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Where Jay ranks

County is lowest for median household income

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

This week, Indiana Youth Institute released its annual Kids Count Data Book.

As reported by Indiana Capital Chronicle on Thursday, the state still ranks among the lower half of the nation — 28th overall — for child well-being.

How does Jay County fare?

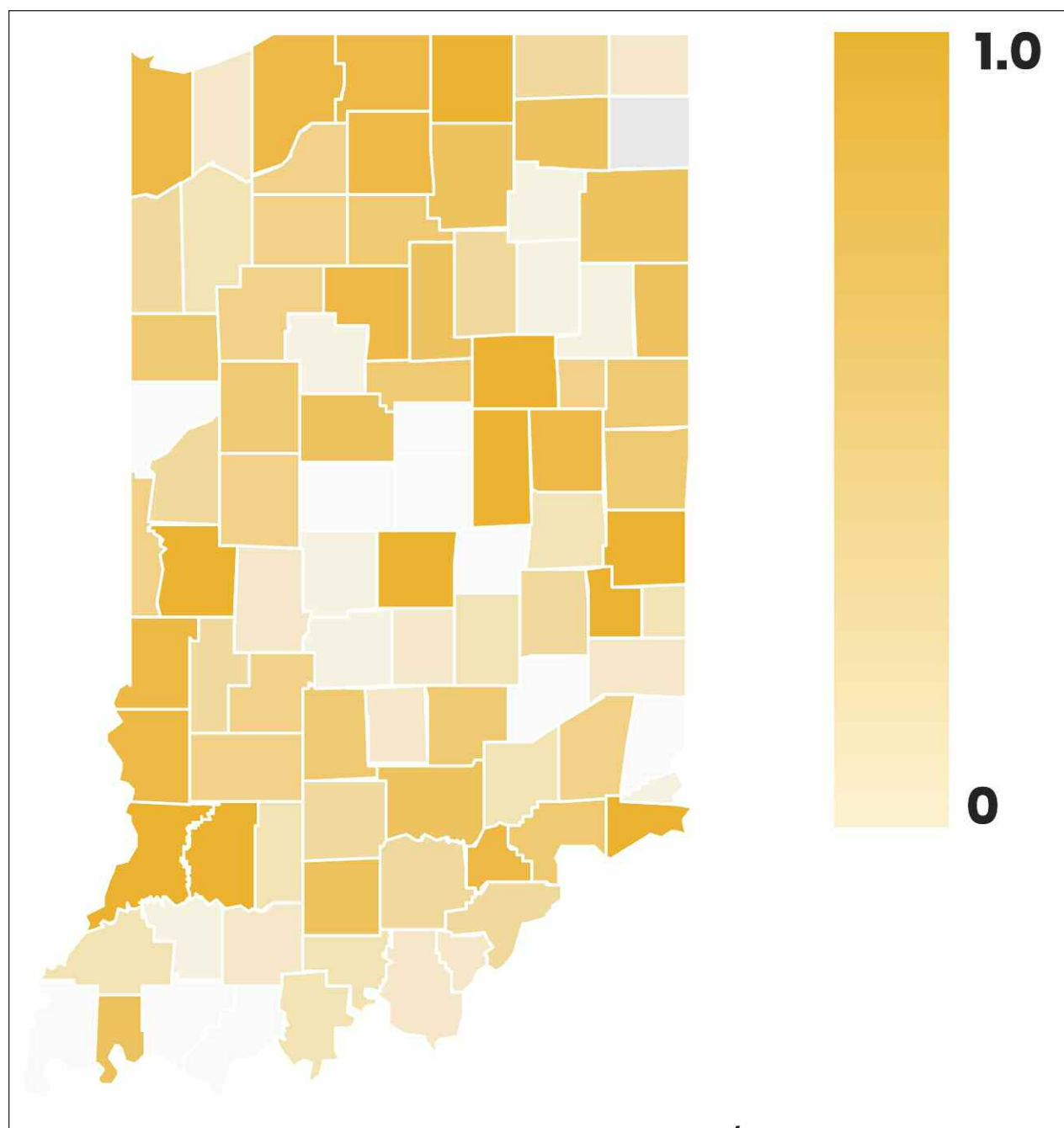
Child poverty

In 2016, there was cause for local alarm when the IYI's data book showed Jay County ranked No. 1 in child poverty at 35.2% (data was from 2014). It was 14 percentage points above the state average.

The number at that time seemed like a bit of an anomaly, having spiked by 8 percentage points from the previous year. Even so, the county's child poverty rate had come in between 24.7% and 27.2% over a six-year span from 2008 through 2013.

Current numbers don't look much better.

The most recent data available through The Annie E. Casey Foundation Kids Count Data Center — it is from 2020 — shows Jay County with a child poverty rate of 22.5%. While not the highest rate in the state, the county still ranks among the worst. It is fifth out of Indiana's 92 counties in child poverty behind only Vigo (28.4%),



Indiana Youth Institute 2023 Indiana Kids Count Data Book

The above maps shows how counties across the state compare on the “overall social vulnerability index score,” refers to potential negative effects on communities caused by external stresses on human health. Jay County's score is a 0.6593 on a zero to one scale. Data is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

Lake (25.5%), Grant (23.8%) and Crawford (21.1%) counties.

The state average is 14.9%.

Income

While Jay County isn't at the top of the list for child poverty, it is for median household income.

The county had a median household income of \$42,504, the lowest in Indiana. It was more than \$1,500 lower than Perry County, which was second-lowest at \$44,011.

The state average is \$60,794.

Jay County's per capita income is \$42,194 per year. That ranks 17th-

lowest in Indiana and is nearly \$10,000 below the state average of \$51,926.

Switzerland County is lowest in the state at \$35,647 while Hamilton (\$80,426) and Boone (\$80,314) counties are at the top of the list, both about \$20,000 higher than third-place Floyd County.

Jay County ranked 40th for child food insecurity (2021 data) at 17.4%.

Child care

As of 2020, Jay County had just 12 child care facilities registered with the state, down from a recent high of 16 in 2016. See **Ranks** page 2

Court issues arrest warrant for Putin

By LAURA KING

Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

AMSTERDAM — The International Criminal Court on Friday issued an arrest warrant for Russian President Vladimir Putin and one of his government ministers — a largely symbolic step, but one that could resonate powerfully with those hoping to see top Kremlin leaders held to account for a brutal war.

The warrants, the first issued in connection with the year-old Ukraine conflict, cites alleged involvement by Putin and Maria Lvova-Belova, Russia's commissioner for children's rights, in the deportations and transfer of thousands of Ukrainian children from Russian-occupied parts of Ukraine in the wake of last February's invasion.

Ukraine has said that at least 10,000 Ukrainian children were believed to have been deported to Russia without their parents. Lvova-Belova in particular has lauded the practice of bringing Ukrainian children to Russia, and previously disclosed her own “adoption” of at least one Ukrainian child.

Putin, ICC judges said in a court-issued statement from The Hague, Netherlands, bears ultimate responsibility for the transfers, which constitute war crimes.

Russia does not recognize the ICC's jurisdiction, and there is virtually no chance that Moscow would hand over Putin, or for that matter, any other suspects, in the absence of some dramatic development such as regime change.

But Ukrainian officials hailed the court's move as a landmark step toward attaining accountability.

“Wheels of justice are turning,” Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba wrote on Twitter.

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Retrospect

Beeler was a finalist for his composition

Twenty-five years ago this week, a local student was a finalist in a composing competition.

The March 18, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Brad Beeler preparing for the finals of the Project XL competition with his song, “Life Isn't Always Like a Box of Chocolates.”

Beeler had two entries in the competition, which drew more than 4,500 entries from 212 Indiana high schools. It required students to submit an original work expressing the topic “What is friendship?” Entries could be submitted in the categories of writing, two-dimensional art, three-dimensional art, video art, per-

formance or original music.

Of the two pieces he composed for the competition, it was Beeler's second-favorite that got chosen as one of 10 finalists in the music category. A piano player for nine years, he wrote and performed the piece that he described as an instrumental composition with emotion.

A total of 60 entries were selected as finalists across the 10 categories, with preliminary judging completed by a panel of artists, musicians and writers. The finalists were competing for more than \$45,000 in scholarship money provided by sponsor Farm Bureau Insurance. The winner of each category would receive a

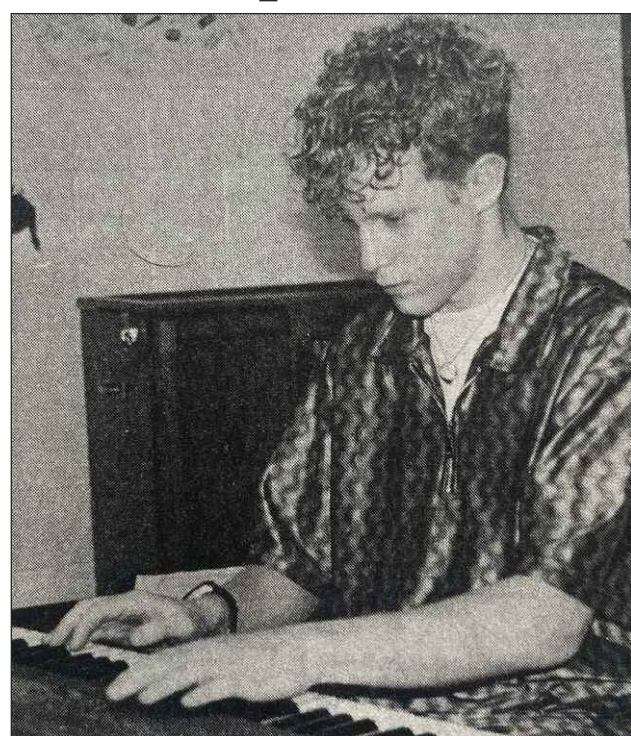
\$2,000 scholarship, with additional scholarships for the second- and third-place finishers. (The high school with the most finalists was also set to receive \$2,000 for scholarships.)

The overall winner would receive an additional college scholarship of an undetermined amount.

A new panel of final judges reviewed entries one week before the final competition. They were then able to ask the finalists questions regarding their work. Finalists in the music and performance categories, like Beeler, got to perform their pieces live for the judges.

Beeler, a member of the JCHS swing choir, said if he won he would use the money to study music in college.

Jay County High School junior Brad Beeler practices his piano composition “Life Isn't Always Like a Box of Chocolates” in 1998 in preparation for the finals of the Project XL scholarship competition.



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Deaths

Nelson Baxter, 72, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 54 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for a high of 27 with a chance of snow and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Tonight's low will drop to 17. Temperatures will then climb into the 50s by Tuesday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Indiana State Police will be increasing patrols for impaired driving through April 4.

Officers will be conducting high-visibility patrols over the next several weeks, showing zero tolerance for anyone driving aggressively, over the speed limit or under the influence.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Fort Recovery Village Council meeting.

Wednesday — Local resident is celebrating her 100th birthday.



Obituaries

Nelson Baxter

July 12, 1950-March 15, 2023
Nelson Baxter, age 72, of Portland, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at his residence.

He was born on July 12, 1950, in Decatur, Ohio, to the late Reverend Alfred Wayne and Miriam (Hulme) Baxter.

In addition to his parents, Nelson was preceded in death by his sister, Elaine Schorey; his brother, Paul Baxter; and his father- and mother-in-law, LaVern and Ruth Gruss; as well as his brother-in-law Dale Gruss.

Nelson was a 1968 graduate of Windfall High School in Wind-

fall, Indiana. After high school, he was drafted into the United States Army where he served his country proudly and faithfully in the 25th infantry division and 1-77 Armored as a tankner in Vietnam. Nelson was awarded a Purple Heart and two Army commendation medals for valor in combat.

When he returned home, he attended Ball State University, earning a bachelor of science in psychology. Over the years, Nelson held several jobs. No matter what it was he was doing, he



Baxter

could be described as a hard-working and dedicated employee. Nelson adored his grandchildren and will be remembered as a wonderful provider for his family and a loyal friend.

Nelson is survived by his wife of 31 years, Mary Lou (Gruss) Baxter, whom he married on Oct. 19, 1991; his children, Hunter (Adrienne) Baxter, Elizabeth (Jason) Schlarman, Michael Baxter, Rebecca (Craig Sobande) Myers, Andy (Caitlin) Myers, Dezna Baxter, Mahaley (Brent Walker) Baxter-King and Caleb Baxter; his grandchildren, Jocelyn, Lahna, Henry and Eli Schlarman, Chase and Karlee Baxter, Asher Sobande, Mason and McKenna Myers and

Oaklenn and Westin Walker; and his sister, Lumelia Mann; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family members and friends.

A celebration of Nelson's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch Street, Portland, Indiana, with Pastor Tony Price officiating. Burial, with full military honors, will follow in Salamonina Cemetery.

Nelson's family will be receiving guests on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, from 5 until 8 p.m. at Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home in Fort Recovery, Ohio, and again on Thursday from 10 a.m. until the time of the serv-

ice at the Asbury United Methodist Church in Portland.

Memorial contributions may be sent to The Journey Home, 325 S. Oak St., Suite 101, Winchester, IN 47394.

Condolences may be shared with Nelson's family by visiting brockmanboeckmanfh.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.

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Sunday 3/19	Monday 3/20	Tuesday 3/21	Wednesday 3/22	Thursday 3/23
35/22	46/29	54/38	55/46	65/52

Ranks ...

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That included nine licensed at-home facilities, two licensed centers and one registered ministry.

Numbers are not as recent for more detailed data, but shows that the county has just 12 child care slots available per 100 children ages 0 to 5. More than half of Indiana's counties have 15 or fewer slots available per 100 children. The state average is 21.3.

Technology

The county struggles with limited access to technology, a measure of the level of availability of devices or the internet that allows individuals to execute tasks like attaining employment, performing their job or completing coursework and educational programs, as well as the affordability of that technology.

Nearly 27% of Jay County residents have limited access to technology compared to the state average of 7.6%.

Other

One of the areas where Jay County performs well in state

rankings is for use of College-Choice 529 Accounts for saving for post-secondary education.

With 1,650 accounts, the county's rate of 319 per 1,000 children ranks sixth-highest in the state. It trails only Wabash, Boone, Benton, Hamilton and Hancock counties.

Jay County was among the bottom 10 counties for completion rate of influenza vaccinations for both youth 6 months through 8 years (11%) and youth 9 through 18 years old (7.8%)

Statewide

Overall, Indiana ranked 28th for overall child well-being among the 50 states, slightly ahead of Ohio (31st) and Michigan (32nd). Illinois was ranked 23rd, with Kentucky at 37th.

The Hoosier state struggled most in the health and family and community categories, ranking 31st in both. It was 19th for economic well-being and 17th for education.

Data show that Indiana's rate of children in families where the head of household lacks a high school diploma is down to 11%

from 13% in 2008 through 2012 with children living in high poverty areas and teen births also declining. (The rate of teen births per 100,000 was nearly cut in half to 19 from 37 a decade earlier.)

Indiana improved its rate of children without insurance — it is now 6%, down from 9% in 2008 through 2012. But its rates of child and teen deaths per 100,000 (33) and children/teens who are overweight or obese (32%) both went up.

The state as a whole improved across the board for economic well-being with the child poverty rate dropping three percentage points to 18% and the rate of teens not in school or working down two percentage points to 6%.

Indiana's education rankings also improved, with the percentage of fourth graders not proficient in reading dropping to 63% from 66%. The percentage of eighth graders not proficient in math improved by one percentage point while the rate of high school students not graduating in time also improved by one percentage point.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-5-5 Daily Four: 5-9-2-2 Quick Draw: 7-8-11-12-15-20-27-35-44-45-46-48-58-59-66-69-72-74-76-77	Pick 4: 1-0-2-4 Pick 5: 3-6-5-3-2
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 2-8-9	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$78 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$254 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.44 April corn.....6.44 Wheat.....6.85	Wheat..... 6.51 July wheat..... 6.95
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.50 April corn.....6.52 May corn.....6.54	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.32 May corn.....6.36 Beans.....14.71 April beans.....14.73 Wheat.....6.95
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.34 April corn.....6.34 Beans.....14.67 April beans.....14.67	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.14 April corn.....6.14 Beans.....14.56 April beans.....14.56 Wheat.....6.55

Today in history

In 1325, according to legend, Tenochtitlan was founded on an island in what was Lake Texcoco in the Valley of Mexico. The former capital of the Aztec Empire, it was seized by Spanish conquistadors and an alliance of Indigenous people on Aug. 13, 1521. Present day Mexico City is built on the city's ruins.

In 1792, John C. Calhoun was born near Abbeville, South Carolina. His list of accolades included his time as a congressman, senator, secretary of war, secretary of state and vice president of the United States. He's known for defending the institution of slavery, using the argument that states' rights protected it.

In 1942, the third United States military draft

began. Able-bodied men between the ages of 18 to 64 were required to register for military service for the duration of World War II plus six months. More than 10 million men were inducted through the draft, but most men and women volunteered to join the service.

In 1965, Alexey Leonov became the first person to walk in space when he left his spacecraft for 12 minutes.

In 1990, the world's biggest art heist was successfully completed by two men dressed as police officers at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. They stole 13 pieces worth more than \$500 million, which to this day have still not been recovered.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.	District, district office, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee, Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
March 27 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management	

Capsule Reports

Lost control

A Portland woman lost control of her vehicle while driving on Indiana 26 in Jay County, causing her to crash into another Portland woman's car about 5:44 a.m. Tuesday.

Terra L. Bailey, 28, was driving her 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer east on the highway near the intersection with county road 800 East when she started to slide because of ice on the road. Her vehicle crossed the center line and went into the path of a 2015 Buick Enclave driven by 47-year-old Jennifer K. Dalrymple, who attempted to get out of the way but could not before their vehicles collided.

Bailey sustained a minor head injury, and Dalrymple complained of upper arm pain.

Their vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Intersection crash

A Winchester man crashed his vehicle into the back of a Portland man's truck at the intersection of High and Meridian Streets about 2:15 p.m. Tuesday.

Kolten C. Young, 26, Winchester, was driving his 1989 Chevrolet GMT400 north on High Street and approaching the intersection with Meridian Street. He looked away from the road briefly, according to a Portland Police report, causing him to crash into a 2019 Ram 1500 driven by 56-year-old Robert A. Kaufman of Portland.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Failed to yield

A Portland woman failed to yield to oncoming traffic, resulting in a vehicle collision at the intersection of McNeil and Meridian Streets about 3:50 p.m. Thursday.

Karen A. Meyer, 63, was driving her 2011 Chevrolet Equinox west on McNeil Street when she stopped at the intersection with Meridian Street. She told police she checked both ways before proceeding into the intersection, when she noticed a southbound 2017 Chevrolet Cruze driven by 27-year-old Andrea G. Saldana Silva of Portland. Meyer wasn't able to stop before crashing into Silva's vehicle, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.

Warrant ...

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Human rights groups applauded the court's actions, even while acknowledging its practical limitations.

"The ICC has made Putin a wanted man," New York-based Human Rights Watch said in a statement. It called the warrant a first step toward ending "the impunity that has emboldened perpetrators in Russia's war against Ukraine."

The court's action hands Putin membership in an

exclusive but undesirable club. ICC arrest warrants have only ever been issued for two other serving presidents: Sudan's Omar al Bashir and Libya's Moammar Gadhafi.

Russia again scoffed at the notion that the ICC had any sway over Ukraine-related matters. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said in a statement on the messaging app Telegram that the court's actions were meaningless for Russia — "legally null and void."

SERVICES

Today

Pennington, Matthew: 10:30 a.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Monday

Miller, Alma: 11 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 1010 Monroe St., Decatur.

Wednesday

Baxter, Nelson: 11 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

May 13

Warrick, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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Gravel Hill Cemetery Annual Meeting

MONDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2023 6:30 P.M.

at the cemetery building.
All are welcome to attend.
Any lot owner interested in becoming a trustee call 260-703-7534.

Toddler's rejection of dad isn't unusual

By JOHN ROSEMOND

Tribune News Service
"What have I done to cause my 18-month-old son to reject me?" asks a new dad. Whenever he tries to hold his son, feed, dress or change him, the child puts up great resistance and screams hysterically for his mother.

Actually, dad is describing behavior that is not at all unusual for this age. It has its roots in the fact that with rare exception, the parent who has been at the child's beck and call until now has been the mother. During infancy

and early toddlerhood, even the most well-intentioned father is considerably less involved with his child than is the child's mother.

A nurse friend of mine tells me people who are hospitalized for relatively long periods of time do not like it when a new nurse takes over their care. Some even put up resistance when the new nurse attempts to do something for them and demand to know why the previous nurse is no longer available.

Likewise, this child has

become accustomed to his mother's care. She is a known quantity in his life; his father is not. Under the circumstances, when his father attempts to do something for him, it upsets his sense of security. When confronted with a new caregiver, a hospital patient may become demanding, perhaps even sullen. Under the same circumstances, a toddler falls apart. Toddlers are not known for restraint, after all.

Add to this the fact that a toddler who has been properly cared for has

every reason to think he controls his mother. It has not escaped his notice that every time he makes a loud noise, she appears within seconds and seems to want nothing more than to please him.

Under the circumstances, the child in question might feel dad's attempts to become involved mean he is losing control over his mother. Anyone who thinks toddlers are not capable of such sophisticated thinking should keep in mind that young children think things they cannot articu-

late, and their thoughts are highly intelligent. In fact, the first three years of life are the years of optimal learning.

I know of no instant cure for this problem. I only know it is unwise to lead a child of any age to believe he can control his parents. The right course is for both parents to, in the words sung by the late Buck Owens, "act naturally."

If mom is better positioned to do something for the child, mom should do it. If dad is better positioned, then dad should do

it, and he should do it with loving, good-humored determination. If dad starts something, he should finish it, no matter how hysterical the child becomes. This does not qualify as "trauma." It is a bump in the road — but to a toddler, all bumps are apocalyptic.

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Visit family psychologist John Rosemond's website at johnrosemond.com. Readers may send him email at questions@rosemond.com. Due to the volume of mail, not every question will be answered.

Long-time boyfriend lacks empathy for partner

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for 11 years. In all this time he has never once asked me if I'm OK whenever I have gotten hurt. I got used to it, you might say. Well, I recently lost the ability to walk, and ended up in a nursing home for rehabilitation. My boyfriend would come to visit, but would never ask about progress. Furthermore, when I would show him my progress he wouldn't act happy.

Now I'm home, and he treats me like garbage. I don't know why. When I brought it up, he said he doesn't know why. Should I end this relationship so I can find someone who's supportive and who will help me get back to 100%? Or should I stay and work on this relationship?

Dear Abby



amount of working on this will fix what's missing in his character. Unless you want to be treated like this for the rest of your life, get rid of him.

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DEAR ABBY: I have a co-worker I share an office with. We are cordial, but not friends. The problem is she chews gum most of the day with her mouth open, and occasionally pops it. The noises she makes are extremely disturbing and they disgust me. I have taken to wearing headphones and listening to music as often as possible to tune out her noises, but it feels a bit rude and isn't practical for all day. I'm on the verge of snapping at her. Is there a kind way I can alert her of the problem

without disrupting our working relationship? — ABOUT TO POP OFF

DEAR POP: Have a congenial chat with this co-worker and ask her to let you know when she's going to pop in a piece of gum so you can pop on your headphones. It beats popping your cork in frustration.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm friends with a man in his late 70s, 20 years my senior. I'm concerned about his mobility. He's an independent spirit who lives alone. Lately, I have noticed his strength and balance are diminished, and I know falls are serious for seniors. I have shared my worries with him, but he's proud and won't change his habits. Can you recommend a way I can talk to him

constructively about my concerns? — YOUNGER GUY IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR YOUNGER GUY: You have already tried discussing this with your friend. You might be able to get through to him if you TELL him you have noticed his balance issues, and that there is help for them IF he tells his doctor what's been happening. A physical therapist may be able to help him remedy his problem, but only if he asks.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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

Sunday
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 Sunday at The

Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday
PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

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.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 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
BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday.

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

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. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

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

ALANON 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.

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The objective is to fill a nine-by-nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-by-three boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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Where have all the students gone?

Las Vegas Review-Journal
Tribune News Service

Has the nation reached a tipping point when it comes to the soaring cost of a college education?

Declining enrollment numbers should be a warning to institutions of higher learning.

The latest figures from the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center reveal that fewer high school graduates are heading to college. National campus enrollment figures for 2022 reveal a nearly 5% drop from a year earlier. In Nevada, the state's seven institutions of higher learning last year had 15% fewer students than they did in 2019, the Reno Gazette-Journal reported in July.

Guest Editorial

The numbers highlight obvious failures.

Politicians must recognize the damage that virtually unlimited financial aid has inflicted upon the system, leading to mountains of student debt and encouraging higher education officials to ramp up tuition costs while offering degrees in areas of minimal value. Meanwhile, too many school districts are turning out

high school graduates who lack the skills to succeed at the next level, yet fail to offer programs that would allow kids to explore vocational educational opportunities.

According to The Associated Press, the number of high school students moving on to college fluctuated between 66% and 70% through the early part of this century. It has now fallen to 62%.

This has occurred even though many campuses now turn away virtually no applicants by instituting what essentially amounts to automatic enrollment. Despite these measures, more than 80 colleges across the country have closed their doors since

2016, according to higher-education.com.

A four-year college degree is no guarantee of success, although the Social Security Administration estimates that a male college graduate can expect to earn \$900,000 more over a lifetime than someone with only a high school diploma. Yet there are plenty of trades that don't require college and pay well enough to provide six-figure salaries and a comfortable retirement.

Education Secretary Miguel Cardona last year urged school leaders to "do a better job of incorporating workforce skills into their curriculums to better prepare students for life after graduation." He is correct, of

course — although that this needs to be said is a black mark on the nation's public school system.

At the same time, colleges must re-evaluate their tendency to increase costs far in excess of inflation if they hope to attract applicants who may have other options in a strong job market. Perhaps a clearer focus on academics and scholarship rather than on turning out social justice warriors might help.

The nation's top institutions of higher learning will weather the storm. But if the trend continues, the college landscape will look much different for future generations, with ramifications that bode ill for the U.S. economy.

Bank failures fuel insecurity

By JOE BATTENFELD
Boston Herald
Tribune News Service

The collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and two other large banks is fueling economic insecurity and angst among an already rattled American public and is prompting a major damage control effort by President Joe Biden.

Throw in Republicans' threats to raise the retirement age and cut Social Security and Medicare and you have a recipe for a very nervous electorate to go to the polls next year.

Biden and Democrats like Sen. Elizabeth Warren are already scurrying to assure nervous Americans the bank system is "safe" and avoid blame for the bank collapses, saying they were due to lax regulatory policies under Donald Trump.

Blame Trump is usually the Democrats' answer for every problem.

But Biden himself is now taking heat for the banking collapses.

"The bottom line is this: Americans can rest assured that our banking system is safe. Your deposits are safe," Biden said.

That promise is unlikely to assuage the public, which is already dealing with rampant inflation, rising mortgage interest rates and now financial instability in the banking industry. The banking collapses could not come at a worse time for Biden, who is expected to announce soon that he's running for reelection.

The Federal Reserve is investigating SVB's failure even though skyrocketing interest rates approved by the Fed to protect Biden from getting blamed for inflation are now playing a role in Americans' growing economic insecurity. The Fed had been expected to raise rates again but now is unlikely to do that given the banking collapses.

In addition to the SVB collapse, the federal government over the weekend announced the failure of New York-based Signature Bank, where one of the board of directors is former Massachusetts Congressman Barney Frank.

"Mr. Frank's extensive experience as a Congressman, and particularly as chair of the House Financial Services Committee, led the board to conclude that he should be a member of the board," accord-

Joe Battenfeld



Voters will be going to the polls in 2024 nervous about their financial futures — and now even staples like Social Security and Medicare.

ing to a statement about Frank's appointment by the bank.

The liberal icon got more than \$121,000 in compensation for being on the board last year, as well as \$180,000 in stocks, according to a company filing.

Now Frank is insisting that Signature could have stayed open if not for overly aggressive tactics by the government.

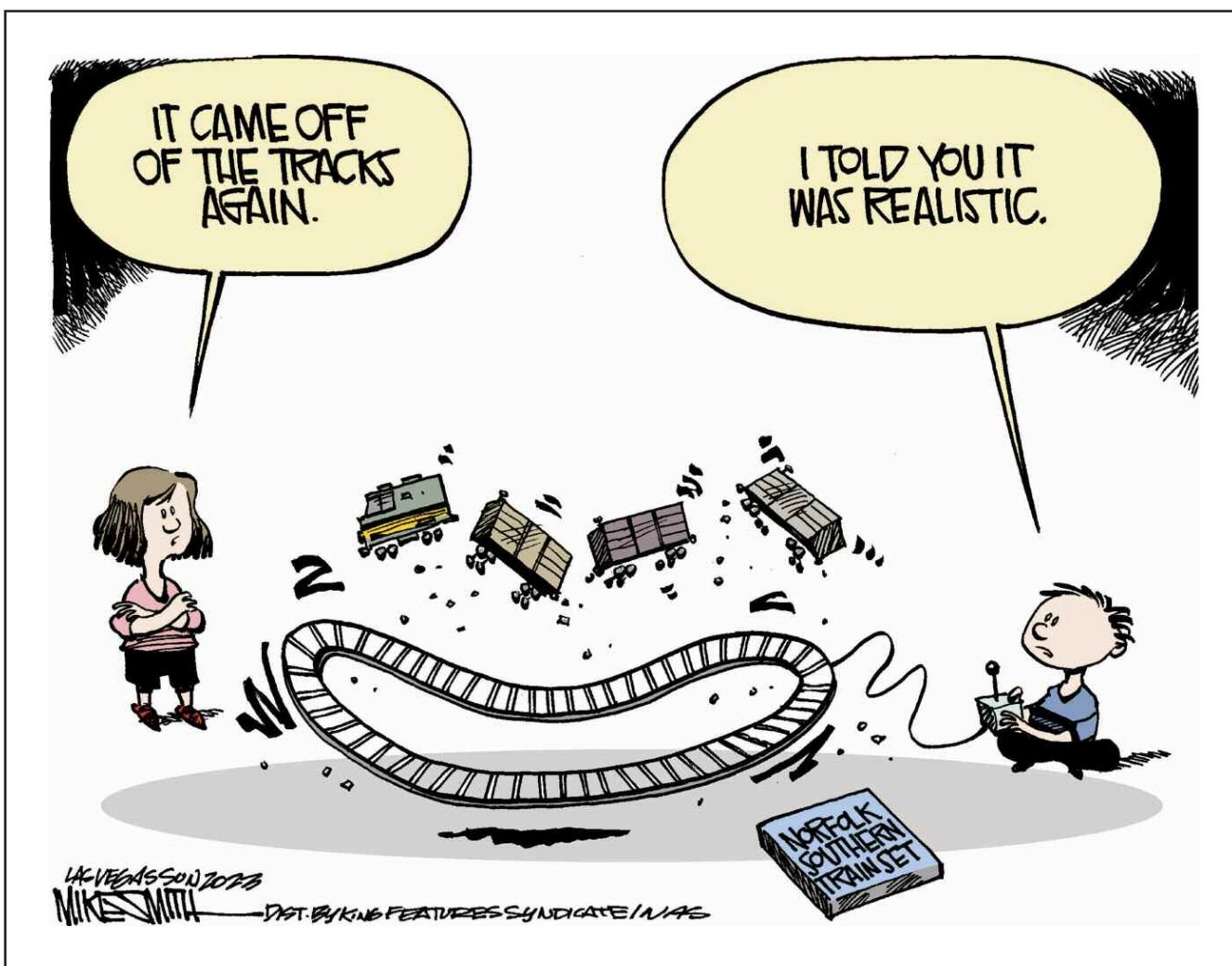
In an interview with Bloomberg, Frank blamed crypto for "destabilizing" the financial system — even though under his and the board's guidance Signature relied on crypto as a growth vehicle.

The "bottom line" — Biden likes to say — is that Americans have no more trust in the government's ability to keep their money safe and keep a major recession from developing.

Voters will be going to the polls in 2024 nervous about their financial futures — and now even staples like Social Security and Medicare.

Republicans like presidential candidate Nikki Haley are floating plans to tamper with Social Security and raise the retirement age — the so-called "third rail" of American politics.

Biden has attempted to capitalize on those plans by scaring voters but has no plan to keep Social Security solvent over the next few decades.



Pence sees a path forward

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

Mike Pence may have figured things out.

The former vice president of the United States and onetime Indiana governor took aim at the man who had been his boss for four years, Donald Trump, during a speech at the Gridiron Dinner in Washington, D.C.

Pence's aim was true.

"History will hold Donald Trump accountable for Jan. 6," Pence told those gathered at one of the great gatherings of America's power structure. "Make no mistake about it: What happened that day was a disgrace, and it mocks decency to portray it in any other way. President Trump was wrong. His reckless words endangered my family and everyone at the Capitol that day."

His words sent shock waves through the nation's political firmament. Not since the days of John Nance Garner and Franklin D. Roosevelt had a vice president broken so significantly with his erstwhile commander-in-chief.

But Pence was right to do so. Pence is mulling over a run for the presidency in 2024. Trump already is a declared candidate for the office.

That means the two men will be rivals, not allies. Pence will have to make a case for his candidacy.

He could do what other potential Republican contenders — Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis comes to mind — and say he would be a president like Trump, only less so. DeSantis' argument for his contemplated candidacy can be boiled down to a single sentence: "I will govern the way Donald Trump did, only without the mean tweets and the outlandish behavior."

In other words, DeSantis would provide a more civil form of authoritarianism.

That never has been Pence's style.

John Krull



His political philosophy always has been libertarian until his libertarian impulses come into conflict with his religious faith. Then, he veers hard toward theocracy.

He is not, contrary to what his critics think, a man without a backbone. He will take a firm, unpopular stand when a sense of justice animates him.

Years ago, when I was the executive director of what is now the American Civil Liberties Union of Indiana, I invited Pence, then a member of Congress, to speak at a youth conference.

Pence surprised everyone by taking issue with a portion of the Patriot Act, which had been rushed into law by Congress and President George W. Bush following the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks on America. Pence said he opposed the noxious "sneak-and-peak" provisions of the bill that allowed for warrantless searches.

It was a brave stand for a junior House member.

There were no votes in that room for him that day. Many of those attending — high school students — weren't old enough to cast a ballot. The adults who were there, devoted ACLU members, likely were so put off by Pence's positions on reproductive rights and equal status for LGBTQ citizens that they never would pull a lever for him.

He said what he said because he thought government had overreached and President Bush — a president of his own party — was

wrong.

He was right to criticize his own party's president then.

And he's right to do so now. This time, though, his criticism also makes sense politically.

The Republican presidential candidates who think they have a shot at reaching the White House by presenting themselves as paler versions of Trump are making a fundamental miscalculation. Trump's base won't settle for an imitation as long as the real thing is a viable option.

The only path to the Oval Office for a Republican runs through Donald Trump, not behind or beside him.

That means someone in the GOP is going to have to demonstrate that his role in the Jan. 6 insurrection makes Trump unfit to serve as president again.

That's what Pence is doing.

In doing so, he's showing his fellow Republicans the only route they have back to power: Trump lost the popular vote in 2016 and 2020 by increasing margins and likely will fall even shorter next time, should he be the GOP nominee.

Republican candidates in Senate and gubernatorial candidates in typically GOP-friendly states such as Arizona, Georgia and Pennsylvania who carried the Trump brand came up short. Even Republicans who followed his lead while running in gerrymandered congressional districts, such as Rep. Lauren Boebert, managed to turn what should have been strolls into dogfights.

Mike Pence hasn't just consulted his conscience. He's also run the numbers.

And that's helped him figure things out.

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Fed was too late to save SVB

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Just over a year before Silicon Valley Bank's collapse threatened a generation of technology startups and their backers, the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco appointed a more senior team of examiners to assess the firm. They started calling out problem after problem.

As the upgraded crew took over, it fired off a series of formal warnings to the bank's leaders, pressing them to fix serious weaknesses in operations and technology, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

Then late last year they flagged a critical problem: The bank needed to improve how it tracked interest-rate risks, one of the people said, an issue at the heart of its abrupt downfall this month.

The Federal Reserve has promised to investigate how it supervised SVB Financial Group's Silicon Valley Bank, now the second-biggest failure of a U.S. lender in history. The relatively late discovery of so many flaws raises questions about whether the Fed was diligent in stepping up oversight as the firm was ballooning in size. On Friday, Santa Clara, California-based SVB Financial filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection.

In a twist, the San Francisco Fed's deputy point person in charge of monitoring the bank until late 2021 received a new assignment afterward, becoming the regulator's point person on Silvergate Capital Corp., according to people with knowledge of the situation. Silvergate also shut this month because of similar flaws in its deposit base and the positioning of its balance sheet.

A representative for the Fed declined to comment. The people who described the regulator's supervision asked not to be identified because the process is confidential.



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Members of the media interview a Silicon Valley Bank customer outside of the bank office on Monday in Santa Clara, California. Days after Silicon Valley Bank collapsed, customers are lining up to try and retrieve their funds from the failed bank. The Silicon Valley Bank failure is the second largest in U.S. history.

SVB was a fraction of its recent size when the Trump administration and congressional Republicans led a bipartisan effort to roll back banking regulations in 2018, ending automatic annual stress testing for banks smaller than \$250 billion in assets. The lender's chief executive officer, Greg Becker, had lobbied for the bill, and as the measure took effect his company's growth took off. By early last year, it held \$220 billion in assets, up from \$51 billion at the end of 2017.

That trajectory made SVB the fastest-growing major bank in the nation over the past five years — even outpacing firms

such as First Citizens BancShares Inc. and Truist Financial Corp. that completed mergers. By this year, SVB was the country's 16th largest by assets.

Becker also had another role: He had been a part of the nine-member San Francisco Fed board from 2019 until the day his bank failed.

Its collapse late last week left legions of startups facing the prospect that they wouldn't be able to pay employees or keep the lights on, prompting the Fed and Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. to take extraordinary steps, including rescuing uninsured depositors and

offering the industry a borrowing facility to avoid similar strains.

The central bank vowed to publish the results of its internal review by May 1. "The events surrounding Silicon Valley Bank demand a thorough, transparent and swift review by the Federal Reserve," Fed Chair Jerome Powell said in a statement this week.

Already, the bank's lack of a chief risk officer for much of last year has emerged as a focal point, Bloomberg News reported Tuesday.

The San Francisco Fed has a program for overseeing com-

munity and regional institutions, as well as a group trained to monitor big banks. As that one prepared to formally watch Silicon Valley Bank at the start of last year, examiners began sending the firm two types of warnings: matters requiring attention, or MRAs, and matters requiring immediate attention, or MRIAs.

While not disclosed to the public, MRAs and MRIAs are supposed to seize executives' attention, requiring they fix problems to avoid more severe sanctions, known as consent orders. Those more stringent directives, once public, can send stocks tumbling by forcing banks to make costly improvements, pull back from certain activities or, in the extreme, stop growing.

The Biden administration found out about the full extent of SVB's stack of MRAs and MRIAs on March 10, the day the firm was seized by regulators, according to people familiar with the matter.

SVB and Silvergate succumbed to the same basic pressures. Silicon Valley Bank's clientele of tech startups drew down their balances as the industry struggled to raise fresh funding, while Silvergate's crypto-friendly customers withdrew to weather last year's plunge in digital-asset prices.

Banks are supposed to structure their balance sheets conservatively to handle unexpected economic shocks and deposit flight.

But Silicon Valley Bank and Silvergate both invested heavily in bonds with low interest rates, which slumped in value as the Fed raised rates over the past year. When withdrawals forced the lenders to sell those assets, they incurred severe losses.

The Justice Department and the Securities and Exchange Commission are investigating SVB's downfall. Those probes, which are in early stages, include whether stock sales by executives violated trading rules.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF ACTOR OMAR HAD PLAYED COUNTY LAWYERS IN A BUNCH OF FILMS, THOSE WOULD BE SHARIF'S SHERIFFS. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals B

Trivial Review (Answers are printed below, upside down.) On vacation 1) What national park is known as the Salamander Capital of the World? 2) What state produces more cucumbers and tomatoes than any other? (1) Great Smoky Mountains (2) Florida

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Saturday's Cryptoquip: SOUTHERN BASEBALL TEAM WHOSE MEMBERS ALWAYS SEEM TO BE EXTREMELY ANGRY: THE TEXAS RAGERS. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals P

CRYPTO FUN Determine the code to reveal the answer! Solve the code to discover words related to peanuts. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 3 = O)

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the peanuts. TBRUET Answer: Butter

Guess Who? I am a singer born in California on March 18, 1979. I met my future bandmates while attending high school, where I played basketball. The band originally had a rock sound under the name Kara's Flowers, but turned soulful after a name change. Answer: Adam Levine

kids' corner

FOOD FACT! THIS FOOD MAY CAUSE ALLERGIC REACTIONS IN SOME, BUT FOR THOSE WHO CAN ENJOY IT, IT'S OFTEN PAIRED WITH CHOCOLATE OR JELLY. ANSWER: PEANUT BUTTER

How they say that in... ENGLISH: Peanut SPANISH: Cacahuete ITALIAN: Arachide FRENCH: Cacahuète GERMAN: Erdnuss

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS 1. Individuals 4. Trash receptacle 7. Thanks in advance (abbr.) 8. Peas, beans and peanuts DOWN 1. Ground nuts 2. Small street 3. Containing small, thick pieces 5. Split among others 6. To flower

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New Word LEGUME a member of the pea family that includes peanuts and lentils

PEANUTS WORD SEARCH

Grid for word search with words: BENEATH, BUDDING, COMPOST, CURE, FARM, FRUITS, GEORGIA, GROUNDNUT, HARVEST, HOPPER, LEGUME, PEANUT, PEG, PLANTING, POD, PRODUCTION, ROASTED, ROOTS, RUNNER, SOIL, SPANISH, VALENCIA, VARIETY, VIRGINIA

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

Crossword puzzle grid with clues: 1 No-frills 6 Steam baths 12 Cuba's Fidel 13 Realm 14 Open, as a letter 15 Not as messy 16 Villa d'— 17 June honorees 19 Unpaid TV spot 20 Finn's vessel 22 Hindu honorific 24 Tease 27 Congers 29 PC picture 32 Party treats from Carvel 35 Stubborn beast 36 hazard 37 Span. lady 38 Muumuu accessory 40 Glitz partner

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-57

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

One play does it all East dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: ♠J86, ♥875, ♦84, ♣AQ876. WEST: ♠93, ♥AQ92, ♦762, ♣10942. EAST: ♠75, ♥643, ♦KJ10953, ♣J5. SOUTH: ♠AKQ1042, ♥KJ10, ♦AQ, ♣K3. The bidding: East 2♦, South Dble, West 3♦, North 4♠. Opening lead — seven of diamonds. When declarer is running a long suit, one or both defenders often encounter all sorts of discarding problems. If declarer does not press this advantage, he might unwittingly let the defenders off the hook. Consider this deal where South got to six notrump as shown. Six spades would have been a better contract and could have been made easily by establishing an extra club trick in dummy. But South was in six notrump and

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

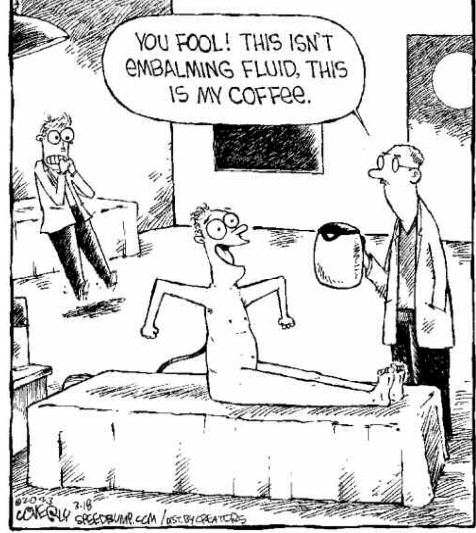
Famous Hand West dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH: ♠K, ♥964, ♦J9732, ♣KQ106. WEST: ♠A32, ♥K5, ♦86, ♣A98532. EAST: ♠108765, ♥8, ♦KQ105, ♣J74. SOUTH: ♠QJ94, ♥AQJ10732, ♦A4, ♣— The bidding: West Pass, North Pass, East 1♦, South 1♥, West 2♣, North Pass, East Pass, South 3♥, West Pass, North 4♥, East Pass, South Dble, West Redble. Opening lead — eight of diamonds. One of the rarest birds in all of bridge is the redoubled contract. While doubled contracts are quite common, one can go months or even years without playing or defending against a contract that has been redoubled. Today's deal provides a doubly rare specimen. It occurred in the playoffs to determine the U.S. rep-

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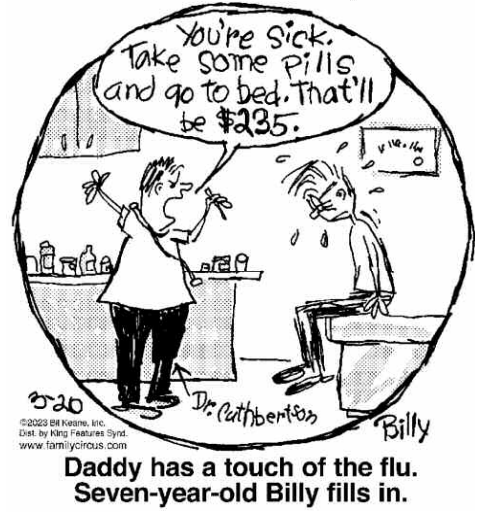
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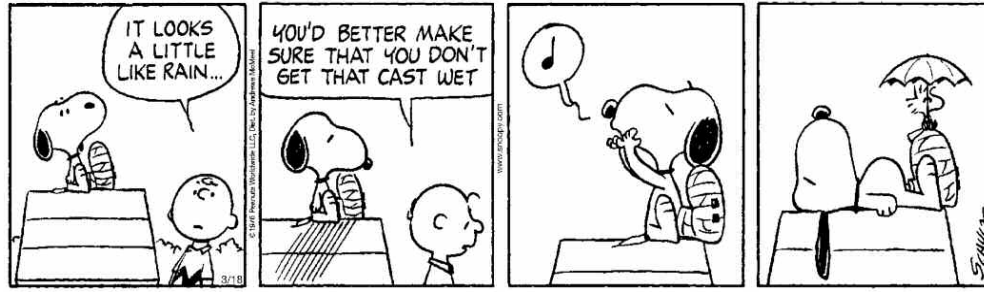
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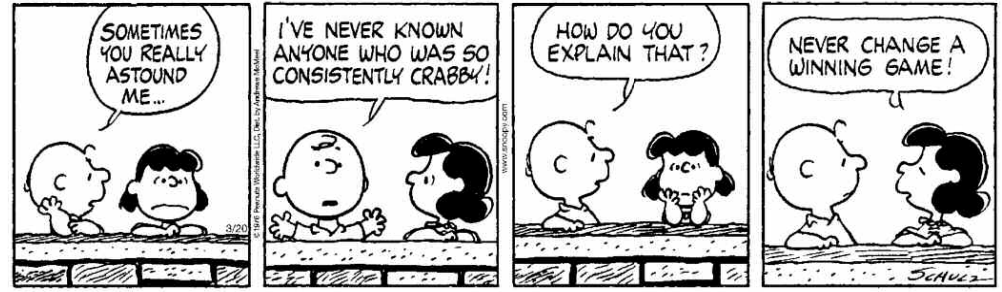
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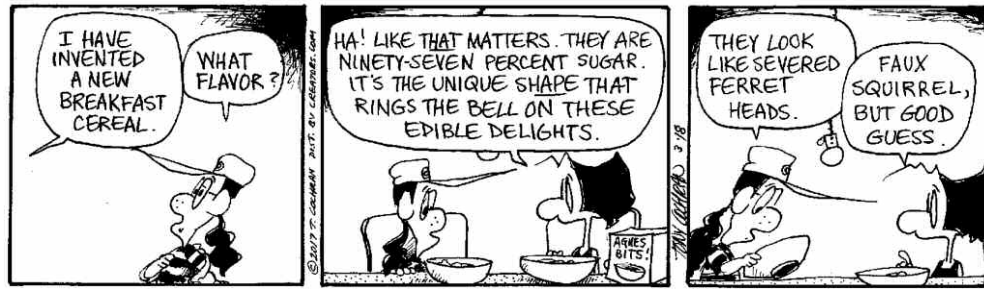
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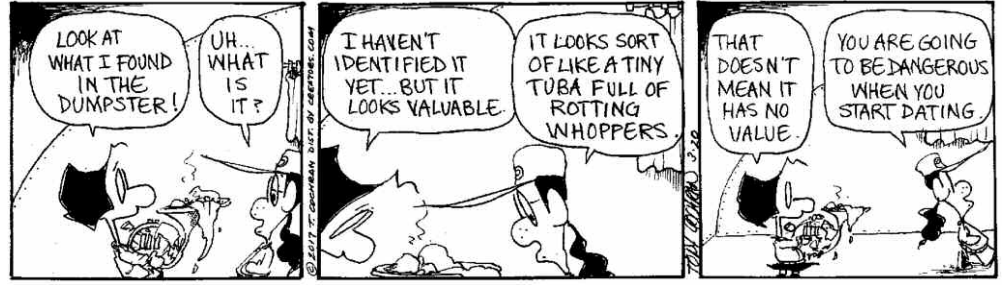
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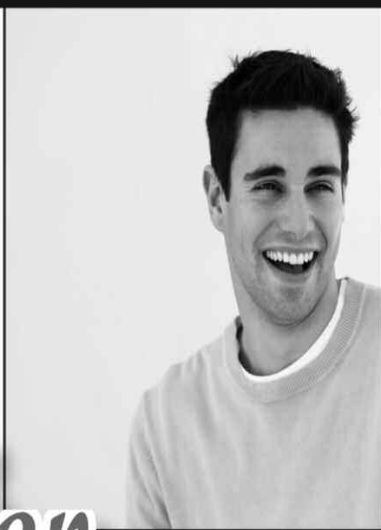
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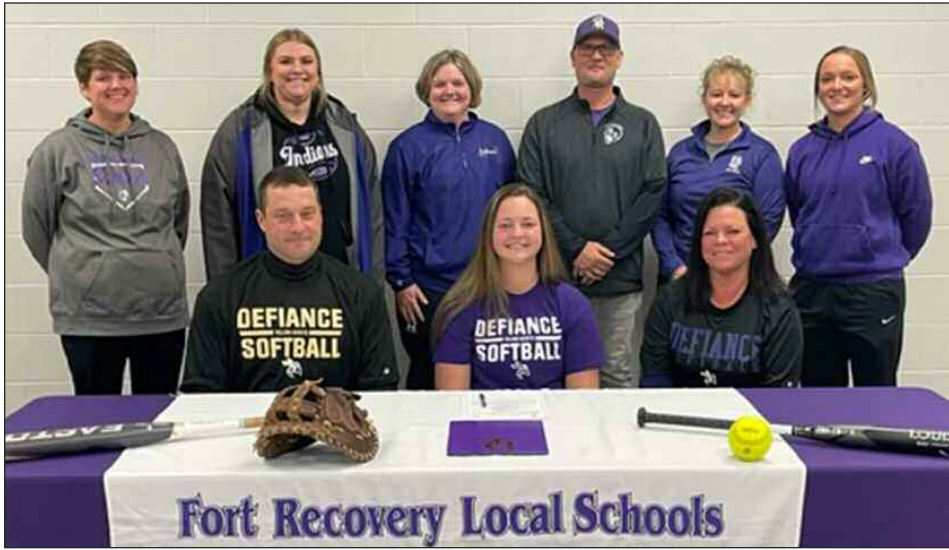
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He ranks second in the Cup Series standings with 151 points, three points behind Alex Bowman.
"There are proper ways to celebrate it and still be competitive," Harvick said of the rare

opportunity for an athlete to announce his retirement ahead of one last season.
"The thing that sticks out to me is we have been competitive every week and had a chance to win a couple races and run at the front and lead laps and do

the things that I want to do and that was to be competitive for my team. And I think that's the most important part. Go out on your own terms in the last year and do what we've done the last 22 years on the Cup side, and that's to be competitive. I think

that's the most respectful thing to the fans and the people in the sport is to not just cash it in, but go out there and try to win."
Brandon Hutchinson, the AMS executive vice president and general manager, said his track will honor Harvick during

his final race here, the Quaker State 400 in July.
"It's one of the most memorable race wins he's had in his entire career - and he's had quite the career," Hutchinson said of Harvick's start in Atlanta.



Photos provided



Indians sign

A pair of Fort Recovery High School athletes recently signed to continue their athletic careers at the collegiate level. Pictured above, Maddie Guggenbiller signed to play softball at Defiance College. At right, Allysen Fullenkamp signed to play volleyball at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Monday
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage vs. Covington — 5 p.m.
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Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage vs. Wayne Trace — 5 p.m.; Softball scrimmage at Van Wert — 5 p.m.

TV sports

Today
11 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League - Tottenham Hotspur at Southampton (USA)
Noon — Men's college basketball: NIT - Michigan at Vanderbilt (ESPN)
12:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - San Diego State vs. Furman (CBS)
1:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League - Everton at Chelsea (USA)
2:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - Tennessee vs. Duke (CBS)
3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Crafts-

man Truck Series - Fr8 208 (FS1)
5:15 p.m. — Men's basketball: NCAA Tournament - Kansas vs. Arkansas (CBS)
6 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series - RAPTOR 250 (FS1)
6:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - Missouri vs. Princeton (TNT)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)
7:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - Houston vs. Auburn (TBS)
7:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - Texas vs. Penn State (CBS)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers (ABC)
8:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - UCLA vs. Northwestern (TNT)
9:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament - Alabama vs. Maryland (TBS)

Sunday
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League -

Crystal Palace at Arsenal (USA)
Noon — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (CBS)
1 p.m. — Auto racing: Formula 1 - Saudi Arabian Grand Prix (ESPN)
2 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour - Valspar Championship (NBC)
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (CBS)
3 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series - Ambetter Health 400 (FOX)
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (CBS)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TNT)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TBS)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Winnipeg Jets at St. Louis Blues (Bally Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TRU)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TBS)
10 p.m. — XFL football: Arlington Renegades at San Antonio Brahmas (ESPN2)

Monday
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Charlotte Hornets (Bally Indiana)
Tuesday
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NIT quarterfinal (ESPN)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NIT quarterfinal (ESPN)
Wednesday
1 p.m. — Tennis: Miami Open (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NIT quarterfinal (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Toronto Raptors (Bally Indiana); Golden State Warriors at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Pittsburgh Pirates at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NIT quarterfinal (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Arizona Coyotes at Edmonton Oilers (TNT)

Local notes

Bowling event scheduled
Crown City Lanes in Dunkirk is hosting an event Monday for young bowlers. Five members of the Pro Bowling Association will visit the bowling alley, 115 Eaton Pike, Dunkirk, to work with members of the facility's junior bowling league. It will include a meet and greet, instructional clinic and hands-on assistance with the fundamentals of bowling.
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Wrestling club hosting event
Jay County Wrestling Club will host Delaware County Championship Wrestling for a professional wrestling event April 8. The DCCW show scheduled for 7 p.m. April 8 at Jay Community Center will feature an appearance by Olympic gold medalist and WWE Hall of Famer Kurt Angle. The card also features an appearance by WWE Hall of Famer Rikishi.
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5K circuit registration underway
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The opening race in the circuit is the Sprint to Spring 5K at 9 a.m. April 22. Registration is \$20.
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T-Ball/coach-pitch registration open
Registration is open for Jay Community Center's Boomer tball and coach-pitch leagues.
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Sports

Harvick is back where it all started

By **CHRIS VIVLAMORE**
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
Tribune News Service

The words may still echo around Atlanta Motor Speedway.

"Somewhere up there, I think Dale is smiling."

They came as part of the television broadcast of the Cracker Barrel 500 as Kevin Harvick narrowly edged out Jeff Gordon to win the NASCAR race on March 11, 2001, at AMS. The victory was the first in what has been a distinguished career for Harvick and came in his third start, three weeks after the death of Dale Earnhardt Sr. in the Daytona 500 on Feb. 18. Harvick took over for Earnhardt in a renumbered No. 29 car for Richard Childress Racing.

The race and the Harvick victory have been described as a healing moment for the sport after the loss of a legend.

In January, the 47-year-old Harvick announced that the 2023 season would be his last after more than 20 years and 60 NASCAR Cup series wins behind the wheel. He returns to AMS for Sunday's Ambetter Health 400, the first of his final two races in Atlanta. Near the end of his career, he's back where it started.

"When you look back at it now, having the whole picture now and being able to put it in perspective, I think that moment was as big as any moment we've had in our sport," Harvick said to The Atlanta Journal-Constitution this week. "For us to win in Dale's car and give the Earnhardt fans something positive to cheer for was just a big turning point in the sport. It really wasn't about me. ... That moment really helped everything."

Harvick won the race by 0.006 of a second. It was the fifth-closest finish (now tied for seventh) in NASCAR history. It remains the closest finish in AMS history.

Harvick said he remembers few specifics from that day 22 years ago. It's really all a blur. He does remember the noise from the crowd after the race, the fans hanging on the backstretch fence and the feeling of crossing the finishing line, win or lose.

Harvick's success has come with two teams, 23 wins with Richard Childress Racing and 37 with Stewart-Haas Racing. His 60 wins ranks 10th all-time, just one behind Kyle Busch. He won championships in the 2014 Cup series as well as the 2001 and 2006 Xfinity Series. Harvick became the first champion of the elimination-style playoff format, notching five wins and eight poles in his first season with SHR. He won the 2007 Daytona 500. He was Rookie of the Year in 2001 following his career-first win.

"Kevin Harvick's legacy as one of the all-time great drivers is secure," NASCAR President Steve Phelps said in a statement at the time of Harvick's retirement announcement. "Beyond his success inside a race car, Kevin is a leader who truly cares about the health and the future of our sport — a passion that will continue long after his driving days are complete."

Harvick won twice last year, with back-to-back victories at Michigan and Richmond near the end of the regular season. He failed to advance past the first round of playoff eliminations for the first time in his career.

This season, Harvick finished 12th at Daytona, fifth in California, ninth in Las Vegas and fifth in Phoenix. See **Harvick** page 9



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Early outing

Fort Recovery High School's Alex Dues winds up to toss a pitch for the Indians during their scrimmage at home Thursday evening against the Van Wert Cougars.

Campbell excited for new opportunity

By **GREG JOHNSON**
The Trentonian
Tribune News Service

Parris Campbell cannot overstate how blessed he felt to finally be able to play a full NFL season in 2022 with Indianapolis.

"I think last year with the Colts, it was just a glimpse of what I can be in this league," Campbell said Friday on an introductory Zoom call after signing a one-year deal with the Giants.

The 25-year-old former second-round pick represents another low-risk, high-reward free agent who can potentially add speed and explosion to the Giants' offense next season — if he can stay healthy.

Campbell played only 15 games in his first three seasons combined because he suffered a variety of injuries. He referenced a fluky instance during the 2021 season where he broke his foot on a 51-yard

touchdown because a Houston defensive back stepped on him. He also mentioned that in 2020, a Minnesota safety plowed straight into his knee on a reverse handoff.

"The injuries that I had, it was things that were just freak accidents," Campbell said. "You couldn't really draw it up. They weren't avoidable to me, and there were just things that were happening. Just had some bad luck."

The 6-foot Ohio State product recorded 63 receptions for 623 yards last season — second most on a four-win team that had three different starting quarterbacks. He also had five carries for 58 yards in the running game.

Campbell's upside is evident: He ran a 4.31 40-yard dash at the 2019 NFL Combine — the best for a wide receiver and third best overall.

Dominant D powers Pitt

By **NOAH HILES**
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Tribune News Service

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Few teams can say they've started a win-or-go-home contest on a 22-2 run. Even fewer possess the resilience to grind out a victory after nearly watching that lead disappear. Pitt achieved both feats Friday afternoon en route to grinding out a 59-41 victory over No. 6 seed Iowa State in the first round of the 2023 NCAA Tournament.

Early on, it seemed as though nothing could go wrong for No. 11 seed Panthers (24-11), who jumped ahead by 20 points in the game's first 10 minutes thanks to a sluggish start from the opposition. Freshman center Guillermo Diaz Graham, who started his second straight NCAA Tournament game in place of Fede Federiko, led the way for Pitt, scoring seven points in the first half.

The Cyclones (19-14) missed their first 11 shots from the floor, not making a basket until the 9:54 mark. But once Jaren Holmes knocked down a layup for Iowa State's first field goal, the game flipped. A handful of Pitt turnovers, along with numerous second chances on the offensive glass allowed the Cyclones to storm back, trimming Pitt's lead to as little as six points.

"At one point in the game, it felt like we let up a little bit," Jamarius Burton said. "We made mistakes, but we kept our feet on the gas. We kept fighting. We kept playing together."

Coach Jeff Capel's team

took a 30-23 lead into the locker room at halftime. While the Panthers' play failed to improve in the following 20 minutes, an uglier effort from Iowa State helped Pitt regain a double-digit lead and cruise to another victory in the Big Dance.

"We came back from halftime and got organized, got our offense organized again, and we did a really good job of attacking them, but the main thing the whole time was our defense," Capel said after the win. "It allowed us to keep a lead, to extend a lead, and it's the reason why we won the basketball game. It's really cool that everyone contributed. Everyone stepped up and made some huge plays."

The Cyclones shot a putrid 17% from the field in the second half, making just five of their 29 shot attempts. A 10-0 run that began just under the eight-minute mark helped Pitt play down the final stretch with the final outcome all but decided.

"We just emphasized on the points we needed to at halftime," Nike Sibande said. "Continuing to rebound, fight and lock in defensively. We made those things happen and we got the win."

Nelly Cummings led Pitt with 13 points, while Burton and Greg Elliott both finished in double-figures, scoring 11 and 10, respectively. Diaz Graham also shined in the Pitt victory, posting a statline of nine points, eight rebounds and three blocks.

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