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Trial underway



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The first of three murder trials in connection with the death of Shea Briar, 31, Portland, got underway with opening statements Tuesday morning. Jay County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur alleges that Esther J. Stephen, 30, Portland, was part of a plot to kill Briar, with whom she shared a child. Defense attorney Jill Gonzalez says Stephen was unaware of any plan to shoot Briar on the county road 125 West bridge (pictured) over Loblolly Creek.

Prosecution alleges woman led murder plot; defense says Stephen was unaware of any plan

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

Prosecutors say a Portland woman was the mastermind behind a murder.

The defense argues she was oblivious to any potential plot.

The prosecution and defense each presented their opening statements and the former began making its case Monday as Esther J. Stephen, 30, Portland, appeared in Jay Circuit Court on Tuesday to stand trial for the Jan. 12, 2020, murder of Shea Briar.

The proceedings were sched-

uled to resume at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday with the first testimony being a recording of a Jan. 14, 2020, interview of Stephen by Jay County Sheriff's Office detectives Mitch Sutton and Ben Schwartz.

In his opening statement Tuesday morning, Jay County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur said Stephen, who goes by the nickname "EJ," told police, "Things would just be easier without him." (Stephen and Briar shared a child.)

According to probable cause affidavits filed in connection

with the case, Stephen and Sheby Hiestand, a 19-year-old rural Portland resident, admitted to police they plotted to kill Briar, 31, over a custody dispute. A third suspect, Hannah Knapke, 19, Fort Recovery, has also been charged with Briar's murder. Hiestand's trial is scheduled for August, while Knapke's is set for September.

Jill Gonzalez, Stephen's attorney, responded in her opening statement by saying prosecutors have to prove Stephen knowingly and intentionally committed murder.

Gonzalez said that was not the case.

"EJ didn't know what was happening until it happened," Gonzalez said.

Probable cause affidavits filed in connection with the case say Stephen distracted Briar while Hiestand retrieved a gun and shot him once in the back, resulting in his death.

Schemenaur called nine witnesses to testify in the first of three scheduled murder trials connected to Briar's shooting death.

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'Virtual students' will be fully funded

Indiana Senate OKs bill on school finances

By CASEY SMITH
Associated Press
and Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — A Senate bill aimed at ensuring Indiana's public schools receive full funding for all students during the coronavirus pandemic is headed to the governor after lawmakers fast-tracked its passage Tuesday.

The bill redefines what constitutes a "virtual student" and ensures schools receive full funding for all students, regardless of whether they are receiving instruction virtually or in the classroom due to the coronavirus pandemic.

A twice-yearly count of students attending schools is used to determine how much money the state allots to each facility. According to the Senate bill, students will not be counted as "virtual" in the most recent fall and spring counts, even if most or all of their learning takes place online.

Without that change, an estimated \$160 million would be on the line for schools using hybrid formats or offering instruction online only as a means to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19. Current state law caps per-pupil funding for students who take at least half their classes virtually at 85% of full in-person student funding.

Most Indiana schools offered both in-person and online options this school year, though some have gone fully virtual at times during periods of peak coronavirus spread.

The bill covers only the spring 2021 semester. State officials in September approved a similar method to maintain full funding for school districts during the fall semester.

Eight die in Georgia

By KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA — A series of shootings over nearly an hour at three Atlanta-area massage parlors left eight people dead and raised fears that the attack was yet another hate crime against Asian Americans.

Police arrested a 21-year-old Georgia man and said the motive wasn't immediately known, though many of the victims were women of Asian descent.

The attacks began Tuesday evening, when five people were shot at Youngs Asian Massage Parlor in Acworth, about 30 miles (50 kilometers) north of Atlanta, Cherokee County Sheriff's Office spokesman Capt. Jay Baker said. Two people died at the scene, and three were taken to a hospital where two died, Baker said.

About an hour later,

Atlanta-area shootings seem to target Asian Americans

police responding to a call about a robbery found three women dead from apparent gunshot wounds at Gold Spa near Atlanta's Buckhead area, where tattoo parlors and strip clubs are just blocks away from mansions and skyscrapers in one of the last ungentrified holdouts in that part of the city. While there, the officers learned of a call reporting shots fired at

another spa across the street, Aromatherapy Spa, and found another woman apparently shot dead.

"It appears that they may be Asian," Atlanta Police Chief Rodney Bryant said.

White House press secretary Jen Psaki said President Joe Biden has been briefed on the "horrific shootings" and administration officials have been in contact with the mayor's office and the FBI.

Surveillance video recorded a man pulling up to the Acworth business about 10 minutes before the attack there, authorities said. The same car was spotted outside the Atlanta businesses.

A manhunt was launched, and Robert Aaron Long, of Woodstock, was taken into custody in Crisp County, about 150 miles south of Atlanta, Baker said.



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Empowering performance

Just Treble, including sophomore Laci McGinnis (front), performs Monday during a special concert at Jay County High School. The JCHS show choir group, which performed a show with an empowerment theme, concluded its season Saturday with a third-place finish in the Garrett Railroader Rush Invitational.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 46 degrees Tuesday. The low was 34.

Tonight's low will be in the low 40s with rain expected after 10 p.m. and winds gusting to 20

miles per hour. More rain is in the forecast for Thursday with winds gusting to 40 miles per hour and a high of 47.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of today's Portland Board of Aviation meeting.

Saturday — Results from the first round of the NCAA men's basketball tournament.



Trial ...

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Witnesses included the Geneva reserve police officer who was the first to respond to a bridge over Loblolly Creek on county road 125 West, just south of county road 850 North, where Briar was found about 2 a.m. Jan. 12. Two Indiana State Police investigators, an ISP forensic scientist and the forensic pathologist who performed Briar's autopsy, were also called to the witness stand.

Kristi Sibray, a rural Portland resident who babysat the child Stephen and Briar shared on the night of Briar's death, testified Stephen and Hiestand had previously met with her a half dozen times to discuss ways they could

"get rid of" Briar," and that Stephen had allegedly put crushed pills in a tea she gave to Briar. Sibray later said she didn't take those discussions or the alleged incident with pills seriously.

Sibray also testified she babysat for Stephen on the night of the murder not knowing exactly why a babysitter was needed. Sibray said she tried to ask what Stephen was doing during the time she cared for the child but was unable to get a straight answer. She added Stephen later said, "You'll hear about it in a couple days."

According to forensic pathologist Dr. Scott Wagner's autopsy, Briar died of a single gunshot

wound to the back. Wagner concluded a bullet — the caliber could not be identified — entered Briar's back, punctured his aorta and passed through three chambers of his heart. Two metal fragments were discovered in the lining of Briar's heart.

Indiana State Police Sgt. John Petro, a field support region supervisor and crime scene investigator, testified Tuesday he obtained a .22-caliber rifle while searching Hiestand's home at 1391 W. 200 North. Stacey Hartman, a forensic scientist in the ISP's Fort Wayne Regional Laboratory's forensic firearms identification unit, testified she could not match the

bullet fragment to the .22-caliber rifle obtained from underneath what was determined to be Hiestand's bed.

Stephen was calm entering the courtroom as the trial began. She wiped away the occasional tear and appeared to cry during recess in the afternoon but otherwise sat attentive without showing any other emotion.

The trial, which is scheduled for five days, opened Monday, with jury selection taking most of the day. The process wrapped up about 3 p.m., with Judge Brian Hutchison then calling a recess for the day and scheduling opening statements for Tuesday morning.

Court documents filed in the

case allege that Stephen, Hiestand and Knapke picked Briar up at his Portland home with plans to "hang out" and drove Knapke's vehicle to the road 125 West bridge over Loblolly Creek. There, they say, Stephen distracted Briar to allow Hiestand to retrieve a gun from the vehicle and shoot Briar once in the back. Briar was found on the bridge about 2 a.m. Jan. 12 and died later the same day at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

All three women are being held in Jay County Jail without bond, pending their trials.

In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years, with an advisory sentence of 55 years.

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| 47/28 | 44/26 | 54/32 | 60/38 | 62/45 |
| Rain will begin in the morning and continue all day. Wind gusts may reach as high as 40 mph. | Sunny skies by day and clear skies at night. Otherwise below freezing in the late evening. Windy. | The week-end will continue with warmer days and sunny skies. Nights will be cooler, near freezing. | Another sunny day with clear skies and warm afternoon temperatures. Cool evening. | Temperatures will continue to become warmer under mostly sunny skies. Cloudy at night. |

Lotteries

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| Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$184 million | 18-23-32-33-40-42-44-47-52-59-60-65-66-70-76-78 Cash 5: 17-20-26-30-38 Estimated jackpot: \$544,500 |
| Mega Millions 10-41-46-52-69 Mega Ball: 8 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$105 million | Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-4-9 Pick 4: 2-7-2-4 Pick 5: 9-3-8-9-7 Evening Pick 3: 8-2-9 Pick 4: 9-9-2-3 Pick 5: 6-7-4-2-8 Rolling Cash: 2-12-23-24-31 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000 |
| Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-9-2 Daily Four: 3-6-7-2 Evening Daily Three: 5-9-6 Daily Four: 6-6-0-5 Quick Draw: 5-7-15-16 | |

Markets

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Today in history

On March 17, 1762, in the U.N. Security Council, killing a resolution that would have condemned Britain for failing to use force to overthrow the white-ruled government of Rhodesia.

In 1776, the Revolutionary War Siege of Boston ended as British forces evacuated the city.

In 1836, Pittsburgh's Great St. Patrick's Day Flood began as the Monongahela and Allegheny rivers and their tributaries, swollen by rain and melted snow, started exceeding flood stage; the high water was blamed for more than 60 deaths.

In 1941, the National Gallery of Art opened in Washington, D.C.

In 1966, a U.S. Navy midget submarine located a missing hydrogen bomb that had fallen from a U.S. Air Force B-52 bomber into the Mediterranean off Spain. (It took several more weeks to recover the bomb.)

In 1970, the United States cast its first veto

Council, park cabin, 200 S. Mooney St.
7 p.m. — Jay County Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Citizen's calendar

Today
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.

Thursday
6 p.m. — Redkey Town




Photo provided

Pet of the week

Ollie, a 2-year-old chihuahua/terrier mix that is spayed and up to date on vaccinations, can be adopted for \$100 from Jay County Humane Society, 1313 Shadeland Ave., Portland. The shelter can be reached at (260) 726-6339.

Portland City Court

Judge Donald Gillespie Fined and sentenced
Phillip J. Ball, Redkey, driving with a suspended license, \$160.50; Robert L. Brannon, Muncie, driving with false plates (\$160.50) and driving with a suspended license (\$25).

Failed to appear
Donnie A. Seeley, Connerville, driving with a suspended license.

Trials scheduled
Denny A. Clark, Eaton, driving with a suspended license, May 5; Jason M. Kable, Portland, driving with false plates, March 24; Paul M. LeMaster, Portland, driving an off-road vehicle on the highway, May 5; Spencer M. Parkhurst, Noblesville, driving without insurance, May 5.

Deferrals
Rayven Potts, Garland Heights, Ohio, speeding 41 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$195.50.

Waivers
Chandler O. Atkins, Upland, speeding 79 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171;

Drew B. Elliott, Marion, speeding 76 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Blake W. Clabough, Rockford, Ohio, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Justin L. House, Farmland, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$149.50; Duncan T. Homan, Indianapolis, expired plates, \$169.50; Heather D. Jones, Portland, speeding 50 mph in a 40 mph zone, \$145.50; Donna S. Chenoweth, Portland, disregarding auto signal, \$160.50; Kameron R. Miller, Portland, driving without registration (\$160.50) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Daniel Willoughby, Dunkirk, driving without a valid license (\$160.50); Connie K. Shannon, Muncie, driving with expired plates, \$160.50; Estaban A. Gomez-Rochan, Dunkirk, driving with false plates (\$160.50) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Stephanie L. Smith, Hartford City, speeding 74 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$154.50; Christopher M. Wright, Ridgeville, illegal display of a blue light, \$160.50; Tyler A. Martinez-Crews, Celina, Ohio, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Anthony W. Dibattiste, Dunkirk, driving with expired plates, \$160.50; Landon J. Patterson, Muncie, failing to register his vehicle, \$160.50.

Felony arrests

Resisting officers
A Portland man was arrested Monday for resisting law enforcement.
Robert A. Songer, 32, 997 S. Boundary Pike, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for resisting law enforcement and a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license. He bonded from Jay County Jail for \$25,500.

Drug possession
Two Portland residents were arrested early Tuesday for drug possession.
Nathan M. Ross, 38, 702 S. Western Ave., was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs. He was also preliminarily charged a Class A misdemeanor for possessing a firearm, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. Ross was released from Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.
Ashley A. Robinette, 33, 120 W. Bittersweet Lane, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic drugs, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was booked into Jay County Jail on \$4,500 bond.

SERVICES

Today
Zorn, Paul: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Thursday
Ramey, Shirley: 1 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Stephens, Bernie: 2 p.m., Meacham Funeral Service, 648 W. State St., Albany.

Friday
Jenney, John: noon, 1911 S. Main St., Goshen.
Yager, Eric: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Poetry column relaunched

CHICAGO — Award-winning poet, author and editor Kwame Dawes this week published his first weekly column as American Life in Poetry editor, in partnership with the Poetry Foundation and University of Nebraska-Lincoln, and relaunches a new and engaging website to connect people to poetry through interests, geography and representation.

Dawes carries the column forward after founding editor and curator, Ted Kooser, retired after 15 years as project creator and editor. The first poem featured is "They Dance Through Granelli's" by Pat Emile — an homage to the recently retired editorial assistant of the project for 15 years. Dawes seeks to maintain and expand the original vision for the column by continuing to reach readers through local news media outlets, as well as subscribers to the newsletter that publishes weekly on Mondays.

"This column is rooted in the everyday, the broad sense of Americanness that eschews elitism and that embraces a democratic sense of lives that make sense to a vast cross section of the population," Dawes said. "I welcome readers who can engage in a wide section of American life, can find poetry that speaks to various aspects of American existence, and that somehow embraces the full range of this America."

Along with a completely refreshed visual statement, the website features increased browsing and discovery capabilities, new photography, and an increased social media presence. Front and center allows users the ability to browse past

By **KWAME DAWES**

Pat Emile, who served as assistant editor to American Life in Poetry for over a decade, was described by past editor, Ted Kooser, as the "Jill-Of-All-Trades for this column." I was fortunate enough to enjoy her sensitive ear for the rightly tuned poem, and her generosity as a liaison with poets, publishers and our collaborating periodicals, as a necessary component of the train-

ing for my tenure. It all makes sense, as Emile is, herself, a poet of fine taste, lovely insight and, as evidenced in this poem, "They Dance Through Granelli's," a poet with a remarkable eye for sensual detail. Thank you, Pat, for all you have done for American Life in Poetry, and for your gift of delightful verse. Her poem is a fit way to start this exciting re-launch of American Life in Poetry.

They Dance Through Granelli's

He finds her near the stack of green plastic baskets waiting to be filled and circles her waist with his left arm, entwines her fingers in his, pulls her toward him, Muzak from the ceiling shedding a flashy Salsa, and as they begin to move, she lets her head fall back, fine hair swinging a beat behind as they follow their own music—a waltz—past the peaches bursting with ripeness in their wicker baskets, the prawns curled into each other behind cold glass, a woman in a turquoise sari, her dark eyes averted. They twirl twice before the imported cheeses, fresh mozzarella in its milky liquid, goat cheese sent down from some green mountain, then glide past ranks of breads, seeds spread across brown crusts, bottles of red wine nested together on their sides. He reaches behind her, slides a bouquet of cut flowers from a galvanized bucket, tosses a twenty to the teenager boy leaning on the wooden counter, and they whirl out the door, the blue sky a sudden surprise.

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columns by theme and region.

"The site allows for readers to dig deeper into what they may see in the

newsletter or on social media," Dawes said. "We want readers to stay on the site for awhile and get comfortable with

poetry, or to find new ways to engage with poems whether that's through a love of sports or geography."

Dawes hopes new readers will connect with American Life in Poetry by finding columns that are approachable and speak to their interests, particularly for new poetry readers. With over 60 different themes that can be combined while searching, users can find a poem that speaks to gardening and unrequited love from the archive which includes more than 800 poems.

Dawes is the author of 22 books of poetry and numerous other books of fiction, criticism, and essays. His collection, "Nebraska," was published in 2020. He is George W. Holmes University Professor of English, Glenna Luschei Editor of Prairie Schooner at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and also teaches the Pacific MFA Program. He is Director of the African Poetry Book Fund and Artistic Director of the Calabash International Literary Festival. Dawes is a Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Literature.

His awards include an Emmy, National Press Club Joan Friedenberg Award for Online Journalism, the Forward Poetry Prize, the Musgrave Silver Medal for contribution to the Arts in Jamaica, the Governor's Award for service to the arts in South Carolina, a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Windham Campbell Prize for Poetry. In 2009, he was inducted into the South Carolina Academy of Authors.

Happy host declines help

DEAR ABBY: I have seen letters in your column from people upset that their guests don't help them after dinner. I am the opposite. I held onto a poem you printed years ago and had it perma-plaques and posted on a kitchen cabinet.

For more than 20 years, my husband and I hosted a dinner every Sunday after church. I set the table for 10, but we often had more. When guests offered to help, I handed them a copy of that poem. Could you print it again for your readers? — FAITHFUL FOLLOWER IN MASSACHUSETTS

DEAR FOLLOWER: Gladly. That poem has been requested many times over the years. It resonates with hosts who are territorial about their space when entertaining. It is included in my booklet "Keepers," which is a collection of poems, essays and letters readers have told me they clipped and saved to reread until they were yellowed with age and fell apart. You were clever to perma-plaque yours. It can be ordered by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for \$8 (U.S. funds) to Dear Abby Keepers Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447.

It's a quick and easy read as well as an inexpensive gift for newlyweds, pet lovers, new parents and anyone grieving or recovering from an illness.

STAY OUT OF MY KITCHEN by Susan Sawyer

Please stay away from my kitchen

From my dishwashing, cooking and such;

You were kind to have offered to pitch in

But thanks, no, thank you so much!

Dear Abby



Please don't think me ungracious

When I ask that you leave me alone;

For my kitchen's not any too spacious

And my routine is strictly my own.

Tell you what: You stay out of my kitchen

With its sodden, hot, lackluster lures —

When you're here, stay out of my kitchen

And I promise to stay out of yours!

DEAR ABBY: I had weight-loss surgery six months ago. I haven't had the dramatic transformation that some people experience. I've only lost about 50 pounds.

My problem is, friends who know I had the operation keep asking me how much weight I lost. I think it's a rude question and none of their business. I understand people are curious, especially since they haven't seen me in person because of COVID restrictions. How do I answer without saying, "None of your business"? — LOSING IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR LOSING: Your friends may just be curious and want to congratulate you on a big loss, and 50 pounds is one. That said, you do not have to answer every question. All you need to say is, "I'll let you guess once you see me again."

If they ask for a hint, stick to your guns and change the subject. Then consider this: They may be gauging the success of your surgery for themselves.

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.

FRIENDS OF THE OPERA HOUSE — The Friends of Fort Recovery Opera House committee will have an open meeting at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 17, in the Fort Recovery Elementary/Middle School Auditoria. The public is welcome. Check the Facebook page (Fort Recovery Morvilius Opera House) for potential rescheduling or cancellations.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For

more information, call (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday
CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday at Harmony Cafe in Portland. Members are encouraged to wear a mask and practice social distancing.

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

EN AVANT CLUB — Meets at 1 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month.

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.

AMERICAN LEGION POST 211 AUXILIARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 11 at the American Legion building, 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.

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

WABASH CANNONBALLS 4-H CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 18, at Trinity Catholic Church.

Sudoku

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Tuesday's Solution

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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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Location is bad for a stone quarry

To the editor:

I come before you as a concerned citizen and taxpayer of this community.

U.S. Aggregates, the present owner of the old Meshberger Brothers stone quarry, is asking Portland Plan Commission to rezone the 109-acre former Confer farm on the south side of Tyson Road and across from Jay County High School from agricultural/residential to industrial. This move would allow them to mine the property. I am concerned about blasting, putting contaminants in the air and decreasing property values in the neighborhood.

The rumble felt from the

Letters to the Editor

blasting within the high school will be a frontal assault. U.S. Aggregates will tell you that Indiana regulations have a strict limit of 1 inch per second vibration per blast and that they are well below this number. This measurement is taken outside the building and does not include the effects of the blast inside the structure. At present,

the high school rumbles, homes shake, windows and dishes rattle and U.S. Aggregates wants to move closer to the school and city. This makes no sense.

Portland has the potential of growth to the west with residential housing; housing that would be close to the high school, our hospital and state highways. A stone quarry move to Tyson Road prevents this housing growth from happening. Who would develop that piece of land? Who would want to live that close to the stone quarry?

It doesn't seem to me that U.S. Aggregates did its homework very well. When I gave an assignment in my classroom I

expected my students to do their homework. Did U.S. Aggregates contact Jay School Corporation, local businesses and the people who live on the west side of Portland or Portland itself when they bought the land two and a half years ago?

I haven't heard from anyone who believes the stone quarry should move across from our junior-senior high school or this close to the city. It's not a good neighborhood move.

U.S. Aggregates put the cart before the horse when they bought the land before contacting their future neighbors — the 1,000-plus students and staff at Jay County Junior-Senior High

School, residents of the west side of Portland, including the Beacon Heights and Sheffer Acres developments.

As a retired teacher of 38 years, I would not accept the work that U.S. Aggregates is submitting today. They want this to be a done deal and us naysayers to go away.

U.S. Aggregates needs to go back to the drawing board and do the assignment as it should have been done two and a half years ago.

Look elsewhere, not so close to Portland.

Respectfully submitted,
Florine M. Golden
Portland

Haircut is a step toward normalcy

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

As I write this, it is "haircut eve."

Tomorrow, if all goes well, my wife and I will finally be getting much needed grooming.

We haven't completely forgone haircuts during the pandemic, but they happened less often. And as the second surge took place in the autumn, we were more inclined to let it grow.

While Connie has continued to be not only presentable but lovely over the past several months, I have often been disreputable.

Scruffy is another word that comes to mind.

And that, in turn, led to one amateur trim a month or so ago.

My mane, if you can call it that, was completely out of control. That was especially true at the back.

It wasn't enough for a ponytail or even a man-bun. But it was thick.

Apparently, that's how hair works.

Years ago, Joe Biden — now President of the United States — underwent a hair plug treatment to combat the thinning stuff on top. Where did they get the good stuff to transplant? From the back of the head, of course.

So a couple of months back, Connie took a whack at it. (That is undoubtedly the most accurate phrase.)

She cut and she whacked. And while she wasn't thrilled with the results, I knew it was an improvement.

I looked less like a mountain man, less like Bigfoot and less like one of the Berenstain Bears.

Still, with a real haircut on the horizon and a sense of anticipation, I find myself thinking back to haircuts past:

•There was the time my mother decided to economize and bought a home barber kit. Apparently, the price jump from 25 cents to 50 cents at Antrim's was more than she could bear. All went well until that afternoon when I was about 12 when one of the trim guides fell off and she gave me a haircut that was variously described as a "reverse Mohawk" and "an accident with a buzzsaw."

•There was the time my freshman year of college that I agreed to get a haircut as a "gift" for my father's birthday. (I have

Back in the Saddle



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written about this before.) After I'd sat down in the barber's chair, someone hung a coat in front of the nearest mirror. That provided free license to cut it far shorter than I ever would have asked for. (My father liked it.)

•There was the time I came back from a summer hitchhiking across Europe with locks bleached by the sun that hung down nearly to my shoulders. At my request, my girlfriend/fiancée/now wife of nearly 50 years gave me a haircut, something she'd never done before. A bowl was not used. But it looked like a bowl had been used. If you've ever seen a label on Dutch Boy Paint, you'll have an idea of what I looked like afterward.

But tomorrow will be different.

Amanda hasn't much to work with. Thinning hair, long hair, graying hair. But she'll make it work.

And maybe, just maybe, it will be one of those important steps as we attempt to get back to living the way we used to live before we ever heard a word about COVID-19.



Democracy requires free press

By GENE POLICINSKI

Freedom Forum

There's a reason we need a free press, despite its faults and foibles: Democracy won't work without it.

The grand experiment in self-governance that is the United States is rooted in trust and confidence we all will work toward the greater good. But the nation's founders had experience with a king and his expected benevolence — and what could happen when things didn't work out.

So, they provided for three branches of government to balance each other, along with periodic elections and the rights for us to assemble and seek change when we think things have gone astray.

All fine, but also relatively long-term solutions. How do we know what our government is doing, how well it is operating or whether our elected officials are up to the job?

Enter the only profession mentioned in the Constitution: A free press, to serve as a "watchdog on government." A free press the government cannot control, to offer an independent, regular update on behalf of the rest of us.

Let's stop to acknowledge that many of us are dissatisfied with the free press we have. Survey after survey shows low public trust in our news outlets and in the journalists who staff them.

But in those same Freedom Forum surveys about the First Amendment that began in 1997, the desire for that watchdog role remains high, often supported by a majority of people questioned.

How can these two results co-exist? The answers rest in what kind of press we mean. Much of the highly visible kerfuffle on social sites today concerns national reporting, and more narrowly, the political pundits on cable TV and the tiny percentage of journalists who are the White House press corps.

For most of us, today's journalism is something different — and much more relevant to us. We see a news media bringing us the day-to-day information we need to live our lives: What local officials are saying,



weather forecasts and crime, health and safety reports for our communities. The work of journalists helps us get things done. Reporters ask the questions we would ask if we could be there.

Jurors in Des Moines, Iowa, this week appeared to support the role of journalists as watchdog when they acquitted reporter Andrea Sahouri, who was arrested while covering a Black Lives Matter protest despite her repeated protestations that she was a journalist.

Local journalists, who are the vast majority of the 24,000-plus on the job today, live in the communities on which they report. In just the past month, they have reported on COVID-19 vaccination programs — both the successes and failures by officials we depend upon to keep us safe and fight the pandemic.

Other recent stories told by big and small news operations alike will benefit hundreds of thousands, if not millions of us.

A report on nursing homes in New York state disclosed they may have tested unproven COVID-19 treatments on residents, despite safety warnings, without telling family members. A news partnership in South Carolina found the state has dropped virtually all oversight of local officials' activities, leading to "questionable or illegal perks of holding public office." In Mississippi, residents now know a biodiesel plant is accused of illegally dumping hazardous material into public waterways.

Throughout our nation's history, it has been a free press that has probed, prodded and produced safer food and medicines and helped reveal waste, fraud and abuse of public trust.

Reporters uncover these stories only by poring over records, reviewing court documents and interviewing sources — activities most of us don't have the time, skill or opportunity to do.

The guarantee that a press is free does not guarantee it will always be good or correct, or that we will like what it presents. But there are more ways than ever to get news and information and to find reports we can trust or verify.

Ironically, the newest source for news and information has helped create some of the greatest threats to a free press in the nation's history:

The web has decimated financial support for traditional media, and newer media is not yet robust enough to take its place. This results in "news deserts," where no regular sources of journalism exist.

Misinformation can now spread across the globe in milliseconds, sowing doubt, confusion and mistrust of the reports and motives of a free press.

The free press in any form has been weakened by cuts in staff, with surveys showing the ranks to be less than half of what they were 20 years ago.

Not all the news about a free press is bleak. New financial models are being tested. Collaborations between news organizations and nonpartisan expert collectives have shown results. New attention is focused on regrowing the ranks of local journalism. But more is needed, from increased public support to new revenue sources to regaining the public trust.

On March 16, we celebrate the birthday of James Madison, the principal author of the First Amendment and the rest of the Bill of Rights. He called a free press "one of the great bulwarks of liberty."

This generation, perhaps unlike any other, is being called on to defend that bulwark and, in the process, protect our liberty.

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In review

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INDIANAPOLIS — A legislator from Evansville who is the second-ranking officer in the state Republican Party was sworn in Tuesday as Indiana's new secretary of state, taking over an office that oversees election issues statewide.

Gov. Eric Holcomb announced his selection of Republican state Rep. Holli Sullivan for the position. Sullivan replaced outgoing Secretary of State Connie Lawson, who said last month she was resigning with nearly two years left to her elected term.

Sullivan was first elected to the Indiana House in 2014 and won a new term in last November's election.

Putin OK'd

WASHINGTON — Russian President Vladimir Putin authorized influence operations to help Donald Trump in last November's presidential election, according to a declassified intelligence assessment that found broad efforts by the Kremlin and Iran to shape the outcome of the race but ultimately no evidence that any foreign actor changed votes or otherwise disrupted the voting process.

The report released Tuesday from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence represents the most detailed assessment of the array of foreign threats to the 2020 election. These included efforts by Iran to undermine confidence in the vote and harm Trump's reelection prospects as well as Moscow operations that relied on Trump's allies to smear Joe Biden, the eventual winner.

Court rules

TOKYO — A Japanese court for the first time ruled Wednesday that same-sex marriage should be allowed under the country's constitution, a moral victory that does not have any immediate legal consequence but could bolster efforts for legalization.

The Sapporo District Court said sexuality, like race and gender, is not a matter of individual preference, therefore prohibiting same-sex couples from receiving benefits given to heterosexual couples cannot be justified.

—Associated Press

Hall of Famer

Ron Boeckman, former funeral director at Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, speaks after accepting the award as 2020 Hall of Fame inductee at the Fort Recovery Chamber of Commerce awards banquet Sunday. Boeckman retired in January after about 44 years as a licensed funeral director and embalmer in Fort Recovery.



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Blinken critical of N. Korea

By HYUNG-JIN KIM and KIM TONG-HYUNG

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — America's top diplomat on Wednesday criticized North Korea's human rights record and reiterated a vow to strip the country of its nuclear program, a day after Pyongyang warned Washington to "refrain from causing a stink" amid deadlocked nuclear negotiations.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken arrived in South Korea with Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin earlier Wednesday as part of their regional tour aimed at boosting America's Asian alliances to better deal with growing challenges from China and North Korea.

"The authoritarian regime in North Korea continues to commit systematic and widespread abuses against its own people," Blinken said at the start of his meeting

with South Korean Foreign Minister Chung Eui-yong. "We must stand with people demanding their fundamental rights and freedoms and against those who repress them."

Blinken called North Korea's nuclear and missile programs "a threat to the region and to the world." He said the United States will work with South Korea, Japan and other allies to achieve the denuclearization of North Korea.

How to get North Korea to return to talks was sure to be a major focus of meetings between Blinken and Austin and South Korean officials.

When Austin separately met his South Korean counterpart Suh Wook on Wednesday, he said their countries' alliance "has never been more important" given "the unprecedented challenges posed by" North Korea and China.

The two top U.S. officials are to

hold a joint "two plus two" meeting with Chung and Suh on Thursday in the first such contact between the two countries in five years.

U.S.-led diplomacy on North Korea's nuclear program has been in limbo since a February 2019 summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un collapsed over disputes on U.S.-led sanctions. Kim has since threatened to enlarge his nuclear arsenal in protest of what he called U.S. hostility.

On Tuesday, Kim's sister and a senior official in her own right, Kim Yo Jong, slammed the United States over its ongoing regular military drills with South Korea, which North Korea sees as an invasion rehearsal.

"We take this opportunity to warn the new U.S. administration," Kim Yo Jong said in a statement. "If it wants to sleep in peace

for (the) coming four years, it had better refrain from causing a stink at its first step."

Some experts say Kim Yo Jong's statement was a pressure tactic and that Pyongyang may try to further raise animosities with weapons tests to boost its leverage in future negotiations with Washington.

North Korea didn't immediately react to Blinken's comments Wednesday.

While in Tokyo on Tuesday, Blinken said that Washington reached out to North Korea through several channels starting in mid-February, but it hasn't received any response. He said the Biden administration was looking forward to completing its policy review on North Korea in coming weeks and was looking both at possible "additional pressure measures" and "diplomatic paths."

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Yvonne M. Thomas and Jack D. Thomas (deceased) to Yvonne M. Thomas, death deed — Part of Section 18, Pike Township, 10.34 acres; Part of Section 13, Jefferson Township, about 5.18 acres

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Marvin R. McBride Sr. and Vera S. McBride to Brandon W. Scott, warranty deed — Part of Section

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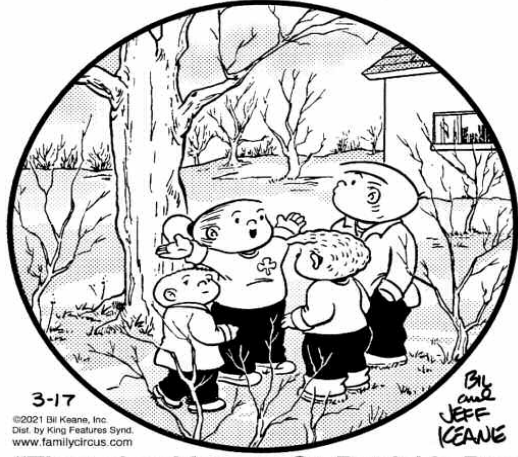
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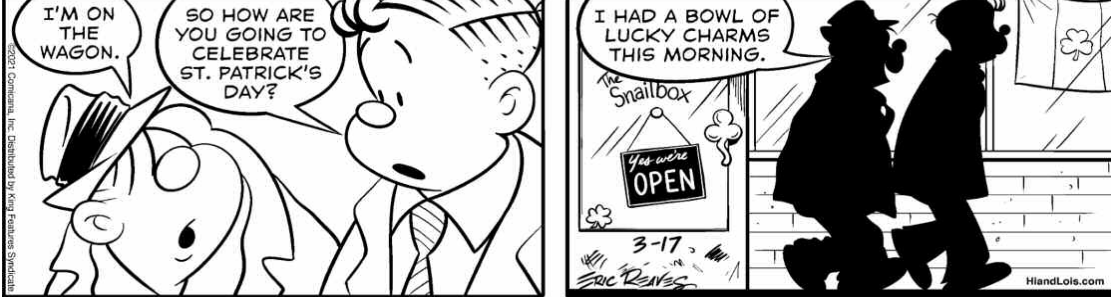
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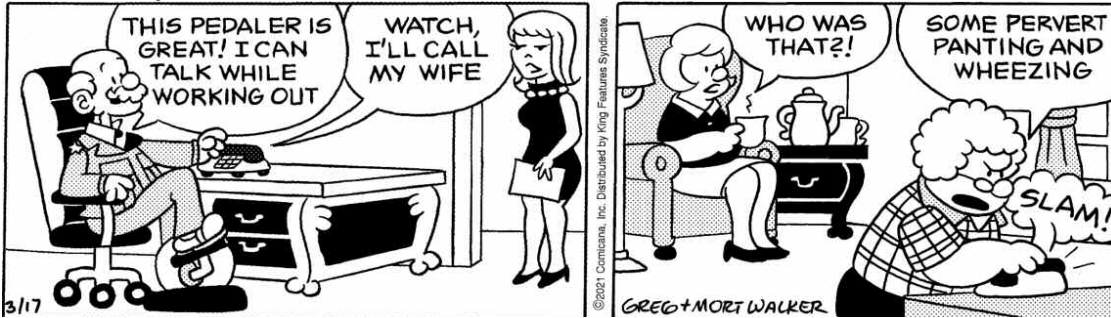
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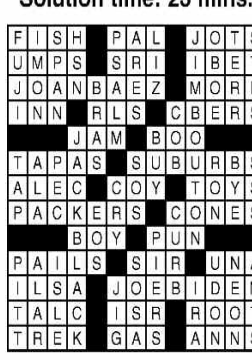
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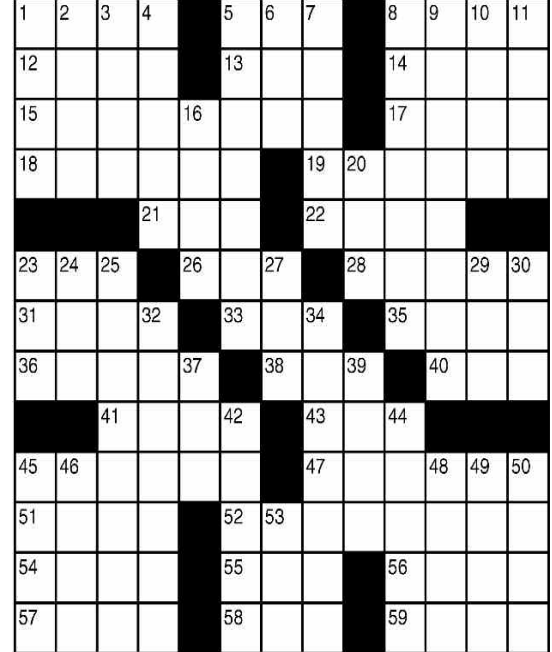
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Yesterday's answer 3-17



Jay tops AC in season finale

The Patriots capped their year with a couple notches in the win column.

Jay County Junior High School's boys and girls swim teams concluded their respective seasons by beating the Adams Central Jets on Tuesday.

The girls won 186-93 for a 5-1 record, while the boys ended 2-4 with their 132-45 victory.

Lincoln Clamme was the lone dual winner for the Patriot boys, taking first in both the 200-yard freestyle and 100 breaststroke. He had times of 3 minutes, 1.14 seconds, and 1:39.56, respectively. Clamme also joined George Clemmons, Matthew Fisher and Peyton Yowell to win both the 200 medley relay (2:31.51) and 200 freestyle relay (2:15.3).

Josh Monroe (100 individual medley - 1:28.55), David Keen (400 free - 6:12.07), Fisher (50 butterfly - 39.59 seconds) and Yowell (100 freestyle - 1:15.11) all had individual victories as well.

Brasen Glassford, Aryan Montes, Monroe and Keen were uncontested in the 300 freestyle relay.

Patriot boys win every event while girls take all but two

Aubrey Millsbaugh and Lauren Fisher were both double winners for the Patriot girls. Millsbaugh handled the 200 freestyle (2:37.01) and 400 freestyle (5:27.98) while Fisher won the 50 butterfly (30.98) and 100 breaststroke (1:25.62).

Getting individual wins were Maddy Snow (diving - 1:26.65), Morgan DeHoff (100 IM - 1:14.22), Sophia Hoevel (100 freestyle - 1:10.36) and Avery Wentz (100 backstroke - 1:14.73).

Wentz, Fisher, DeHoff and Millsbaugh combined to win the 200 medley relay in 2:20.03, while Fisher, Millsbaugh, Hoevel and DeHoff won the 200 freestyle relay in 2:03.3.



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Rippin' Ryne

Ryne Post of the Fort Recovery High School baseball team rips a hit during batting practice on Monday evening in the Student Activity Center at FRHS. Post and the Indians are set to begin their 2021 season March 20 at Celina.

James takes stake in Red Sox ownership

By TIM REYNOLDS

AP Basketball Writer

LeBron James is becoming a part-owner of the Boston Red Sox.

A person with knowledge of the situation said Tuesday that James — the Los Angeles Lakers star — and his longtime business partner Maverick Carter are now partners in the Fenway Sports Group. The person, who did not

reveal the size of the investment made by James or Carter, spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because none of the parties involved had announced the moves publicly.

The Boston Globe first reported the news, and The New York Times and ESPN also reported that James and Carter were becoming partners.

Fenway Sports Group is the

parent company of the Red Sox as well as the Liverpool Football Club of the English Premier League and the Roush Fenway Racing NASCAR team.

Fenway Sports Group Chairman Tom Werner did not immediately respond to an email from The Associated Press seeking comment. A spokeswoman for the Red Sox and FSG declined to comment.

It is a most unusual relationship in one respect: James has long professed to being a New York Yankees fan, though he has also shown allegiances to the Cleveland Indians and Los Angeles Dodgers in recent years.

And now, he'll be linked to the Red Sox — the Yankees' biggest rival.

James has had a relationship with FSG since 2011, when he

signed a marketing deal in exchange for a small ownership stake in Liverpool.

The move only enhances James' business empire. The four-time NBA champion with Miami, Cleveland and the Lakers is believed to have the NBA's top endorsement portfolio. He also has the media company Uninterrupted and a production company, SpringHill Entertainment.

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Six officials out of tourney

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Parts of the NCAA's finely honed plan for playing March Madness amid the pandemic came into question Tuesday just as teams began gearing up for practices to tune up for the games later this week.

One referee tested positive for COVID-19, forcing him and five others who went out to dinner with him, out of the tournament.

Their excursion ran counter to a protocol that called on all players and staff to eat at their NCAA hotels, but because the refs' rooms weren't ready and there was no food available, they were given a pass.

It resulted in a big shake-up of the officiating corps for the games, 52 of which take place Thursday through next Monday at different arenas in Indianapolis, Bloomington and Purdue. Though the NCAA brought plenty of backup referees, the mass departure served up yet another illustration of how things can go wrong.

"It's not ever going to be perfect in a pandemic," NCAA vice president Dan Gavitt said. "It's an unfortunate and disappointing circumstance for all involved. But I don't think there's something that can be pinpointed as a kind of failure here. Just an unfortunate set of circumstances."

Earlier, questions arose after coach Rick Pitino ran a late-night practice with his Iona team as part of the NCAA's late and unannounced change in testing protocol,

first reported by The New York Times.

Gavitt portrayed that as a "practical adjustment," and not a major change.

He said players were initially going to be required to pass two COVID-19 tests no less than 12 hours apart on different calendar days to be eligible to practice after they arrived. Iona took its two tests in the same day, and Gavitt said the change had been OK'd by the NCAA medical advisory group and the local health department.

Pitino said he was given the green light for the Sunday night workout, and so, he went. Iona missed 60 days in the middle of the season because of the virus.

"I gave four guys the night off," Pitino said. "We practiced a lot of the other guys who didn't get a lot of minutes" in Iona's league championship game win Saturday.

On another front, Georgia Tech coach Josh Pastner announced a member of his school's traveling party tested positive. He did not disclose whether it was a player, but noted the person will not be back unless the Yellow Jackets advance to the Sweet 16.

"It's a gut punch," Pastner said. "It stinks."

Gavitt said there were five positive tests out of 2,300 that had been analyzed so far in Indianapolis, but that those five did not necessarily involve team personnel, and could also have included staff with access to arenas.

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Thursday
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage at Tri-Village - 5 p.m.; Softball scrimmage at Perry - 5 p.m.

Saturday
Fort Recovery — Softball scrimmage vs. Lima Senior - 11 a.m.

Monday
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage vs. Perry - 5 p.m.; Softball scrimmage vs. Celina - 5 p.m.

Thursday
Fort Recovery — Baseball scrimmage at Cory-Rawson - 5:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Brooklyn Nets (FSN); Milwaukee Bucks at Philadelphia 76ers (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Clippers at Dallas Mavericks (ESPN)

Thursday
5:10 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament - Texas Southern vs. Mount St. Marys (truTV)
6:27 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament - Drake vs. Wichita State (TBS)
8:40 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament - Appalachian State vs. Norfolk State (truTV)
9:57 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament - UCLA vs. Michigan State (TBS)