I am single with two kids. We got married when we were young, but we're now in our early 40s. We know what we want or don't want in a partner, and know what we will/won't put up with, etc.

Liam is still legally married, and I have been single for a year. He and his wife have been separated almost two years. We have been intimate, which I feel has brought us closer together. We are very compatible. We get along well, have the same religious beliefs and we're both vegetarians. We had a long talk about our future a few days ago and whether we should try to get back together. Both of us feel the same way. We're still very much in love with each other after all these years.

Should we try to get back together when the time is right, or should we leave the past behind us and let it go? Any advice is greatly appreciated. — SECOND CHANCE IN GEORGIA

DEAR SECOND CHANCE: No one can decide FOR you whether you and Liam should try to reconcile "when the time is right" — which I assume means when he is

Dear Abby



divorced from his current wife. I can offer this advice: As appealing as the idea may seem right now, do not do it until you have had joint counseling with a licensed marriage and family therapist to resolve any lingering issues that "might" crop up.

Also, if Liam is really contemplating offloading his current missus, he needs to consult an attorney who specializes in family law so he will be fully prepared for the battle that's sure to lie ahead.

DEAR ABBY: I had substance abuse problems in the past. I have been in a rehabilitation program for a while now, and have been sober for more than a year. I would like to continue my sobriety and feel I could stay sober from drugs and still drink socially. My family is against me drinking at all, even though alcohol is plentiful at their holiday get-togethers. They also don't want me socializing with friends who

drink at all, even if these friends don't use other substances. I should mention I am of legal drinking age.

How can I convince my family that I will stay off drugs while drinking socially? I know they want what's best for me, but I don't want to feel left out of family events or have to end friendships, which feels extreme. — RESPONSIBLE SOCIAL DRINKER

DEAR RESPONSIBLE: While your family is well-intentioned, I agree their thinking they can maintain your sobriety "for" you by deciding what you may and may not drink on their premises is extreme. And the decision of who you can safely socialize with should be made by you.

This is an important subject you should discuss with your sponsor or the administrators of your substance abuse rehabilitation program. Please don't wait to do it. Not knowing you personally, I cannot — and should not — advise you further than this.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Drive gets 51 blood donors

American Red Cross hosted a blood drive Tuesday at Jay Community Center.

Approximately 51 donors gave blood at the drive offered with the help of volunteers Dee Humbles, John and Linda Moore, Cletus Rines, Shirley Bennett, Shirley Hayden, Roxie Zurcher, Pat Brockman and Julia Schwomeyer.

Donors included Teresa Burgess, Mark Tillman, Drury Hall, Elizabeth Skiver, Christie Bunner, Jane Switzer, Matthew Garringer, Michael Schmidt, Robert Coats, Daniel Schmitz, Lori Schilling, John Hart, John Janak, Michael Weitzel, Jill Hemmelgarn, Joyce Eldridge, Franklin Hogle,

Joseph Boggs, David and Freeda Osenbaugh, Billy Sipe and Janice Wendel.

Also donors Ronald Harris, Gary McMillan, Eric and Pamela Rogers, Charles Bentz, Robert Grove, Michael Timmerman, Stephen McBride, Ruthann Brockman, Lucy Kaup, Connie Ronald, Joe Reinhard, Donna Bruggeman, Elizabeth and Ernest Schoenlein, Raymond Brandt, Agnes Howell, Mikey Armstrong and Mary Laux.

Also donors Demara Dennis, Gregory Neville, Ana Minnich, Cara Cramer, Monty Sibery and Paula Sibery, Steven Swingley, Matthew Calhoun, Paula Barron and Rachel Muhlenkamp.

Marriage licenses

Maddison F. Louck, 23, Redkey, and Chancellor S. Newton, 26, Portland
Quentin L. Guntle, 26, Portland, and Kambra C. Mortimer, 29, Keystone, Indiana
Coby L. Green, 26,

Dunkirk, and Terri N. Miller, 41, Portland
Kyeonghwa Kim, 35, Portland, and Joseph F. Vormohr, 33, Portland
Daniel J. Sholler, 27, Portland, and Paige A. Wimmer, 29, Portland

Opera house makes national register

Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House has been placed on the national register of historic places.

Friends of the Opera House committee members shared the news to the opera house's Facebook shortly after hearing from the United States Department of the Interior about noon Friday.

"The nomination process for this is complicated," said committee co-president Karen Meiring. "That really makes me feel good about the work we did."

She noted the opera house's official historic status will enable committee members to apply for more grants and other funding opportunities.

Fort Recovery residents have been raising funds in order to restore the opera house located on the second floor at 101 N. Wayne St.

So far, committee members have made a few renovations, such as

Taking Note

patching the roof and removing wallpaper to reveal hand-painted murals. Their next step is to install a new sprinkler system and a heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system.

Committee members have applied for a Target of Opportunity grant through the Ohio Office of Community Development. If selected, the grant will provide \$250,000 toward opera house restorations.

"We're at the place now that if we really want to break ground ... we need some big funds," Meiring said.

Reading challenges

Jay County Public Library has ongoing reading challenges for all ages.

Teens and adults interested will receive a bookmark log to write down each book title as they read. (The minimum requirement to be eligible for rewards is three books.) For each book read, participants will receive one entry into a drawing for prizes.

Children can also participate by picking up a reading log and marking off 15-minute time slots as they read. Once they complete five hours of reading, children can turn in the completed log for a small completion prize, grab another log and keep reading. Each log will be entered into a drawing for prizes.

To register, call (260) 726-7890 or visit 315 N. Ship St. in Portland. The event continues through Feb. 26.

Community Calendar

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

Today
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 BREAK-

FAST 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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT

GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

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

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

Tuesday
JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each

Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

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

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Friday's Solution

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Learn lessons from difficult year

By LEE H. HAMILTON

It's been about a year since Joe Biden took office as President, and though it's still too early to draw firm conclusions about his performance, it's not too early to discern some trends. Especially in light of how Biden positioned himself in the 2020 campaign and, I believe, how he still sees himself: as a centrist and a moderate who can unite the country by bringing professionalism to the White House and make the federal government work.

He began his presidency with, overall, a lot of good will: Many Americans longed for an end to the tumult of the Trump presidency and, as Biden himself put it, a return to normalcy. But since last year, the polls have shown him losing favor in Americans' eyes.

In part, this was inevitable. He's had to try to buck a very tough political climate, facing intense political division, the country's unending culture wars, a riled-up opposition determined to thwart him, a pandemic that

Lee H. Hamilton



throws the country a new curve every time it seems to be settling down, and an inflation rate that has many Americans looking for someone to blame.

But the fact that they've settled on him as the culprit — in one recent CNN poll, 38 percent of respondents blamed the president, versus 26 percent eyeing issues created by the pandemic and 23 percent blaming corporations looking to capitalize on shortages — speaks to a larger problem. In truth, the economic news has largely been positive: unemployment has dropped, the stock market has had one of its best years in decades, and far more of the population has been vaccinated — and, thus, able to

participate in the workforce — than was true a year ago. But neither Biden nor the Democrats in the majority have been able to capitalize on this turn of events to boost their public standing. As always, Americans want peace and prosperity, but with the picture so mixed, many feel ambivalent about the nation's leadership.

To be sure, when it comes to international affairs, the picture is very different from a year ago. President Biden is experienced in foreign affairs and has put together a competent, professional team that's more interested in getting things done quietly than in tweeting about their plans. There's no question that the withdrawal from Afghanistan was a mess, but it stemmed from a laudable goal that most Americans support: to avoid forever wars. Biden clearly favors diplomacy to protect American interests, wants to protect human rights, and aims to promote democracy in our dealings with other nations — hence his tough stance toward both Rus-

sia and China, but with a clear preference for sustaining ties. He's led us in rejoining the international community after a four-year period when we were barely part of it.

While I'd argue that Biden's policies have generally been both bold and smart, judging them will depend on how events play out over the next year or more. Several things will be key. First, no matter how well-conceived a policy might be, everything depends on its implementation and how well the mechanisms of government deliver on its promise. This will be vital to Biden's tenure in the White House.

Second, his biggest economic challenge in the near term will likely be inflation. It is far too early to judge him on it; so many other factors are contributing to it, including the issues bedeviling the global supply chain. Still, he will be judged by most Americans on his success or failure in tackling it.

And finally, he has made some misjudgments and mistakes

along the way, including not demanding clear messaging from the CDC on public health advice during the pandemic, underestimating the impact of a huge ramp-up in public spending on inflation, and raising Americans' hopes about COVID, bipartisanship and his ability to cajole cooperation in Congress in a way that reality simply wouldn't allow.

None of these need to be destructive of his presidency — but only if he and his advisors learn the lessons of a very tough first year in office and become clear-eyed and realistic about what they can and cannot accomplish.

Hamilton is a senior advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar at the IU Hamilton Lugar School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice at the IU O'Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.

Our teachers deserve respect

The Republic (Columbus)

Teachers just never seem to catch a break. Even though most of them go above and beyond to provide our children the best possible education, some of our state lawmakers appear to have it out for them.

In addition to teaching our children to read and write and do algebra, we expect teachers to align instruction with mandated state standards that anyone can see at in.gov/doi/students/in-diana-academic-standards.

We expect teachers to provide individual attention to struggling students.

We expect teachers to coach and assist with extracurricular activities.

We expect teachers to keep the peace in the classroom and in the hallways between class, then find time for all manner of bureaucratic busy work.

We expect and expect and expect.

And the truth is, we expect them to do all they do for salaries nowhere near what they're worth.

Yet they teach anyway, because it's a calling: they are inspired to teach and to ignite in young people the love of learning.

Given all they do — and especially all they've done throughout this pandemic — you'd think Hoosier teachers would be due a little respect. But that's the last thing they're getting from the Indiana General Assembly's Republican supermajority.

Consider House Bill 1134, authored by State Rep. Tony Cook, R-Cicero. As The Republic's Mark Webber reported last week, that bill, among other things, "would limit what teachers can say in class on sensitive subjects, prohibiting them from using materials that 'present any form of racial or sex-stereotyping or blame on the basis of sex, race, ethnicity, religion, color, national origin, or political affiliation.'" So much for history, social studies, literature, civics, current

events and more. In fact, many of the state's very educational standards that we insist teachers teach would be swept up by such sweeping language.

This legislation is a teacher trap and an embarrassing assault on education. Regardless, the bill received the support of local Reps. Ryan Lauer, R-Columbus, and Jim Lucas, R-Seymour, and it passed the House last week in a 60-37 vote.

There's good reason to believe, or at least hope, that this bill will die in the Indiana Senate without being called to a committee hearing. Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray (R-Martinsville) pulled the plug on a similar Senate bill recently, conceding "there is no path forward for it and it will not be considered." There should be no path forward for HB 1134, either.

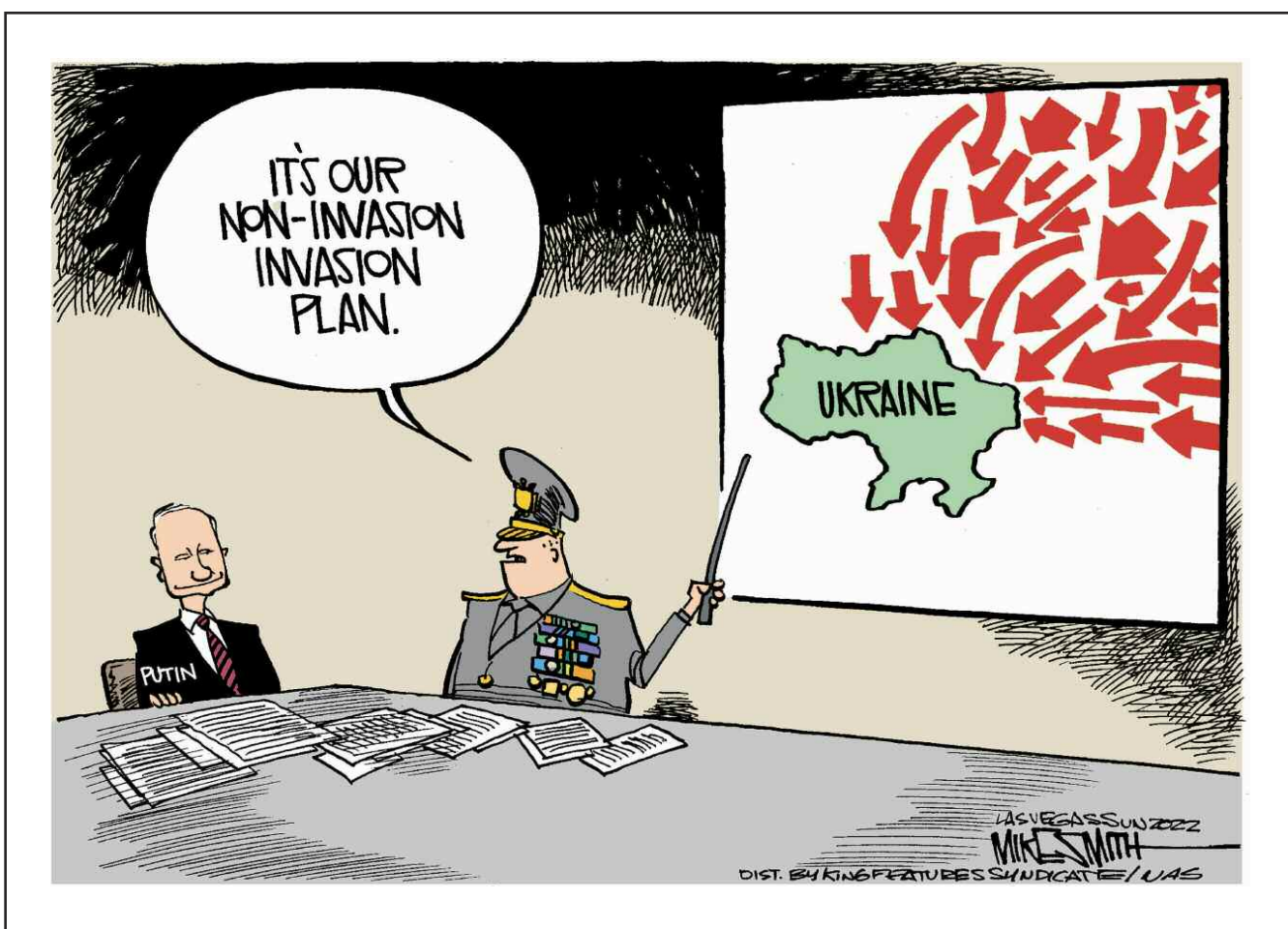
Lawmakers ought to be ashamed such anti-education legislation. Moreover, they should be ashamed of how little they support Indiana teachers and education in general. Lawmakers may offer faint praise now and then, but as the song says, it's money that matters.

And on that subject, Indiana gets a failing grade. According to the National Education Association, Indiana ranked 42nd out of the 50 states in average teacher salary in 2021. We ranked 41st in per-student spending on education. Meanwhile, Indiana lawmakers sit atop a budget surplus of some \$4 billion.

Even if you never got algebra, you know something just doesn't add up here.

If state lawmakers really cared about education, they would spend more time adequately funding it and less time trying to restrict it.

Hoosier Editorial



Conflict isn't easy to escape

By BOBBY GHOSH

Bloomberg Opinion

When the United Arab Emirates withdrew most of its forces from Yemen in the fall of 2019, its leaders might have been forgiven a degree of self-satisfaction. Of the four Arab nations that intervened in the Yemeni civil war — the others are Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt — only the UAE salvaged some semblance of military pride after four years of fighting.

While the coalition failed to defeat the Iranian-backed Houthi militia that had overthrown the Yemeni government and overrun Sana'a, the capital, the Emiratis prevented the rebels from capturing the south, including the crucial port of Aden.

But any sense of achievement the Emiratis felt was shaken last month when the Houthis launched a series of missile and drone attacks on Abu Dhabi, home of the UAE's de-facto ruler, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed. The first strike, on Jan. 17, set off fires at the airport and in a nearby industrial area, killing three people. Although two subsequent attacks were intercepted by Emirati and American missile-defense systems, the message from Yemen got through, loud and clear: The UAE is firmly in the Houthis' sights.

The message resonates far beyond the range of the drones and missiles. The UAE is a vital node of the global economy: It is OPEC's third-largest oil producer and one of the world's biggest trade hubs. Having repeatedly demonstrated the ability to strike deep within Saudi Arabia, where attacks occur almost daily, the Houthis — and their masters in Tehran — are now showing that their

radius of menace isn't limited to states with which they share a border.

Why now? One school of thought is that the rebels, having suffered recent battlefield reversals against the Yemeni government's UAE-trained Giants Brigades, are signaling they want the Emiratis to rein in their proteges. Another is that the Iranians are seeking leverage in negotiations with the UAE: Prince Mohammed recently dispatched his brother and chief troubleshooter, Sheikh Tahnoon bin Zayed, to Tehran for talks about easing the longstanding hostility between the two countries. It would be very much in the Islamic Republic's character to smack down an Arab nation it regards as having become too big for its britches.

The timing of the third attack, which coincided with Israeli President Isaac Herzog's historic visit to the UAE — the first since the two countries normalized relations under the Abraham Accords — suggests the message was co-authored: The Iranian regime and the Houthis are united in their virulent anti-Semitism and loathing for Israel.

Although the Emirati leadership is trying not to show panic in the real threat, anxiety is palpable in their overreaction to imagined ones. Residents who posted footage of the mis-

siles being intercepted were hauled in for questioning by the authorities on the grounds their videos might set off rumors or give away vital security information.

But it isn't the grainy footage captured on mobile phones that's causing concern, nor can the government prevent alarm from spreading beyond its borders. The U.S., for instance, is citing the Houthi attacks (as well as rising COVID infections) in its advisory against travel to the UAE.

The Biden administration has also offered the Emiratis assurances of support and has said it will hold the Houthis accountable for the attacks. Israel, likewise, is offering security and intelligence support. The UAE will appreciate more U.S. Patriot anti-missile batteries; it may be leery of openly accepting Israeli hardware, however, for fear of drawing even more Iranian and Houthi hostility.

But the Emiratis will be grateful, as much as anything else, for American and Israeli tourists. After all, tourism accounts for more than 12% of the UAE's gross domestic product and will be especially important this year as its economy shakes off the lingering effects of the pandemic. Before the missiles darkened their January skies, Emiratis were counting on the spike in arrivals late last year tied to Dubai's Expo 2020 to be sustained through 2022.

But the Houthis may have ended Emirati hopes of a return to business as usual.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ACTOR WHO WOULD BE FAMOUS FOR HIS PORTRAYALS OF A FIRST-CENTURY ROMAN EMPEROR: ROBERT DE NERO.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals Y

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Musical magic

1) What college had the first marching band, founded in 1845?
2) Singer Farrokh Bulsara headlined what band after changing his name?

1) The University of Notre Dame
2) Queen

2-7 CRYPTOQUIP

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT YOU CALL A WOMAN WHO'S PRESIDENT OF A ROAD-SURFACING COMPANY? MACADAM SECRETARY.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals N

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to heart health. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 26 = E)

A. 4 26 6 11 20
Clue: Beats in chest

B. 5 12 13 22 26
Clue: Rhythm of blood flow

C. 10 23 3 8 20 23 11
Clue: Watch and see

D. 10 12 22 2 13 26
Clue: Tissues that contract

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to heart health.

INESV

Answer: Veins

Guess Who?

I am a singer/songwriter born in England on February 1, 1994. I rose to fame in a popular boy band, and later embarked on a successful solo career. The same year I went solo, I made my acting debut in a Christopher Nolan film.

Answer: Harry Styles

Kids' Corner

HEALTH FACT:

THIS IMPORTANT ORGAN ALSO IS A MUSCLE.

ANSWER: THE HEART

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Heartbeat
SPANISH: Latido
ITALIAN: Pulsazione
FRENCH: Battement de coeur
GERMAN: Puls

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

	2		13
3	0		4
6		5	19
13	10	13	

Solution:

5	8	8
1	0	6
7	2	4

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

FEB 3

- 1913: THE 16TH AMENDMENT, WHICH ESTABLISHES A FEDERAL INCOME TAX, IS RATIFIED.
- 1917: THE U.S. BREAKS OFF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH GERMANY AS IT ENTERS WORLD WAR I.
- 1995: COL. EILEEN COLLINS BECOMES THE FIRST WOMAN TO PILOT THE SPACE SHUTTLE.

New Word

PULSE

rhythmical throbbing of the arteries as blood moves through them

HEART FUNCTION WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

AORTIC ARTERY ATRIUM BEAT BLOOD CARDIAC CHAMBERS COORDINATED HEART LEFT LUNGS MITRAL NUTRIENTS OXYGEN PATTERN PULMONARY PULSE RIGHT TISSUES TRICUSPID VALVE VEIN VENA CAVA VENTRICLE

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

AHYTHEL THRAE

Answer: Healthy heart

Did You Know?

DOCTORS WILL CHECK PATIENTS' BLOOD PRESSURE, PULSE AND THE LEVEL OF OXYGEN IN THEIR BLOOD DURING CHECKUPS TO ASSESS HEART HEALTH.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: STETHOSCOPE

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Clean the floor
4 Hot tubs
8 Native of Inverness
12 St. crosser
13 "— Las Vegas"
14 Corned beef recipe
15 Guided
16 Harrow rival
17 Guesser's words
18 Learning via experimentation
21 TGIF part
22 Witticism
23 "Royals" singer
26 Enthusiast
27 "The Bells" author
30 Mayberry moppet
31 007 creator Fleming
32 Programmer's output
33 Select, with "for"

DOWN

1 Beer ingredient
2 Exceeding
3 Mani counter-part
4 Willowy
5 Pocket breads
6 Bard's river
7 Bedtime visitor
8 Strapped for cash
9 Novelist Caleb
10 — buco
11 Thunder god

34 TV type
35 E, for one
36 Misery
37 "That feels good!"
38 Public opinion tests
45 Bakery buy
46 North Sea feeder
47 French pronoun
48 Church area
49 Lopsided win
50 Wood-shaping tool
51 Carrots' mates

52 Jewels
53 Born
19 Staffer
20 Many millennia
23 Privy
24 Antonym (Abbr.)
25 Dye brand
26 Passing craze
27 "Wham!"
28 Praise in verse
29 Sushi fish
31 Seafaring danger
32 Silver salmon
34 Texter's guffaw
35 Parking pros
36 Cardiff's country
37 Photo book
38 Snare
39 Lariat
40 "Casa-blanca" role
41 Skin soother
42 Yemen neighbor
43 Protuberance
44 Dimension

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterdays answer 2-5

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

An exploratory procedure

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ Q J 4
♥ K 9
♦ 8 5
♣ A Q 10 7 5 4

WEST
♦ 10 8 6 5 2
♥ 8 7 6 4 3
♦ Q 4
♣ 6

EAST
♠ 9 3
♥ 10 2
♦ 10 9 7 3 2
♣ J 9 8 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 7
♥ A Q J 5
♦ A K J 6
♣ K 3

The bidding:
East Pass South 3 NT West Pass North 7 NT
Opening lead — eight of hearts.

Most players find it difficult to count out a hand, but anyone willing to try eventually finds that the difficulty is more imaginary than real. The only skill required is the ability to count to 13 and then to apply the knowledge gained to the problem at hand.

Consider this deal where West leads a heart against seven notrump. Declarer has 12 sure tricks and is a heavy favorite to pick up the 13th in the club suit. The only real danger is an unfavorable club division, so South should take steps to combat a potential 4-1 split. To this end, he does not tackle the clubs at once, but postpones playing them until he learns as much as he possibly can about the unseen hands.

He begins by cashing four hearts and three spades, discovering in the process that East started with a doubleton in both suits. Next, he cashes the ace of diamonds and K-A of clubs. West showing out on the second round.

With just three tricks remaining to be played, the count of the hand is now complete. East started with precisely two spades, two hearts, four clubs and, hence, five diamonds (of which he has only one left, since he still has the J-9 of clubs in his hand). Double-checking this, West had precisely five spades, five hearts, one club and, hence, two diamonds (of which he also has only one left).

This knowledge is very important, because South might otherwise be tempted to take a diamond finesse for his 13th trick — a move that would be a colossal blunder in view of the known facts.

So, after cashing dummy's queen of clubs and discarding a diamond, South leads a diamond toward the K-J. When East follows low, South confidently plays the king, knowing full well that the king will catch West's queen to make the grand slam.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Ginormous
4 Ritzy violin
9 Hotel amenity
12 Possess
13 Part of TNT
14 "Mazel —!"
15 TV show hosted by Don Cornelius
17 Mimic
18 In the manner of
19 Former Disney head Michael
21 Method
24 Grit
25 Sound of delight
26 Knock
28 Famous
31 Oodles
33 Ballot marks
35 Corduroy ridge
36 Oared
38 Humorist
40 Fib

DOWN

1 Derek and Diddley
2 Jima
3 Bearded beast
4 Elk's horn
5 "Chocolat"
6 One-time link
7 Samples of Sicily
9 Demonstrate
10 Vatican leader
11 Say it's so
16 Long crosser
20 Winter fall
21 Fly high
22 Modern "carpe diem"
23 Songs from "Wicked," e.g.
27 Church studio
29 Writer Wiesel
30 Antelope's playmate
32 Region (Abbr.)
34 Convent denizens
37 County on the English Channel
39 Exam taker
42 "Ye olde" place
44 Suitable
45 Bloke
46 Luau dance
50 JFK info
51 Toward the stern
52 Lucy of "Kill Bill"
53 Old CIA foe

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 2-7

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
12 13 14
15 16 17
18 19 20
21 22
23 24 25 26 27 28 29
30 31 32
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38 39 40 41 42 43 44
45 46 47
48 49 50
51 52 53

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K J 7 6 3 2
♥ K 5 3
♦ J 8
♣ Q J

WEST
♦ Q 5
♥ 10 6
♦ K Q 10 7 3 2
♣ A 5 3

EAST
♠ A 10 9 8
♥ 9 4 2
♦ 4
♣ 10 9 7 4 2

SOUTH
♠ 4
♥ A Q J 8 7
♦ A 9 6 5
♣ K 8 6

The bidding:
South 1♥ West 2♦ North 2 NT* East Pass
1♥ heart raise
Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The United States scored the most lopsided victory in the 70-year history of the Bermuda Bowl, routing Brazil 506-288 in the final of the 2000 world team championship. The margin (in International Match Points) and the winning team's IMP total were both records for the event.

The 16-day competition, which started with 20 teams, came down to a showdown between the U.S. squad, composed of Bob Hamman, Paul Soloway, Jeff Meckstroth, Eric Rodwell, Nick Nickell and Richard Freeman, and Brazil's Gabriel Chagas, Marcelo Branco, Ricardo Janz, Miguel Villas-Boas, Joao-Paulo Campos and Roberto de Mello.

The final was a virtual runaway for the Americans from the very outset. Today's deal resulted in a 12-IMP pickup for the winners.

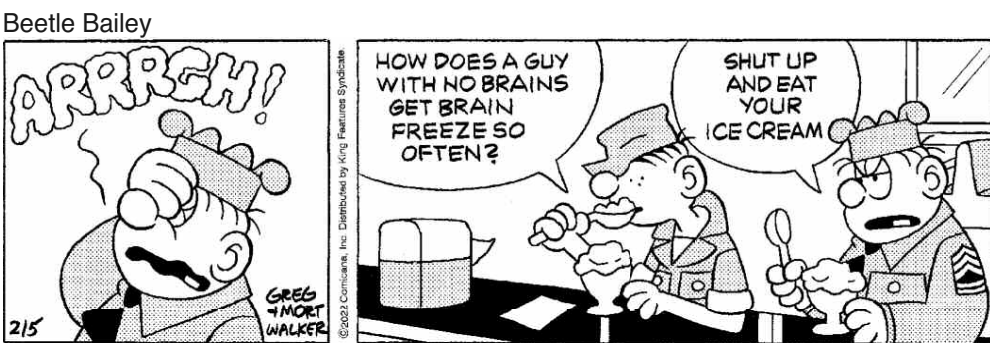
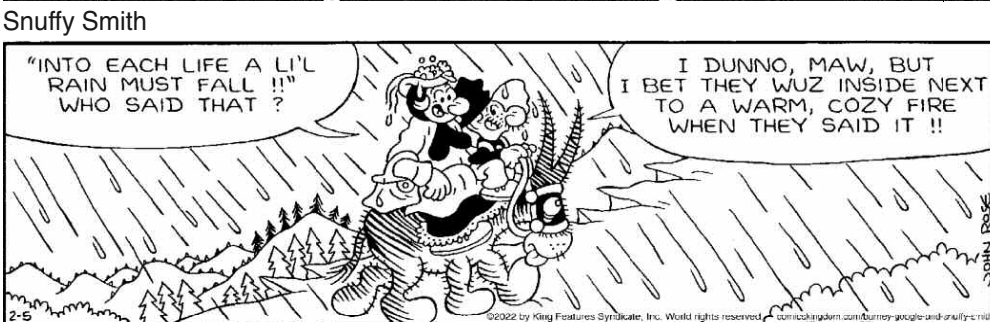
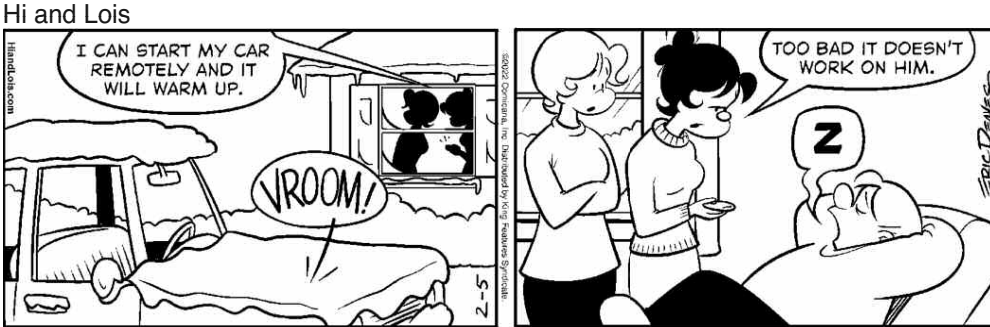
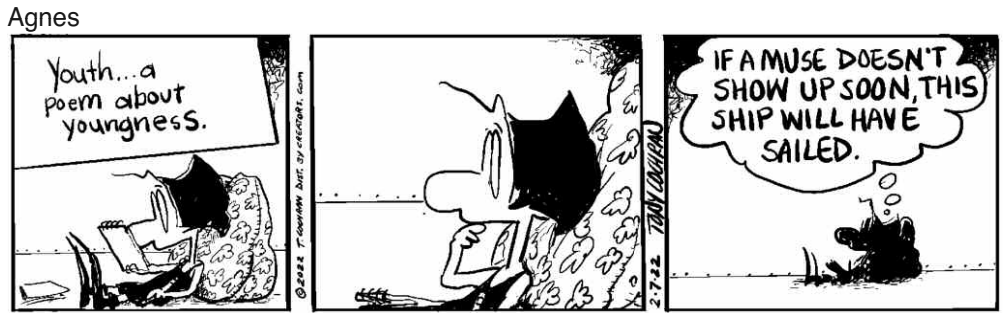
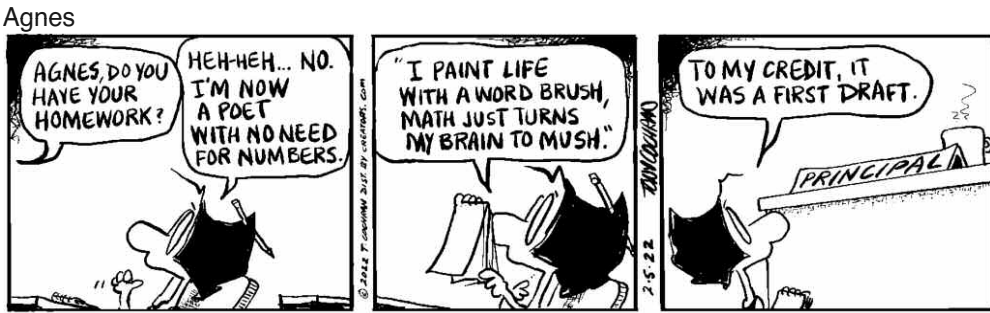
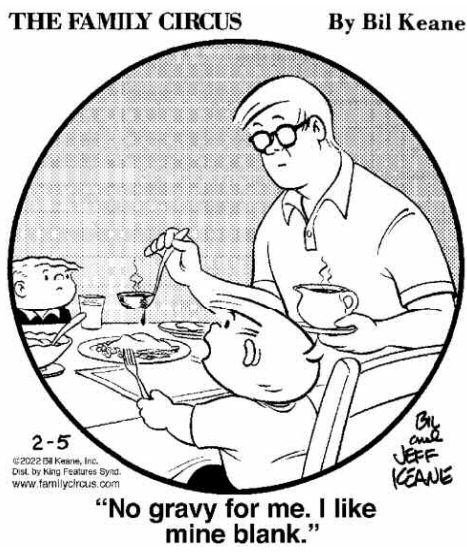
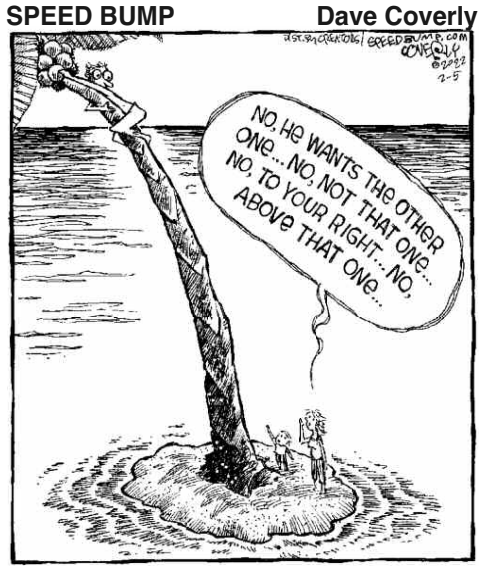
At the first table, Meckstroth, playing in four hearts, won the king-of-diamonds lead with the ace and led the spade four to dummy's king. East won and returned a club to West's ace, whereupon West cashed the queen of diamonds and continued with the deuce.

Meckstroth trumped the diamond with dummy's king and ruffed a spade, felling West's queen. Declarer then drew trump, crossed to the club queen and discarded his remaining diamond on the spade jack to make his game.

At the other table, Chagas, one of the world's great players, became declarer at the same contract. He had played nearly every deal for two weeks and showed signs of his fatigue by making the fatal mistake of drawing three rounds of trump after taking the diamond ace at trick one. He then guessed the spade position correctly, playing the jack after West followed low. But East took the ace and returned a club to his partner's ace, and West's Q-10 of diamonds set the contract one trick.

Tomorrow: Self-interrogation.
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We Deliver



Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

The Commercial Review *We Deliver*

Memorable, painful

Patriots had strong season, tough finish

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Devastating. Three days after the Patriots' season came to an untimely end, the wound still stings. They know, and still think about, what could have been. But they also understand what was.

Though the Class 3A No. 6 Jay County High School girls basketball team had dreams of a long tournament run shattered Tuesday night, it also tied the school record for victories this season, put together a 13-game winning streak, saw an individual milestone reached and was part of a sectional opener that was worthy of a regional final.

"It was an outstanding group of kids that worked really hard," said Comer, whose team's season ended Tuesday with a 36-33 overtime loss to eighth-ranked Hamilton Heights. "It was an outstanding season that ended too soon. We really felt like we had a chance to win a sectional and possibly even a regional this year. That was our goal and we just came up short."

Looking back, the season included the following:

- 20 wins — That ties the school record set by the 2014-15 team for most in a season.

- A 13-game winning streak — It marked the longest stretch of consecutive wins for the Patriots since they swept the regular season (18-0) in 2008-09.

- Junior Renna Schwieterman's 1,000th point — She became just the fourth player in school history to surpass that mark and now ranks second with 1,222 points. She is just 237 away from breaking Indiana Basketball Hall of Famer Shannon Freeman's career record. (Senior



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Fans of the Jay County High School girls basketball team erupt after a Patriot hoop during the second half of Tuesday's sectional game against Hamilton Heights. The atmosphere was electric for the opening round tournament game between two state-ranked squads — JCHS was the No. 6 team in Class 3A while the Huskies were ranked eighth.

Madison Dirksen also made a run at 1,000, finishing her career with 954 points.)

The Patriots can also boast that they were beaten only by the best. Their losses came against Class 4A No. 8 North Central (18-6), Class 2A No. 2 Winchester (21-1), Class 3A No. 5 Norwell (18-4) and Class 3A No. 8 Hamilton Heights (16-5). All are expected to win their sectional tournaments, three are favorites to win regional titles — Norwell and Hamilton Heights would feed into the same regional at Belmont — and Win-

chester is the odds-on choice to go to the state championship game.

"I've talked to most of the kids every day this week," said Comer. "We're extremely disappointed, but they are starting to realize what a special season they did have."

Tuesday's game was intense from the opening tip to the final buzzer of overtime. It featured gritty defense, wild momentum swings and a scoreless stalemate that lasted nearly six minutes before Schwieterman hit a free

throw in overtime with 33.3 seconds on the clock.

The Patriots had opportunities, putting up three potential game-winners in the final five seconds of regulation and then a couple of possible game-tying 3-pointers at the end of overtime. They were not to be.

In the locker room, it was ...

"Immediate tears," said Dirksen. "It definitely was rough. ... You get so close with (your teammates) every single day in practice. You became a family, you really do. So to know that you're

losing that and you're not going to see them every day, it was definitely really hard."

Comer shared the same thoughts, telling his players the thing he was most sad about was that he would no longer see them in his office every day.

"That really hit all of us," said senior Izzy Rodgers. "Being at practice. Being in coach's office. Being around the girls was the single most important thing to me."

And while the hurt still lingers, the Patriots have been able to gain some perspective in the last few days.

Some shots didn't fall, but their defense limited a team that had been scoring nearly 50 points per game to just 36, including overtime.

They didn't win, but they fought back from a deflating end to the first half, refusing to accept defeat without leaving every ounce of their effort on the floor.

They played a game worthy of a much later stage of the tournament, with a raucous contingent of fans creating a level of electricity in the Yorktown gym most of the players had not experienced before.

"I've heard from multiple people ... that game, that atmosphere was like a college experience," said senior Izzy Rodgers. "The support that we had ... was tremendous. Now I know how Jay County feels about us."

"It was awesome," added Dirksen. "Just to know that we had that much support behind us. ... Coach was stomping his foot trying tell us something but we couldn't hear. After the game, all of our voices were shot."

"It was so much fun. That's Indiana basketball."

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