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## State singers



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Members of Jay County High School's Just Treble show choir, including Gabby Duncan (center) perform in competition this year. Both Just Treble, the school's all-girl group, and the co-ed Patriot Edition, scored well enough at qualifying contests this season to advance to the Indiana State School Music Association state finals. Both groups will compete Saturday at Franklin Central High School.

### Jay County's Just Treble and Patriot Edition compete in ISSMA small school finals Saturday

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

For the last two years, there have been no show choir state finals.

When the competition returns this weekend, it will feature two Jay County High School groups.

The school's Just Treble and Patriot Edition choirs both qualified and will compete Saturday in the Indiana State School Music Association Small School Finals at Franklin Central.

The former will compete at 9:30 a.m., with the latter taking the stage at 4 p.m. Awards are scheduled for 9 p.m.

In order to qualify for the ISSMA state finals, choirs must compete at qualifying events during their season that started in January. When the season concludes, scores from all groups across all qualifying competitions are compared and the top nine are chosen to advance.

"It's pretty much the elite of the elite that attend," said JCHS choir director Susan Denney. "It's such a feather in the cap for a program that has worked really hard to try to be excellent and been out there competing against all these other

schools and been doing very well to just be acknowledged as one of the top nine in the state. So it's an honor."

Of the schools that earned spots in the small school state finals, seven double dipped by advancing in both the co-ed and women's divisions. Joining Jay County on that list were Fairfield, Northridge, Columbia City, New Palestine, Pendleton Heights and Huntington North.

Other state finalists in co-ed are New Castle and Churubusco. Also making the finals in the women's division were

Monrovia and East Noble.

Patriot Edition was a state finalist in 2019, finishing in eighth place. It would have advanced again in 2020, but that competition was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic. (The group had been especially strong that year, winning the Belmont Winter Spectacular, Carroll Classic and Homestead Classic Showcase, with a long list of awards for best vocals, choreography, crew, costumes and soloists.)

Show choirs had a modified season — groups arrived at competitions, performed and immediately left — but the ISSMA state finals were not held.

"Last year was really rough," said Denney. "We salvaged some kind of season performing with masks, coming in and leaving. But the camaraderie of what your experience ... we lost all of that last year. ..."

"The one thing it did for my kids was it made them hungry for this year, to have normal back. So it made them work harder and fight harder."

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## Rate is up, but still just 2%

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

For the first time since June, the local unemployment rate went up.

It's still only 2%.

Indiana Department of Workforce Development released unemployment estimates Tuesday that show Jay County's unemployment rate came in at 2% after closing 2021 with rates below that number in consecutive months. It was tied with Benton, Clinton, Huntington, Jefferson, Knox, Monroe and Putnam counties.

While the local rate went up, it remains historically low. When Jay County posted an unemployment rate of 2.1% in October it was the lowest on record on the Indiana Department of Workforce Development website, which has statistics back to 1990. The rate then dropped to 1.7% in November and 1.2% in December.

The unemployment rate was below 4% throughout 2021 after having spiked to 19.8% at the height of the coronavirus pandemic-related shutdowns in 2020.

The story was the same statewide as unemployment went up from 1.5% in December to 2.4% this month. Counties adjacent to Jay County all saw increases of about 1 percentage point.

LaGrange County had the lowest unemployment rate in the state for the second month in a row at 1.4%. Hamilton and Boone counties followed at 1.5%.

Lake County was highest in Indiana for the second month in a row at 4.2%. Howard County was next at 4%.

No other county in the state was higher than 3.3%, and all but 10 counties came in below 3%.

Area rates are as follows: Adams County: 1.7%, up 0.9 percentage points, t-sixth lowest

Blackford County: 2.4%, up 1 percentage point, t-28th highest

Delaware County: 2.6%, down 1.1 percentage points, t-17th highest

Jay County: 2%, up 0.9 percentage points, t-31st lowest

Randolph County: 2.1%, up 1.1 percentage points, t-20th lowest

Wells County: 1.8%, up 0.9 percentage points, t-39th lowest

## Zelenskyy makes appeal

By LISA MASCARO  
AP Congressional Correspondent

WASHINGTON — Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy cited Pearl Harbor and the Sept. 11 terror attacks today as he appealed to the U.S. Congress to do more to help Ukraine's fight against Russia, but acknowledged the no-fly zone he has sought to "close the sky" over his country may not happen.

Livestreamed into the Capitol complex, Zelenskyy said the U.S. must sanction Russian lawmakers and block imports. He showed a packed auditorium of lawmakers a graphic video of the destruction and devastation his country has suffered in the war, along with heartbreaking scenes of civilian casualties.

"We need you right now,"

### Ukrainian president implored Congress for additional help

Zelenskyy said, adding, "I call on you to do more." In urging a steeper economic hit to the Russians, he said: "Peace is more important than income."

Lawmakers gave him a standing ovation, before and after his short remarks, which Zelenskyy began in Ukrainian through an interpreter but then switched to English in a heartfelt appeal to help end the bloodshed.

"I see no sense in life if it cannot stop the deaths," he told them.

Wearing a short-sleeved army T-shirt, Zelenskyy began his remarks by invoking the destruction the U.S. suffered in 1941 when Japan bombed the naval base at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii, and the 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon by militants who commandeered passenger airplanes to crash into the symbols of Western democracy and economy.

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### Fiber-focused

Beth Stafford of Pennville works on a yarn project Saturday during the Fiber Arts Festival at Jay Community Center.

#### Deaths

Nellie Biberstine, 93, Forest, Ohio  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County's high temperature was 63 degrees Tuesday. The low was 45.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 40s again. Expect sunny skies Thursday with the high climbing to near 70.

Thunderstorms are possible Friday evening.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Portland Board of Works will meet at 4 p.m. Friday in the mayor's office at city hall. The agenda includes the hiring of a new employee for the wastewater treatment plant and a parking lot agreement with Dru Hall Properties.

#### Coming up

Thursday — Another Patriot signs to continue athletics career in college.

Saturday — JCHS robotics team advances through state competition.



# Obituaries

## Nellie Biberstine

Jan. 1, 1929-March 14, 2022  
Nellie F. Biberstine, 93, of Forest, Ohio, and a former resident of Wren, Ohio, passed away on March 14, 2022, at Bowling Green Inpatient Hospice in Bowling Green, Ohio. She was born on Jan. 1, 1929, in Reiffsburg, Indiana, to the late Henry Foust and the late Clara (Mayer) Foust. Nellie was united in marriage to Morris Biberstine on Dec. 20, 1947, in Bluffton, Indiana, and he preceded her in death on Feb. 6, 2005. Nellie and her husband were

longtime fixtures in the Wren community. They were the owner and operators of Wren Hardware from early 1960s until she retired in the early 2000s. As a product of the Great Depression and World War II rationing, Nellie was very conscious of the value of being frugal. She also knew the value of saving for another day. She was very devoted to her gardening, which was often full of vegetables. Canning was an impor-



Biberstine

tant continuation of her gardening and for saving for another day. Nellie also loved children in general, but especially her grandchildren. A favorite story about her concern for the area children was that every child who came during Halloween received a piece of candy. This often meant being creative in how she distributed the candy, but everyone had a piece of candy. In her spare time, she also enjoyed reading and keeping her mind sharp. Nellie is survived by a son, Steve (Lou) Biberstine of Ohio City, Ohio; daughter Sandy

(Harold) Towell of Portland, Indiana; brother Wayne Foust of Berne, Indiana; sister Nancy (Jay) Betts of Petroleum, Indiana; 10 grandchildren; and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son, Terry Biberstine of Convo, Ohio; and a sister, Dorothy Schwartz of Uniondale, Indiana. A funeral service will be held at noon Friday, March 18, 2022, at Zwick and Jahn Funeral Home in Decatur, Indiana, with Life Celebrant Molly Farthing officiating. Burial will follow in Six Mile Cemetery, Bluffton, Indiana.

Family and friends will be received two hours prior to services Friday at the Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, Decatur. Preferred memorials can be made to the Wren Fire Department. ....  
*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

## CR almanac

Thursday 3/17	Friday 3/18	Saturday 3/19	Sunday 3/20	Monday 3/21
<b>69/49</b>	<b>61/41</b>	<b>47/36</b>	<b>58/40</b>	<b>66/45</b>
Thursday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with highs in the upper 60s.	Rain is expected Friday with thunderstorms possible after 5 p.m. Wind gusts may reach 20 mph.	Showers may continue into Saturday with a 60% chance of rain under mostly cloudy skies.	Sunday's weather looks to be sunny with highs in the upper 50s.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Monday, with highs in the upper 60s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$133 million	Quick Draw: 5-18-22-23-26-29-36-42-53-54-56-59-60-66-67-70-71-73-76-78 Cash 5: 2-22-29-34-42 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> 9-14-28-59-60 Mega Ball: 24 Megaplier: 5 Estimated jackpot: \$29 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 0-5-7 Pick 4: 9-1-3-2 Pick 5: 0-1-6-8-6 Evening Pick 3: 1-9-1 Pick 4: 1-3-2-9 Pick 5: 1-6-5-5-5 Rolling Cash: 10-12-26-29-36 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 6-3-3 Daily Four: 3-2-7-2 Quick Draw: 11-18-19-21-25-34-36-38-41-49-50-52-64-67-70-72-75-76-77-80 Evening Daily Three: 0-2-7 Daily Four: 3-3-8-1	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.87 April corn.....6.92 Wheat.....8.50	Wheat.....9.74 April wheat.....9.74
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.94 April corn.....7.09 May corn.....7.14	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.89 April corn.....6.91 Beans.....16.17 April beans.....16.17 Wheat.....9.50
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.86 April corn.....6.86 Beans.....16.27 April beans.....16.27	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.80 April corn.....6.80 Beans.....15.92 April beans.....15.99 Wheat.....9.18

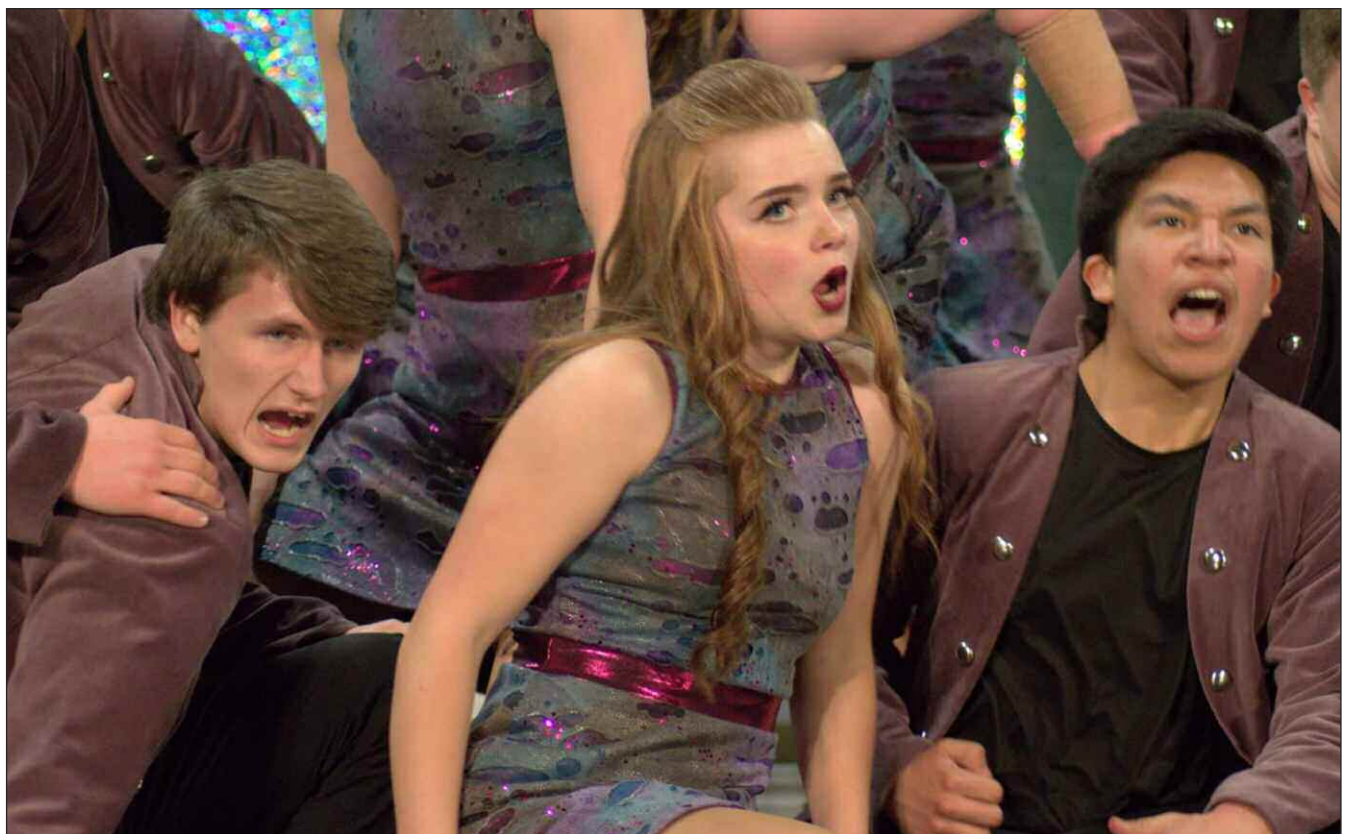
## Today in history

On March 16, 1968, the My Lai massacre took place during the Vietnam War as U.S. Army soldiers hunting for Viet Cong fighters and sympathizers killed unarmed villagers in two hamlets of Son My village; estimates of the death toll vary from 347 to 504.  
In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan and his crew reached the Philippines, where Magellan was killed during a battle with natives the following month.  
In 1802, President Thomas Jefferson signed a measure authorizing the establishment of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York.  
In 1935, Adolf Hitler decided to break the mili-

tary terms set by the Treaty of Versailles by ordering the rearming of Germany.  
In 1945, during World War II, American forces declared they had secured Iwo Jima, although pockets of Japanese resistance remained.  
In 1968, Senator Robert F. Kennedy of New York announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination.  
In 1972, in a nationally broadcast address, President Richard Nixon called for a moratorium on court-ordered school busing to achieve racial desegregation.  
In 2004, China declared victory in its fight against bird flu. —AP

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Today</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
<b>Thursday</b> 6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.	<b>Friday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
6 p.m. — Jay County	



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Logan Zimmerman, Ellie Goodman and Quinten Pacheco of Jay County High School's Patriot Edition show choir perform during competition this year. Patriot Edition advanced to the state finals in 2018 — the group finished eighth — before the competition was canceled each of the last two years because of the coronavirus pandemic.

## State ...

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That work this week comes in the form of taking the judges' comments they've received all year and trying to make the shows better. And Denney is specifically working with them on vocal technique in order to keep their sound pure when the adrenaline is coursing during competition at the state level.  
"This week, those kids are working harder than they ever had the whole season ... because they still know it's not as good as it can be," Denney said. "That's what makes them winners."  
Just Treble — it's show focuses on Mother Nature and features

"Mama Will Provide" from the musical "Once on this Island" and "I Can See Clearly Now" by Jimmy Cliff — has earned a couple of victories this year, opening with a win and awards for best vocals and best choreography at the Pendleton Heights Arabian Spectacular on Jan. 22. The group was second at the Carroll Classic and third at the Churubusco Show Choir Invitational.  
It heads to the state finals on a high note, having earned its second win Saturday at the Garrett Railroader Rush Invitational. It also earned awards for best vocals, best crew and best costumes.  
Patriot Edition — its show is

about the journey of aspiring to become someone's hero and features "Creep" by Radiohead and a mash-up that includes Mariah Carey's "Hero" — led the competition at the Homestead Classic Showcase on Feb. 12. It added awards for best vocals, best choreography and best show design.  
The group was also third at Pendleton Heights, Carroll and Garrett.  
The goals for this weekend?  
"I always tell the kids, we're going to shoot for the stars to try to be up there as high as we can," said Denney. "But if we're ninth, and that was our best show, we made it. We're there."

## Capsule Reports

**Deer hit**  
A deer ran in front of a Muncie man's vehicle on Indiana 1, causing a crash about 7:20 a.m. today.

Troy K. Casada, 57, was driving south on the highway when a deer ran in front of his 2007 Toyota Corolla. He wasn't able to avoid colliding with the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

### SERVICES

**Thursday**  
Smith, Jordan: 3 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

**Friday**  
Biberstine, Nellie: noon, Zwick & Jahn Funeral Home, 520 N. 2nd St., Decatur

**Saturday**  
Bourne, Nancy: 4 p.m., Maus Funeral Home, 704 S. Council St., Attica.

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**Holcomb inks comment bill**  
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana school boards will be required to allow public comment during their meetings under a bill that was signed Tuesday.  
Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the measure that gained final legislative approval on March 2, according to the governor's office.  
The new law taking effect July 1 mandates that school boards offer an oral public comment period at all public meetings.

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# Memories are with us for life

By KWAME DAWES

It is remarkable how our U.S. Poet Laureate, Joy Harjo, in so few words, summarizes something of the cycle of our mortality with such clarity and grace.

With our first cry after birth, she says, we enter “ancestor road” — a place of creation and destruction — life, in other words — but what we carry loose-

## American Life in Poetry

ly through this life are our memories. Most comforting for me is the last line that affirms our purpose in life, “to make more.”

### Memory Sack

That first cry opens the earth door.  
We join the ancestor road.  
With our pack of memories  
Slung slack on our backs  
We venture into the circle  
Of destruction,  
Which is the circle  
Of creation  
And make more-

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the author and the publisher. Introduction copyright ©2022 by The Poetry Foundation. The introduction’s author, Kwame Dawes, is George W. Holmes Professor of English and Glenna Luschei Editor of Prairie Schooner at the University of Nebraska.

# Hospital offers prevention class

Adams Memorial Hospital is offering a diabetes prevention class.

“Prevent Type 2 Diabetes,” a National Diabetes Prevention Program led by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, features an approach to prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. The hospital will begin its diabetes preven-

tion program starting April 5 in the Geneva Room at 1100 Mercer Ave., Decatur.

Two additional sessions may be offered another day from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. To register, call Lisa McAfee, a diabetes educator and life coach, at (260) 724-2145 extension 11107.



Photo provided

## Gold medalists

Local students who participated in the Solo and Ensemble contest all received gold ratings at the district level. Pictured are (front row) Destiny McManus, Alexis Durham and Isaac Braun, (back row) Mackenzie Brown, Shea Bailey, Alex Ardizzone, Azael Navarro and Jordan Wickey. Not pictured is Hannah Boggs.

# Partner’s affection runs deep

DEAR ABBY: My longtime boyfriend passed away after an extended illness, and I’d like to offer a suggestion to your readers I wish I had thought of before his passing.

After the funeral, I was thinking about what a wonderful man he was, so I decided to compile a list of his good qualities. The list grew longer the more I thought about his many positive attributes. They were big and small things, but they all added up to why I loved him so much.

I wish I’d had it framed and given it to him while he was healthy, or at least while he was still living. I know it would have meant the world to him. I hope my suggestion will be adopted by your readers. It could bring so much happiness to the person you love. Do it before it’s too late. — LOVED SO MUCH ABOUT HIM

DEAR LOVED: Please accept my sympathy for your loss. Death is particularly poignant if there are words left unsaid. I subscribe to your philosophy. That message is eloquently conveyed in a poem included in my “Keepers” booklet. A quick and easy read, “Keepers” is a collection of poems, essays and letters readers have repeatedly asked me to reprint. Many sub-

### Dear Abby



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What follows is the poem I mentioned:

### “The Time Is Now” (Author Unknown)

If you are ever going to love me,  
Love me now, while I can know  
The sweet and tender feelings

Which from true affection flow.  
Love me now  
While I am living.  
Do not wait until I’m gone  
Please tell me now  
And then have it chiseled in marble,

Sweet words on ice-cold stone.  
If you have tender thoughts of me,  
Please tell me now.  
If you wait until I am sleeping,  
Never to awaken,  
There will be death between us  
And I won’t hear you then  
So, if you love me, even a little bit,  
Let me know it while I am living  
So I can treasure it.

DEAR ABBY: If I’m with a close friend and she has a prominent hair on her face, should I say anything? I appreciate it when someone brings something like that to my attention. As a member of several women’s clubs, I wouldn’t want to be known as the “hairy lady!” — HELPFUL IN VIRGINIA

DEAR HELPFUL: Of COURSE you should say something — privately.

A true friend should not only tell her but also share a pair of tweezers and a pocket mirror from your makeup bag with her.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday’s Solution

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

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

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA’S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at

Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

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

### Thursday

EN AVANT CLUB —

Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

SENIOR CITIZENS CARD CLUB — Will meet at 1 p.m. on the first, second, third and fifth Thursday of each month at Jay County Community Center.

ORGAN TRANSPLANT SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 3 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month in the IU Health Blackford main conference room.

JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY —

Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

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

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

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# People continue to be remembered

Editor's note: This column is being reprinted from March 7, 2012.

By JACK RONALD  
The News and Sun

They seemed so quaint. Certainly they looked old fashioned.

And then some eagle-eyed classmate would take a close look and point out that the girl third from the left on the second row was your mother.

And how did that feel? Years ago, long before the Pleistocene Era and Indiana Daylight Saving Time, it was a tradition in Hoosier high schools to hang from the walls large, framed assemblages of photographs that included head shots of every graduate.

Class by class, these groupings of black and white mug shots would line the halls.

Each year, a new class would go up. And there would be

## Back in the Saddle



something like a link in a chain added, a sense of community continuity on display.

A student might graduate in 1956, but with a little searching in the halls it was possible to find Mom or Dad in 1936 or some other year.

In the old 1925 Portland High School building that was a junior high when I was a student there, the class photos were even more mysterious. The tradition had stopped somewhere around 1959, so the graduates who were pictured were caught in a moment of history. Before

a certain point, no one was pictured; after a certain point, the same thing held true.

I remember spotting my mother and father in different class pictures while I was in junior high. I remember spotting my aunts — Jean and Janet — who were identical twins.

But I also remember our fascination with people we never knew, who seemed as fantastical as if they'd come from another planet.

There was Zep Yohe, for instance, a dweeby-looking kind of guy with an elaborate hair-do that was punctuated with a large, free-standing curl that must have extended three inches from his forehead.

That will get your attention when you're in junior high.

Who was this guy? What was with the hair? Was that some sort of photographic trick? And what would he look like if he'd

walked among us 30 years after his high school graduation?

And Zep wasn't alone. His class group photo hung outside a ninth-grade biology classroom, and in the same class was the amazingly-named Halloween Baggs.

Now, while Zep looked as if he had just arrived from the planet Neptune, Halloween looked as if he were 10 years older than anyone else in his class.

So, what do you do when you're faced with funny-looking pictures and odd names when you're in junior high school? You make fun of them, of course.

They become fodder for silly jokes.

Which might be funny until you go home.

My mother didn't remember Zep Yohe much. But she called me up short when I started

chuckling about Halloween Baggs.

He was a nice guy, she said. He was, indeed, older than most of his classmates because he'd dropped out of school and had a short career as a prize fighter before coming back and graduating.

He was named Halloween because that's when he was born. And he was, she reminded me, a nice guy.

Suddenly, those mock-able, old fashioned pictures didn't seem so funny.

And the people in them weren't targets for junior high humor, but real people.

That's another reason I'm glad that Zep and Halloween and all the rest are now hanging at the Jay County Historical Society's museum. They'll be appreciated there, though I still don't think Zep's hair-do is going to be the next rage.

## Governor should veto bill on bail

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Consider this simple question: Should a person's monetary wealth determine whether they remain incarcerated as they await the resolution of their case in court?

If you answered yes, there's no need to continue reading.

If you answered no, you have a good sense of one of the major problems with the criminal justice system in the United States.

The Legislature is trying to make it even worse in Indiana.

Powered by the Republican supermajority in both chambers, House Bill 1300 would handcuff non-profit organizations that seek to post bail for cash-poor defendants.

The bill passed the General Assembly this week as the 2022 session wound down. Ninety-nine of 106 voting Republican legislators favored the bill. Thirty-five of 39 Democrats did not.

The bill now lands on Gov. Eric Holcomb's desk.

The measure strikes out at The Bail Project, which currently operates in just two counties in Indiana — Marion and Lake. The group provides bail to arrestees who otherwise couldn't afford it.

House Bill 1300, conversely, seeks to assure that many without the monetary resources to post bail stay behind bars. Others who have ample cash can walk free until they're beckoned back to court.

Specifically, the bill would do the following in relation to nonprofit bail organizations:

- Forbid the posting of bail in violent felony cases or in cases where a defendant with a past conviction for a violent crime is charged with any new felony

- Require organizations to register with the Department of Insurance (if posting bail for more than three people in a 180-day period)

The legislation would also prohibit groups receiving grant funding from the state and local governments from bailing indigent people out of jail.

Last-minute modifications of the bill — eliminating a \$2,000 cap on bail posting by nonprofits, for example — do create more space for nonprofit bail providers to operate. But this bill should have been gutted, not modified.

The language of the bill

## Hoosier Editorial

*... there's no evidence that those released from jail with the help of The Bail Project offend at higher rates than those released by posting bail through a for-profit provider.*

also makes it applicable to houses of faith and other entities that might pool resources to post bail for indigent defendants.

House Bill 1300's author, Rep. Peggy Mayfield, R-Martinsville, argues the legislation "is just trying to bring parity" by regulating nonprofit bail organizations, just as profit-based bail companies are regulated by the state.

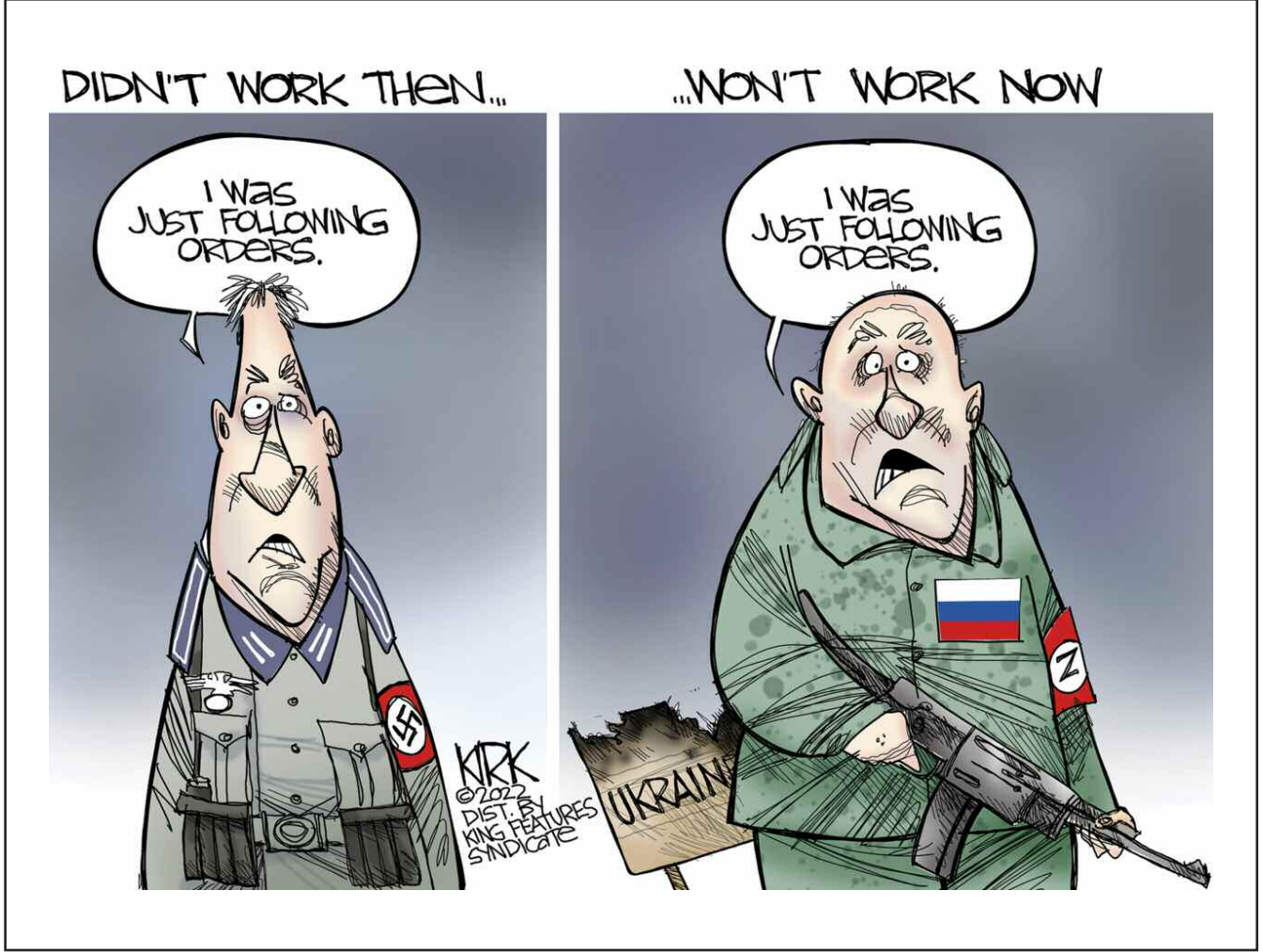
The legislation's supporters are undoubtedly more motivated by the idea of keeping the accused behind bars so that they don't commit additional crimes while they're awaiting trial.

Yet there's no evidence that those released from jail with the help of The Bail Project offend at higher rates than those released by posting bail through a for-profit provider.

The Bail Project boasts that 95% of its clients have kept their pledge to appear in court.

Essentially, that's the rub: Supporters of House Bill 1300 want indigent arrestees to stay behind bars; opponents of the bill want them to have an equal chance at freedom.

Gov. Holcomb should stand on the right side of this legislation and hit it with a hard veto. If he signs, he'll block an avenue of relief for those victimized by a patently unfair bail system.



## Trend likely to continue

By BRIAN BROOME

Special to The Washington Post

I remember sitting in the lunchroom back in high school when two girls began to argue and fight. It started with a sucker punch and then quickly escalated to hair pulling, kicking and body slams. The girls were fighting over a boy named Tony. But Tony was nowhere to be found. He didn't show up to break them apart or ease the situation.

He was just absent. Meanwhile, the two brawlers tried everything they could to hurt one another.

I didn't know Tony, but I do remember sitting there wondering where he was, if he cared or if he even knew the girls were drawing blood in his name. I remember thinking that someone should go and get him and tell him what was happening. But I also know that, wherever he was, this fight probably wasn't his fault, and that these two young women were responsible for their own behavior.

This is how I feel about the idea of God.

I was raised in a Christian household, and my family is still religious. But, at a certain point in my childhood, the whole thing stopped making sense to me. I couldn't work out why a loving God would let so many children suffer. The idea of eternal life seemed to be a way for people to skirt their fear of death or assuage the pain of grief. I noticed that the things people told me God wanted were, more often than not, things that they wanted as well.

I didn't give it up all at once. Like many people, I went on a spiritual

quest. But, like some of those, I quit the hunt after a while.

I stopped looking for the meaning of life and instead decided to just live it.

I stopped looking for an afterlife and now just try to be a better person in this one.

Of course, I know many kind people who practice their religion in ways that make us hopeful — in ways that are open and loving. People who aim not to convert, but to comfort. Not to shame, but to lift up. Not to demonize, but to include. I find this a testament to who they are as people.

But I often think that faith in God can be just as self-serving as staring at yourself in a mirror. The way a religion is practiced too commonly reflects the person who is practicing it.

If you want to be rich, you can find a religion that tells you that's what God wants you to be. If you're a misogynist, you find a church that will reaffirm your misogyny. If you don't like our politics, or some of our political leaders, there's a pew with your name on it somewhere, maybe closer than you think. If you are a hateful person, there are preachers for that, too. I watch people cherry-pick their religious texts to find what they want and ignore the rest. It was



Brian Broome

the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. who said that the most segregated hour in Christian America is 11 o'clock on Sunday morning.

We are not the only country where things work this way. For those who think it is a good idea to invade other countries, the battle cry will always be that God is on your side. Wars and atrocities have been committed in the name of religion throughout history. People fight over who's doing religion right and who's doing it wrong — or who are not doing it at all. Some religious leaders make no distinction between their role and that of their nation's political ambitions.

All this fighting over who is most righteous in this life — or righteous enough to live forever — causes more problems than it solves. Divides more than it unites. Antagonizes more than it comforts. If your religion is telling you who to marginalize, ostracize and hate, that's more than likely not your religion. That's just you.

Church attendance and membership has long been on the decline in America. My guess is that because many folks realize that fear is at the root of so much religious conviction, the proposition has become untenable. Those fears have led too many people of faith to police the way that others choose to live their lives.

The trend away from church will likely continue. Most of us have enough fear and bullying in our lives already.

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Firefighters try to extinguish a fire at a high-rise apartment building after the predawn missile attack in Kyiv. The heads of three governments in the European Union traveled Tuesday to Kyiv to meet with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, in an extraordinary attempt to demonstrate support for Ukraine as Russian attacks raged across the country and targeted the besieged capital.

# Talks are progressing

By **ANDREA ROSA**  
Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Both Russia and Ukraine projected optimism ahead of another scheduled round of talks today, even as Moscow's forces rained fire on Kyiv and other major cities in a bid to crush the resistance that has frustrated Kremlin hopes for a lightning victory.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, meanwhile, went before the U.S. Congress via video and, invoking Pearl Harbor and 9/11, pleaded with America for more weapons and tougher sanctions against Russia, saying: "We need you right now."

With Moscow's ground advance on the Ukrainian capital stalled, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said a neutral military status for Ukraine was being "seriously discussed" by the two sides, while Zelenskyy said Russia's demands for ending the war were becoming "more realistic."

Kyiv residents huddled in homes and shelters amid a citywide curfew that runs until Thursday morning, as Russia shelled areas in and around the city. A 12-story apartment building in central Kyiv

erupted in flames after being hit by shrapnel.

Russian forces also continued pounding Mariupol, the encircled southern seaport of 430,000 that has been under attack for almost all of the three-week war in a siege that has left people struggling for food, water, heat and medicine and has forced the digging of mass graves.

Hopes for diplomatic progress to end the war rose after Zelenskyy acknowledged in the most explicit terms yet Tuesday that Ukraine's goal of joining NATO is unlikely to be met. Russian President Vladimir Putin has long depicted Ukraine's NATO aspirations as a threat to Russia.

Lavrov welcomed Zelenskyy's comment and said "the businesslike spirit" starting to surface

in the talks "gives hope that we can agree on this issue."

"A neutral status is being seriously discussed in connection with security guarantees," Lavrov said on Russian channel RBK TV. "There are concrete formulations that in my view are close to being agreed."

Russia's chief negotiator, Vladimir Medinsky, said the sides were discussing a possible compromise idea for a future Ukraine with a smaller, non-aligned military.

Prospects of a diplomatic breakthrough were highly uncertain, however, given the gulf between Ukraine's demand that the invading forces withdraw completely and Russia's suspected aim of replacing Kyiv's Westward-looking government with a pro-Moscow regime.

# Appeal ...

Continued from page 1  
"Remember Pearl Harbor? Remember September 11?" Zelenskyy asked. "Our countries experience the same every day right now."

Nearing the three-week mark in an ever-escalating war, Zelenskyy has been imploring allied leaders to stop the Russian airstrikes. President Joe Biden's administration has stopped short of providing a no-fly zone or the transfer of military jets from neighboring Poland as the U.S. seeks to avoid a direct confrontation with Russia.

Biden is set to deliver his own address following Zelenskyy's speech, in which he is expected to announce an additional \$800 million in security assistance to Ukraine, according to a White House official. That would bring the total announced in the last week alone to \$1 billion. It includes money for anti-armor and air-defense weapons, according to the official, who was not authorized to comment publicly and spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Zelenskyy has emerged as a heroic figure at the center of what many view as the biggest security threat to Europe since World War II. Almost 3 million refugees have fled Ukraine, the fastest exodus in modern times.

The U.S. Congress has remain remarkably unified in its support of Ukraine and Sen. Angus King, the Maine independent, said there was a "collective holding of the breath" in the room during Zelenskyy's address. Outside the Capitol a group of protesters held a large sign lawmakers saw as they walked back to their offices. "No Fly Zone=World War 3."

Majority Whip Dick Durbin called the address heartbreaking and pledged to take on any action to stop the aggression on the Ukrainian people. "I'm on

board with a blank check on sanctions, just whatever we can do to stop this Russian advance," he said.

The Ukrainian president is no stranger to Congress, having played a central role in Donald Trump's first impeachment. As president, Trump was accused of withholding security aid to Ukraine as he pressured Zelenskyy to dig up dirt on political rival Biden. Zelenskyy spoke on the giant screen to many of the same Republican lawmakers who declined to impeach or convict Trump, but are among the bipartisan groundswell in Congress now clamoring for military aid to Ukraine.

He thanked the American people saying Ukraine is "grateful" for the outpouring of support, even as he urged Biden to use his office to do more.

"You are the leader of the nation. I wish you be the leader of the world," he said "Being the leader of the world means being the leader of peace."

Invoking Shakespeare's hero last week, Zelenskyy asked the British House of Commons whether Ukraine is "to be or not to be."

On Tuesday, he appealed to "Dear Justin" as he addressed the Canadian Parliament and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Zelenskyy called on European Union leaders at the start of the war to do the politically unthinkable and fast-track Ukraine's membership — and he has continued to push for more help to save his young democracy than world leaders have so far pledged to do.

To Congress, he drew on U.S. history and the faces of past presidents on Mount Rushmore in telling the lawmakers that people in his country want to live their our national dream, just like the you have," he said. "Democracy, independence, freedom."

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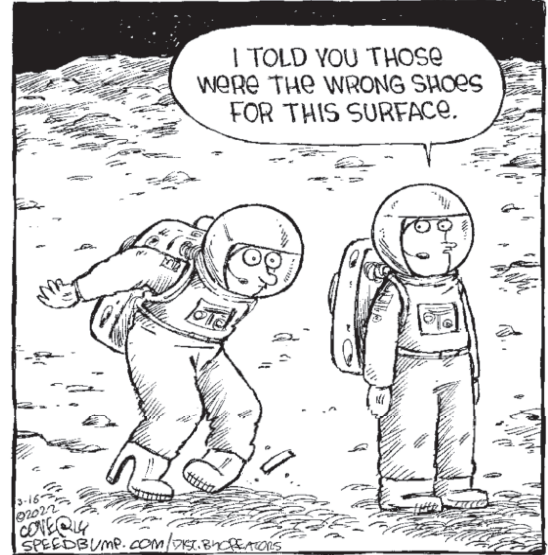
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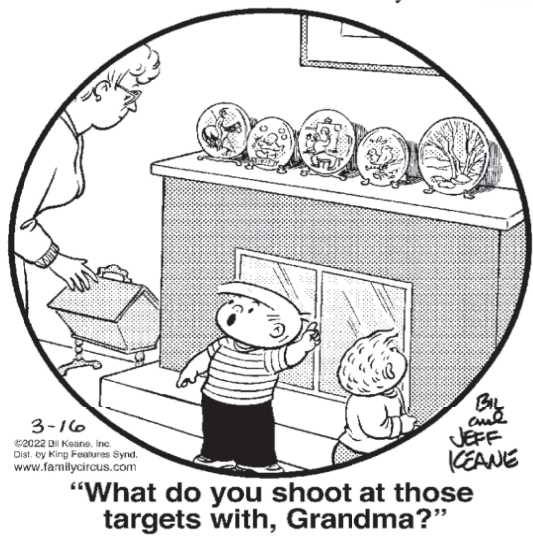
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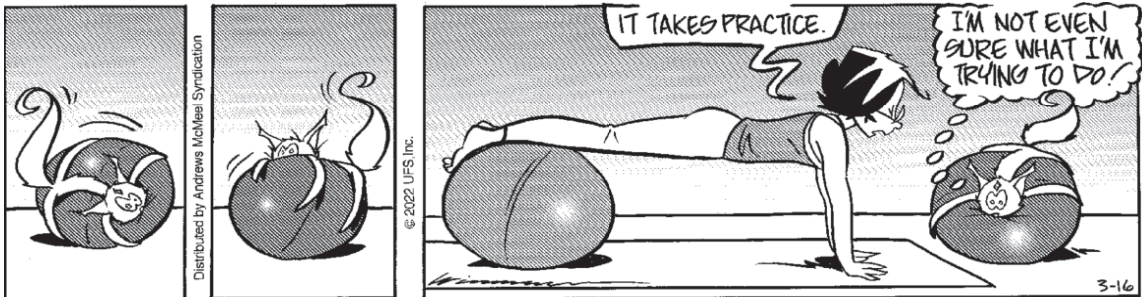
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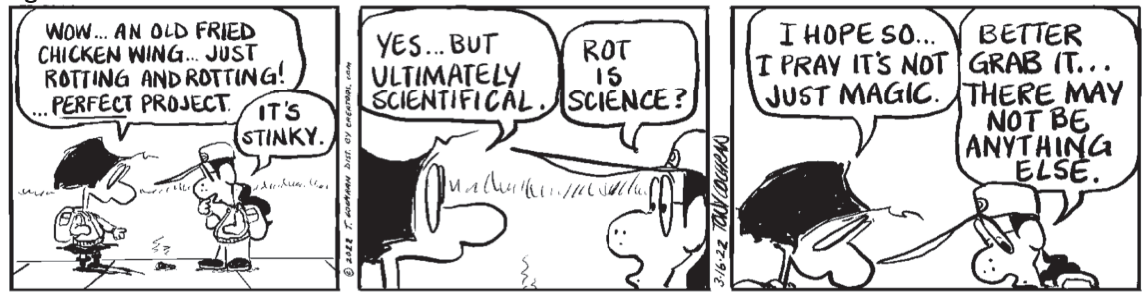
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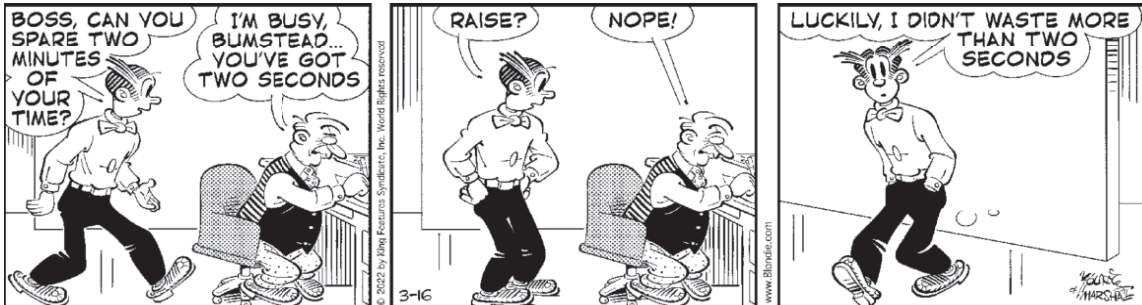
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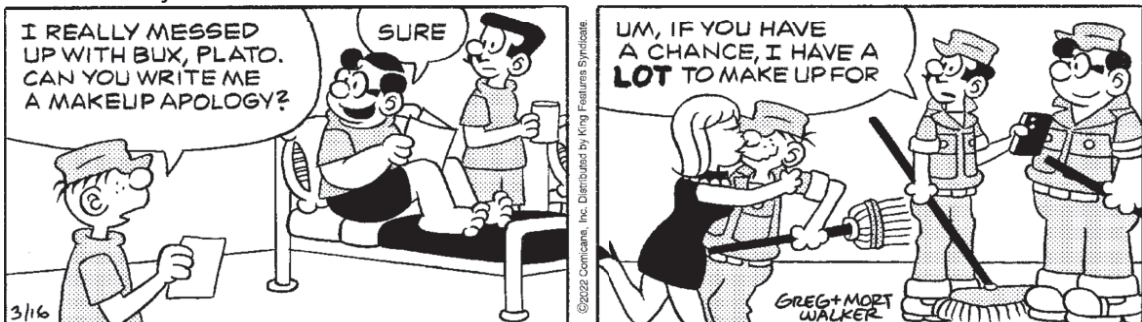
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## Top ...

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**Big picture**  
Wyoming: With an at-large bid from the Mountain West, the Cowboys hurt themselves with turnovers and shot 43.5%.

Indiana: Showed typical Big Ten aggressiveness in wearing down Wyoming as the second half went on and taking control despite less-than-stellar shooting. The Hoosiers shot 41.9%, but scored 46 points in the paint.

**Quotable**

“Now they know what it feels like, what it feels like to play a Big Ten team,” Linder said. “They made a run in the Big Ten tournament and got some big players.”  
“But I’m really excited what the future has in store for us because we have most these guys coming back.”

**Back to Dayton**

The First Four returned to Dayton for the first time since 2019 with all the March Madness trimmings. UD Arena was filled to the rafters, mostly with the boisterous Indiana fans, but there was good representation by Wyoming fans also.

“It’s huge. It’s surreal,” said Jackson-Davis, a junior forward who leads Indiana in scoring. “This environment, even just for the First Four game, it was a surreal environment. I’ve always dreamed about playing in this tournament and finally being able to live out that dream and just performing at the highest level, I’m truly grateful.”

**Up next**

Indiana moves on to face St. Mary’s as 12th seed in the East Region. Wyoming goes home.

## Joining ...

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With veterans like Gray and Stroman preparing him for the season, Greene feels like he belongs in the big leagues.  
“I used to walk by (the major league clubhouse) and think about what it would be like to be in there,” Greene said.  
Greene’s velocity and skill set foretold a fast race through the minor leagues, yet after throwing 68 1/3 innings in Low-A Dayton and posting a 4.48 ERA in 2018, a torn elbow ligament led to Tommy John surgery. The subsequent rehabilitation cost Greene the 2019 and 2020 seasons.  
In 2021, the 6-foot-5, 230-pound Greene split time between Double-A Chattanooga (41 innings, 1.98 ERA, 60 strikeouts and 14 walks) and Triple-A Louisville (65 1/3 innings, 4.13 ERA, 79 strikeouts and 25 walks).

At both sites, Greene’s fast ball ranged between 99 and 102 mph.  
“It’s the real deal,” said second-year catcher Tyler Stephenson.  
Stephenson, who looks forward to building a rapport with Greene amid bullpens and clubhouse conversations, was not the only one talking about Greene being major-league

*‘We’re all excited to see Hunter (Greene). ... We know what he’s capable of, the kind of person he is, the kind of talent he is. I believe he’s ready.’*

—David Bell, Cincinnati Reds manager

ready.

“We’re all excited to see Hunter,” said Reds manager David Bell. “He’s healthy, he had a full season last year. We know what he’s capable of, the kind of person he is, the kind of talent he is. I believe he’s ready.”

Regarding the effect of Gray’s departure, Bell said, “I mean this creates even more of an opportunity for Hunter. Hunter just has to go out and be himself and do his thing. All that will take care of itself. We’re looking forward to seeing him pitch, seeing where he is.”



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

## Starting spin

Jay County High School junior Gabi Bilbrey begins her spin while practicing the discus Tuesday afternoon. The Patriots will open their season at home April 5 against Blackford.

## Roll ...

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Memphis shot 55.6% in the first half to take a 74-49 halftime lead.  
“I think looking at the stat sheet and remembering the game, I’ve got to give them a lot of credit for how they played,” Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. “(It was a) very, very difficult night.”  
Pacers guard Malcolm Brogdon said the Pacers had no chemistry on either end.  
“There was no consistency,” Brogdon said. “Part of it is new team and attention to detail and coming out being ready to play. That’s a real good team out there with or without

Ja Morant.”  
Hield said he hates losing.  
“It’s hard to forget about this,” Hield said. “We can try to flush it out of our minds, but it’s human nature, especially as competitors. It’ll be hard to sleep.”

**Tip-ins**

Grizzlies: Coach Taylor Jenkins said before the game he doesn’t see Morant’s back soreness as anything that will linger for multiple games. ... Jackson played three seasons for Park Tudor School in Indianapolis before transferring to La Lumiere in LaPorte, Indiana.

Pacers: Brogdon returned to action after missing the past two games with a concussion. He scored 12 points. ... Goga Bitzadze was listed as active, but didn’t play. He had missed Sunday’s game at Atlanta with a lingering foot injury.

**Stat of the day**

The Grizzlies scored 24 fast-break points in the first half compared to zero for the Pacers. For the game, Memphis had a 33-9 edge.

**Up next**

Grizzlies: At Atlanta on Friday  
Pacers: At Houston on Friday

## Sports on tap

**Local schedule**

**Thursday**  
Fort Recovery — JV softball scrimmage at National Trail — 5 p.m.

**Friday**  
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage vs. Indian Lake — 5 p.m.; JV baseball scrimmage at Indian Lake — 5 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage at Covington — noon

**TV schedule**

**Today**  
6:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Bryant vs. Wright State (TRU)  
9 p.m. — Men’s college basketball:

NCAA Tournament — Notre Dame vs. Rutgers (TRU)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NHL Hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Seattle Kraken (TNT)

**Thursday**  
Noon — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Michigan vs. Colorado State (CBS)  
12:40 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — South Dakota State vs. Providence (TruTV)  
1:45 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Memphis vs. Boise State (TNT)  
2 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Norfolk State vs. Baylor (TBS)  
2:45 p.m. — Men’s college basketball:

NCAA Tournament — Longwood vs. Tennessee (CBS)  
3:10 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Richmond vs. Iowa (TruTV)  
4:15 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Georgia State vs. Gonzaga (TNT)  
4:30 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Marquette vs. North Carolina (TBS)  
6:50 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — New Mexico State vs. UConn (TNT)  
7 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Mount Saint Marys vs. Longwood (ESPN2)  
7:10 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Saint Peter’s vs. Kentucky (CBS)  
7:20 p.m. — Men’s college basketball:

NCAA Tournament — Indiana vs. Saint Mary’s (TBS)  
7:27 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Creighton vs. San Diego State (TruTV)  
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at St. Louis Blues (BALLY)  
8:30 p.m. — CONCACAF Champions League Soccer: Seattle Sounders vs. León (FS1)  
9 p.m. — Women’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Florida State vs. Missouri State (ESPN2)  
9:20 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Vermont vs. Arkansas (TNT)  
9:40 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — San Francisco vs. Murray State (CBS)  
9:50 p.m. — Men’s college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Akron vs. UCLA (TBS)

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# Sports

## Jackson-Davis, IU top Wyoming in First Four

By MITCH STACY  
AP Sports Writer

DAYTON, Ohio — University of Dayton Arena was rocking, thanks to hordes of Indiana fans who made the drive to the First Four to see the Hoosiers play in the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2016.

The 13,400-seat newly renovated venue just got louder as Indiana pulled away late to cap a 66-58 win over turnover-prone Wyoming on Tuesday night, sending the 12th-seeded Hoosiers (21-13) to a first-round East regional game to face fifth-seeded St. Mary's on Thursday.

Trayce Jackson-Davis had 29 points and nine rebounds, Jordan Geromino — who averaged 3.9 points this season — scored a career-high 15.

### Hoosiers make most of first tourney appearance since '16 in 66-58 win

"I thought our defense was really the key when we were struggling offensively to make shots," Indiana coach Mike Woodson said. "But we just kept grinding, and I found another player tonight off the bench and that was Geronimo, who gave us

a major, major lift tonight. And Trayce was who he's been pretty much all year."

Indiana opened a 10-point lead over the Cowboys (25-9) with less than two minutes left. Wyoming's Drake Jeffries hit a pair of foul shots to get the Cowboys within six with 14 seconds to go, but Jeffries had to foul Indiana's Xavier Johnson, who

hit a pair from the stripe to put it out of reach.

Hunter Maldonado paced the Cowboys with 21 points but turned the ball over 10 times. Graham Ike had 17 to go along with and nine rebounds. The Cowboys had 19 turnovers leading to 17 Indiana points.

"We were a team for most of the year up until the last two or three weeks where we were in the top 25 in the country in turnover percentage, but you know, (we) give that team 19 empty possessions when I thought for the most part we were getting the shots we wanted to get," Wyoming coach Jeff

Linder said.

Both teams were firing away from the outside early on but not much was falling. Indiana led 30-25 lead at the half despite shooting just 32% and hitting 1 of 8 from 3-point range.

The Cowboys couldn't keep the handle, turning the ball over 13 times in the opening half, including seven by Maldonado. Wyoming didn't shoot much better in the half, either, just 39%.

"I've seen traps and doubles all year, it wasn't anything too special, but I tried to force it a little more than I probably should have," Maldonado said.

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### Crossing Cougar

Jay County High School senior Lindy Wood signed last month to continue her cross country and track career at the University of St. Francis. Pictured with Wood are JCHS assistant cross country coach Lea Selvey, JCHS head coach and her father Bruce Wood, and USF coaches Corey Birchmeier and Kyle Allison.

## Without All-Star Morant, Jazz roll past Pacers

By MARK AMBROGI  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Desmond Bane scored 21 points, Jaren Jackson Jr. had 19 and the Memphis Grizzlies rolled without All-Star Ja Morant, beating the Indiana Pacers 135-102 on Tuesday night.

De'Anthony Melton added 18 points while Morant sat out with back soreness. The Grizzlies made the decision to hold him out after he went through pregame warmups.

It was the fourth consecutive victory for the Grizzlies. The Pacers have lost two in a row and five of their last six games.

"We played great," Bane said. "Everybody contributed. We had 38 assists, not a lot of teams do that."

Bane, who grew up about 75 miles away in Richmond, said it was great to have so many family and friends at the game.

Steven Adams had 13 points and 13 rebounds for the Grizzlies.

Jalen Smith scored 15 points for Indiana. Buddy Hield and Terry Taylor each had 14.

Tyus Jones, who started in Morant's spot, had 10 assists.

"We shared the ball," Jones said. "We played

fast. We played with pace. We played unselfish basketball. Instead taking a good shot, we created for someone else to have a great, wide-open shot. We had everything clicking on both ends of the floor.

"Ja has been out before this year and I just try to step in and fill his shoes the best I can," Jones added. "We just try to get the team to continue to play the right way, play as a team and execute the game plan."

Memphis shot 51% while holding Indiana to 42%. The Pacers were 6 of 30 from 3-point range while the Grizzlies were 15 of 40.

The 33-point loss was the Pacers' largest of the season, topping the previous total of 32 points to Charlotte.

The Grizzlies dominated throughout, leading by as many as 37 in the third quarter before settling for a 104-70 lead after three quarters.

In the fourth quarter, the Pacers' Isaiah Jackson fouled out when he was called for a flagrant foul on a moving screen. Jackson actually fell over Dillon Brooks.

The Pacers' largest deficit was 43 points in the fourth quarter.

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## Greene working toward joining Reds

GOODYEAR, Ariz. (AP) — Hunter Greene is well aware that the player he might be replacing in the Cincinnati Reds' starting rotation is also among the players who helped put him in contention for it.

While the right-handed rookie's rise to the starting rotation appeared possible with the offseason departure of Wade Miley to the Cubs, even

more opportunity arose with Sonny Gray's trade to the Twins on Sunday. Gray worked with Greene in the offseason, sharing his approach to physical and mental preparation.

"Anyone who has ever talked to Sonny knows how detailed-oriented he is," said Greene, who was also assisted by Marcus Stroman of the Cubs.

Stroman reached out in 2017 when Greene was drafted by the Reds in the first round, the second-overall pick out of Notre Dame High School in Sherman Oaks, California. The pair stayed in touch, but did not work out together until this past off-season when Stroman was in the Los Angeles area.

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