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U.S., China finish talks

By **MATTHEW LEE** and **MARK THIESSE**
Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Top U.S. and Chinese officials wrapped up two days of contentious talks in Alaska on Friday after trading sharp and unusually public barbs over vastly different views of each other and the world in their first face-to-face meeting since President Joe Biden took office.

The two sides finished the meetings after an opening session in which they attacked each other in an unusually public way. The U.S. accused the Chinese delegation of “grandstanding” and Beijing fired back, saying there was a “strong smell of gunpowder and drama” that was entirely the fault of the Americans.

The meetings in Anchorage were a new test in increasingly troubled relations between the two countries, which are at odds over a range of issues from trade to human rights in Tibet, Hong Kong and China’s western Xinjiang region, as well as over Taiwan, China’s assertiveness in the South China Sea and the coronavirus pandemic.

“We got a defensive response,” Secretary of State Antony Blinken said after the meetings concluded.

“We wanted to share with them the significant concerns that we have about a number of the actions that China has taken, and behaviors exhibiting concerns, shared by our allies and partners,” he said.

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Lifetime in jewelry



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Jim Brewster opened his new business, James Brewster Jewelry, in January. The store at 1221 N. Meridian St. in Portland has a variety of accessories for sale and offers repair work. All repairs are done in-house, Brewster noted.

Brewster has opened Portland store

By **BAILEY CLINE**
The Commercial Review

Jim Brewster has been in the jewelry industry nearly all his life.

He worked in his father’s store as a teen and eventually took over the family business. A few years later, he sold the property to another jeweler and began as a repairman at her store.

After nearly three decades,

he’s back to running a Portland storefront on his own.

Brewster, 61, has opened James Brewster Jewelry at 1221 N. Meridian St.

“Repair-wise, I pretty much cover everything,” the long-time jeweler explained. He offers jewelry and watch repairs as well as sells a variety of accessories, with everything from religious and children’s necklaces to wed-

ding rings and bridal sets. His inventory is still increasing each week, too. The Portland man noted he works on projects himself.

“All work is done here — nothing is shipped out,” Brewster said.

He spent more than 30 years at Evans’ Fine Jewelry with Sandy Ireland before she retired at the beginning of this year.

“She retires, and I’m not old enough to retire,” he explained. “So I decide to open my own place.”

When he was 16 years old, Brewster started helping around his father’s — Anthon “Tony” Brewster — store, Brewster Jeweler’s. About seven years later, he bought the business.

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Retrospect

March storm hit Jay County

Twenty-five years ago this week the calendar was edging toward spring but Mother Nature was having other ideas.

The March 20, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of an overnight snowstorm that dropped about 4 inches of heavy, wet snow and 0.6 inches of freezing rain in Jay County.

The result was a freezing mess that closed schools, brought down power lines and put the county in a state of emergency. Thousands of customers were left without electricity.

The state of emergency was to stay in effect until power had been restored, which was expected to take several days.

“It’s not due to the road conditions,” said Tami Mann of Jay County Emergency Management Agency. “It’s due to the power lines.”

About half of Jay County REMC’s customers were without power. Poles and lines were reported to be down on county roads 100 South, 300 South, 300 North and 400 North.

“We’ve got poles and lines down from Winchester to Decatur,” said John Samples of Jay County REMC. “This is, without a doubt, the worst we’ve seen in 30 years.”

American Electric Power crews were also working to repair poles and lines.

Jay County Highway Department superintendent Robert Rawlings said plows were out but were struggling to get down stone roads.

“The worst part of it is, with all the rain we got yesterday, the gravel roads are really soft,” he said. “We’re off the gravel roads. I’m not sure how we’re going to handle it.”



The Commercial Review/Ed Balint

Bob Kurney grimaces on the morning of March 20, 1996, while using a shovel to scrape off the heavy, wet snow that caked on his car at 416 W. Main St., Portland. Snow and high winds overnight had also caused power outages and put Jay County on a snow emergency.

Former mayor is found guilty

Federal jury convicts on bribery charge

HAMMOND, Ind. (AP) — A federal jury convicted a former northwestern Indiana mayor on a bribery charge Friday in his retrial on allegations he solicited and accepted a \$13,000 bribe from a trucking company.

A jury in U.S. District Court in Hammond deliberated less than two hours before former finding Portage mayor James Snyder, 42, guilty on a federal bribery charge. He is set to be sentenced July 1.

Another jury had convicted Snyder in February 2019 of taking the \$13,000 in exchange for contracts to sell five garbage trucks to the city of Portage using a shell company to hide income assets from the IRS while

Snyder owed back personal and business taxes.

But a judge granted Snyder a new trial on the soliciting bribes charge in November 2019. After numerous delays his retrial began March 8.

Trial testimony concluded Thursday with a former owner of Great Lakes Peterbilt telling jurors he felt pressured when, shortly before Christmas 2013, Snyder showed up at the trucking company’s office asking for money.

“He is the mayor and he has influence,” Robert Buha said.

In Friday’s closing arguments, Assistant U.S. Attorney Jill Koster said Snyder violated the public’s trust by steering the bids for the garbage truck contracts worth \$1.25 million to Great Lakes Peterbilt and then asking its owners, brothers Robert and Stephen Buha, for money.

Snyder’s attorney, Jackie Bennett, said prosecutors didn’t present direct evidence that the \$13,000 check signed by the brothers was a bribe.

Deaths

David Ellsworth, 51, Portland

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Weather

Jay County’s high temperature topped out at 43 degrees Friday.

Skies will be sunny this weekend with highs of 55 today and 61 Sunday. Lows will be in the 30s. Expect a high of 64 Monday under mostly sunny skies.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

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

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday’s Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday’s Portland flood mitigation meeting.



Jewelry ...

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After about eight years as the owner, though, he decided to sell the property to Ireland. Looking back at the decision, Brewster chalks his reason for closing up to inexperience.
“It’s not like that now,” he said. “There’s a big difference between being 28 years old and being 61 years old.”
He did some trade work at Evans’ for about a year before starting full-time, and was there until the end of December. Evan’s Fine Jewelry closed Jan. 20, and James Brewster Jewelry (also known as simply “Brewster Jewelry”) opened five days later.

“I guess, with everybody’s help, this all fell together fast,” he said.
He’s renting the building from long-time friends Dru and Selena Hall. Formerly Citizen’s State Bank, the location had several built-in additions — such as an alarm and vault — that made it the ideal spot for Brewster’s business venture.
The structure didn’t need much work before opening, although Brewster noted his plans wouldn’t have come together without help from his family (wife Denise, sons Michael and James, and daughter Michele). He also mentioned Ireland as a “valuable asset” in his opening

because she helped him acquire equipment.
Despite the different location, Brewster’s connections in the community appear strong as ever. Business was steady during an interview with the owner on Wednesday. Each customer who walked in, Brewster knew by name.
“You change your mind on the earrings, you let me know,” Brewster said to a woman as she left after she debated getting some work done on her other jewelry.
“You know I will — wouldn’t think of anybody else to do it,” she replied.
One of Brewster’s regulars, Sharon Cavanaugh, has employed

him many times over the years. At least three generations of her family (herself, her daughter Theresa and her mother Evelyn Bentz) have used his services.
“We’ve always been very pleased, he made the ring I’m looking at (and wearing) now,” Cavanaugh said.
Brewster recently polished and repaired a ring — one she wears in place of her wedding ring — that he designed for her about three or four years ago. The gold piece is a combination of diamonds from several sets she rarely wore before.
“He’s always been fair, and I know I can trust him,” she said. “I enjoy doing business with Jim.”

Obituaries

David Dean Ellsworth, Portland, Dec. 1, 1969-March 18, 2021. Services will be held at a later date.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.
There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

CR almanac

Sunday 3/21	Monday 3/22	Tuesday 3/23	Wednesday 3/24	Thursday 3/25
61/38	64/45	61/48	62/45	59/41
Sun and warmth are on tap for the first day of spring as the high will be 61 degrees.	The forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with the high staying in the 60s. The low will be 45.	Expect skies to be cloudy with a high in the low 60s. There is a 50% chance of showers.	Mostly cloudy skies with temperatures in the low 60s. Some clouds at night.	There is a 30% chance of rain with mostly cloudy skies. Temperatures will begin to drop for the week.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 8-1-3 Daily Four: 4-0-4-0 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-11-18-21-26-34-37-43-44-55-63-67-71-72-73-74-76-78	Pick 4: 4-7-2-7 Pick 5: 9-2-7-1-6
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-5-6	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$200 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$105 million

Markets

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Today in history

On March 20, 1995, in Tokyo, 12 people were killed, more than 5,500 others sickened when packages containing the deadly chemical sarin were leaked on five separate subway trains by Aum Shinrikyo cult members.
In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte returned to Paris after escaping his exile on Elba, beginning his “Hundred Days” rule.
In 1854, the Republican Party of the United States was founded by slavery opponents at a schoolhouse in Ripon, Wisconsin.
In 1922, the decommissioned USS Jupiter, converted into the first U.S. Navy aircraft carrier, was re-commissioned as the USS Langley.
In 1933, the state of Florida electrocuted Giuseppe Zangara for shooting to death Chicago Mayor Anton J. Cermak at a Miami event attended by President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt, the presumed target, the previous February.
In 1952, the U.S. Senate ratified, 66-10, a Security Treaty with Japan.
In 1971, Fort Recovery High School’s boys basketball team knocked off the Lehman Catholic Cavaliers 63-55 in the regional championship game at the University of Dayton to advance to the state final four.
In 1985, Libby Riddles of Teller, Alaska, became the first woman to win the Iditarod Trail Dog Sled Race.
In 1996, a jury in Los Angeles convicted Erik and Lyle Menendez of first-degree murder in the shotgun slayings of their wealthy parents. (They were sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole.)
In 2004, hundreds of thousands of people worldwide rallied against the U.S.-led war in Iraq on the first anniversary of the start of the conflict. The U.S. military charged six soldiers with abusing inmates at the Abu Ghraib prison.
—AP and The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Tuesday
5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Nelson selected to lead NASA

By MARCIA DUNN
AP Aerospace Writer
CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — President Joe Biden has chosen a former senator from Florida who flew on the space shuttle right before the Challenger accident to lead NASA.
Biden on Friday announced his intent to nominate Bill Nelson as the space agency’s administrator.
If confirmed by the Senate, Nelson will become

NASA’s 14th administrator, succeeding another former member of Congress, Jim Bridenstine, a Republican from Oklahoma. Nelson currently serves on the NASA Advisory Council.
Nelson promised, if confirmed, to “help lead NASA into an exciting future of possibilities.” The space agency is working to send astronauts back to the moon this decade and counting more than ever on private U.S. companies

and even other countries to get that job — and others — done.
“Its workforce radiates optimism, ingenuity and a can-do spirit,” Nelson said in a statement. “The NASA team continues to achieve the seemingly impossible as we venture into the cosmos.”
Nelson, 78, grew up near Cape Canaveral and was serving as a Democratic congressman when he launched aboard space

shuttle Columbia on Jan. 12, 1986. His commander was Charles Bolden Jr., who later served as NASA administrator under President Barack Obama — at Nelson’s urging.
Just 10 days after their flight ended, Challenger was destroyed shortly after liftoff and all seven astronauts were killed.
Nelson served six terms in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1979 to 1991.

Felony arrests

Fraud
An Ohio woman was arrested Thursday for fraud.
Isabelle A. Ringler, 28, 404 W. Main St., Van Wert, was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for fraud on a financial institution. She

was booked into Jay County Jail and later released on \$2,000 bond.
Suspension violated
An Auburn man was arrested Thursday for driving with a license forfeiture suspension.

Paul E. Carpenter, 46, 1858 W. Auburn Drive, was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for operating after forfeiture of license. He was booked into Jay County Jail and later released on \$7,000 bond.

Talks ...

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“And we did that. We also wanted to lay out very clearly, our own policies, priorities, and worldview. And we did that too.”
In separate comments, Chinese Communist Party foreign affairs chief Yang Jiechi said dialogue was the only way to resolve differences, But he also made clear that Beijing had no intention of backing down on any issue.
“China is going to safeguard our national sovereignty, security and our interests to develop China,” he said. “It is an irreversible trend,” he said.
“We hope the United States is not going to underestimate China’s determination to defend its territory, safeguard its people and defend its righteous interests,” he said.
As they opened the talks on Thursday, Blinken said the Biden administration is united with its allies in pushing back against Chinese authoritarianism. In response, Yang accused Washington of

hypocrisy on human rights and other issues, many of which Blinken mentioned in his comments.
“Each of these actions threaten the rules-based order that maintains global stability,” Blinken said of China’s actions. “That’s why they’re not merely internal matters, and why we feel an obligation to raise these issues here today.”
National security adviser Jake Sullivan amplified the criticism, saying China has undertaken an “assault on basic values.”
“We do not seek conflict but we welcome stiff competition,” he said.
Yang responded angrily by demanding the U.S. stop pushing its own version of democracy at a time when the United States itself has been roiled by domestic discontent. He also accused the U.S. of failing to deal with its own human rights problems and took issue with what he said was “condescension” from Blinken, Sullivan and other U.S. officials.

Program offers residents trees

South Bend Tribune
The South Bend Venues Parks & Arts/Forestry Department is offering a new tree giveaway initiative for city residents.
The Community Canopy Tree Program, which began Thursday, gives South Bend residents the opportunity to have a free native Indiana tree planted in their tree lawn.
The program will run twice, from March to May in the spring, and from October through December.
“It’s an important initiative for the public to

become involved in something so critical to our health and wellbeing,” said urban forester Brent Thompson. “We will walk each participant through the process, making sure the space is suitable for a tree to thrive for many years to come.”
Residents can learn more and fill out an application at sbvpa.org/community-canopy.
Property owners will need to meet with the a forester to finalize location and tree selection. Applications will be open throughout the year until all 140 trees are taken.

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SERVICES

Today
Brown, Brian: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.
Hudson, Nilah: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

April 2
Stults, Robin: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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STEVE RITCHIE

District 4 REMC

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The current REMC Board of Directors has been working very hard to keep up with all the changes in power resources. These are challenging time to keep rural electric cooperatives informed and to keep your electric rates as low as possible. Thank you for your vote and I will continue to work for you and our communities.

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JCPL hosting spring break events

With travel still not as convenient or safe because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, the library is offering other options for a spring break escape.

Taking Note

Jay County Public Library will have a variety of activities available for local residents March 22 through 26.

Events for the spring break week kick off March 22 with outdoor and giant games available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the library. It will also have an "Ag in the Classroom" session led by Jay County Farm Bureau at 1:30 p.m.

Other plans for the week include:
March 23 — Students in

sixth through 12th grade will be invited to the library at 1:30 p.m. to help make fleece blankets for local children.

March 24 — Super Mario Kart tournament on Nintendo Switch for children ages 8 through 12 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. (Sign up by calling or visiting the library.) Craft stations will also be set up from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March 25 — Super

Smash Bros. tournament on Nintendo Switch for ages 13 through 18 from 3:30 to 6 p.m. (Sign up by calling or visiting the library.) Also, LEGOs will be available from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

March 26 — Board and card games will be available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Digital content for vacations at home are also available through the library's Hoopla and Libby apps.

Exhibit open

The Regional Student Art Exhibit is now open to the public at Arts Place in Portland.

The exhibit features work from students in Jay

County and the surrounding area. It is open during regular Arts Place hours — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

Hosting workshop

Jay County Purdue Extension will host a lawn care workshop at 6 p.m. April 8. It will be at Jay County Public Library.

Purdue Extension educator Justin Curley will lead the free session. To RSVP, call the extension office at (260) 726-4707.

Clinic scheduled

Jay County High School's color guard will

host its 2021 Kids Clinic on April 17.

The event is open to students in grades kindergarten through 12. It will run from noon to 4 p.m. at East Jay Elementary School.

Registration forms are available at local schools or by visiting jcmarching-patriots.com. The registration deadline is April 1.

Concert is April 8

"Awakening," scheduled for 7:30 p.m. April 8, will be Arts Place's second live-streamed concert of 2021 following almost a year without live performances because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

The concert will feature Arts Place instructors Pete Vogler (flute), Amelia Freeman (vocals) and Eric Rogers (piano). They will highlight works of six American composers from the late 1800s and early 1900s.

The concert will be available on Arts Place's Facebook and YouTube pages.

Arts Place plans to host another virtual concert this spring and then will return to in-person performances with Dave Bennett for a free concert June 25 at Hudson Family Park.

For more information, visit artsland.org/virtual-performances.

Roommate with benefits has new attraction

DEAR ABBY: I have this dilemma. I'm a woman in my 40s with a good job, and I'm told I am a good catch. About six months ago, I moved in with a man I will call Peter. It started as a roommate situation, but then became friends with benefits. We have both agreed we are not a couple.

The problem is Peter has a friend, "Reggie." I like Reggie, and he likes me. We have hung out as a group several times. To the best of my knowledge, Reggie has no idea Peter and I are FWBs.

Reggie recently asked me out to dinner as a date. I can see myself having a real relationship with him, but don't know how Peter will react. Should I accept the invitation? I mean, it's just one date. Also, should I mention it to Peter? — F.W.B. IN THE SOUTH

Dear Abby



DEAR F.W.B.: You and Peter have agreed that you are NOT a couple. Accept Reggie's offer and be upfront with Peter about it. The only thing that might change would be that Peter will have to find another friend with benefits because the sexual aspect of your relationship with him may be over.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 22-year-old daughter from my first marriage and a 9-year-old son

with my husband of 12 years. My husband is 57, and I just turned 41. I would like to have another baby, mainly because I want my 9-year-old son to have someone to grow up with. We have no other family. It's just him and girl cousins, ages 9 and 5. Can you please advise me if my husband and I are OK or too old to have one more child? — CONSIDERING IT IN THE WEST

DEAR CONSIDERING: I'm glad you wrote. This is something that should be discussed further with your husband to make sure you are on the same page, and also with your OB-GYN.

If your intention is that your children grow up together, this is something that should have happened years ago. As it stands, the 10-year age difference will

mean your son will be grown and gone while your younger child is still at home.

A doctor with a specialty in genetics could be helpful as you gather information. It is important that you understand what precautions might be wise to take before making this decision.

DEAR ABBY: I care a lot about what friends, family — even the general public — do with their money. Specifically, I promote the benefits of owning a home, but I suspect my efforts to educate them may need a more loving approach. I just don't want people I care about to throw their money away to their landlords. Do I need to be more loving and supportive vs. educating? — COMMUNITY HELPER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR HELPER: People usually have good reasons for renting instead of buying. If you keep repeating your advice and it's falling on deaf ears, it's fair to conclude your message isn't being appreciated. A saying widely attributed to Albert Einstein is, "Insanity is continuing to repeat an action over and over again but expecting different results." You can volunteer to serve as an adviser, but only if these individuals want to make a change and ask for your help.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeane 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@thecr.com.

Today

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

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

Monday

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon

each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

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

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

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

NARCOTICS ANONY-

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

Tuesday

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

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-

ANNA'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.

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.

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

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.

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 - BRI-

ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (206) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

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

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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



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Newspapers provide sunshine in the darkness.

It is crucial to be aware of the important decision-making in your community.

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The news media industry celebrates Sunshine Week, recognizing that public access to government records and deliberation is essential to your quality of life. Grateful for your continued support and patronage, we are proud to shine a light on government to ensure its transparency and accountability.

Take advantage of the sunshine

Sunshine is great. But it only matters if you take advantage of it. The following situation has played out at public meetings recently:

Concerned resident: "I'm upset because I had no idea this was going on."

Public official: "Well, we've had announcements on the radio. And information has been printed in the newspaper."

Concerned resident: "I don't listen to the radio and I don't read the newspaper."

It's not the first time we've heard that. It likely won't be the last.

But it is entirely unnecessary. The above exchange is what we would refer to as being "voluntarily uninformed."

In our society, we have ways of communicating information to the public. They include newspa-

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pers, radio, television and, yes, social media. (Those who communicate their messages well use them all.) But all of that effort doesn't do much good if you don't bother to take advantage of it.

Yes, in certain circumstances, you'll get a note in the mail or a knock on your door alerting you about what's going on. But that shouldn't be expected.

When a basketball team plays a big game, no one expects a visitor to stop by and tell them the score.

When the coronavirus pandemic hit, no one expected to learn about it via direct mail.

Thomas Jefferson wrote that a well-informed electorate is a prerequisite to democracy. It's each individual's responsibility to make an effort to be well-informed.

So, buy a subscription to the newspaper. (We now have an option to have a recurring monthly payment via credit or debit card, just like Netflix, Amazon Prime and so many others.) Listen to the WPGW as well.

Or take a step further and attend a public meeting. (We print a list of upcoming meetings every day.) If the last time you attended one was for high school government class, it might be time to attend again.

And if (hopefully when) you attend, ask questions. Ask the reporters who are there from the newspaper and/or radio station. Ask the public officials.

If you're not a regular visitor



to such meetings, it can be difficult to follow what's going on. It's like trying to jump into a conversation everyone else has been having for years.

Of course, no member of the public is going to have time to attend every public meeting that might have an impact on their lives. That's OK.

That's what we're here for: That's what Rob Weaver and his staff at WPGW are here for: That's what Associated Press reporters in Indiana and across the nation are here for: We go to

the meetings so you don't have to. We explain what happened. And we've been to previous meetings, so we can also provide relevant background information.

This week is Sunshine Week, an effort the News Leaders Association launched to educate the public about the importance of open government and the dangers of excessive and unnecessary secrecy. It is incredibly important.

It's not just important for newspaper and radio reporters. It's important for you. Laws about open government ensure your rights to attend meetings, your rights to review documents, your rights to know what your elected leaders are doing.

After all, the sun could be as bright as ever. But it really doesn't matter if you're unwilling to step outside to see what it's shining on. — R.C.

Driver objects to police tactics

To the editor: We had an incident that happened to my wife and I that I would like to share.

It happened Friday night, March 6. We had an errand to run at 11:30 p.m. because our water was shut off. After running the errand, we decided to drive through town as we are never out that late.

As we were driving around, we went past a bar and turned north on Ship Street. We went down one block and turned east on Walnut Street because this is the road we live on and we were on our way home. As we pulled up to the traffic light at Walnut and Meridian streets, we just caught the light turning red. All we had to do was drive eight blocks and we would be home.

Then a car comes up behind us. As soon as the light is green we proceed through the intersection and this car follows pretty closely behind us to the stop sign at Harrison Street. We stop and then proceed, and this car stops quickly and then catches with us and follows us very closely again and the same thing happens at the next stop sign at Wayne Street.

We don't know who it is or why they are in such a hurry, but I am not liking it at all, so I turn left into an alley to get out of the way.

Guess what? The car turns with us and is still very close behind us. This alley ends in a T, so you either have to go left or right.

Letters to the Editor

We went left.

As soon as we turned left, the sirens came on so we pulled over, and then a police officer came up to our vehicle, said his name and said he pulled us over because we didn't use our turn signal. He then proceeded to give me a ticket for "no turn signal," which is a \$160 fine.

My question is, What did I do wrong to have him follow me? I wouldn't have ever turned if he wasn't aggressively following me. I thought I was getting out of his way.

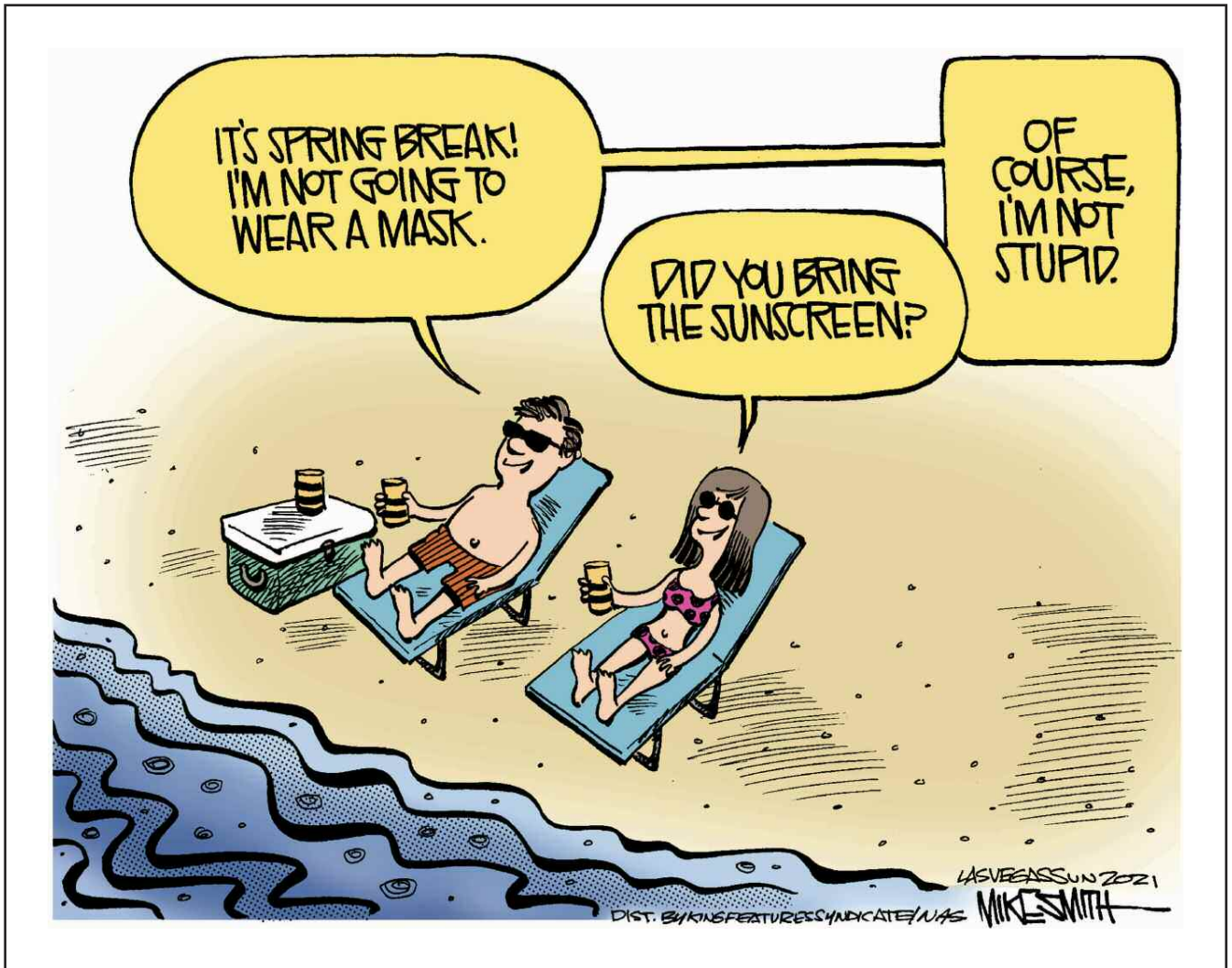
Would someone please explain why these cops have to make trouble when there is none. I can't tell you how many times I've seen a police car not stop completely at stop signs or using their turn signals.

I believe I know why he followed us — because he saw us driving after we drove past the bar and thought we were out drinking. You know how they follow you and think if you are out this late you are up to no good.

I think this is totally wrong. Portland is a dying city already. We don't need this type of harassment.

I was born in Portland and have lived here all of my life.

Chris Butcher
Portland



Foreign policy has domestic impact

By LEE H. HAMILTON

We often think of foreign and domestic policy as two separate and distinct fields. But for an American president, they are inextricably tied together. And as the Biden administration moves forward on its priorities, this is likely to become clear.

The reason is that what we do in one area has an impact on what we can do in the other. If we are not strong economically and politically at home — stable, prosperous, free — we are weaker in the world. And for those of us at home, our ability to lead globally is not only of great interest but affects our perception of our own country. There may be concern of US involvement in entangling wars, but Americans also tend to believe that we have much to contribute to the world and that it can be a better place because of American participation and leadership. Many of our allies — the countries with which we trade and that help us build our economy — believe so, too.

Yet we cannot carry on major aspects of American policy around the world without the support of the American people, which means explaining what we are aiming for, what we are planning to do, and why we plan to do it. In other words, it is important for President Biden to continue to articulate to Americans what he believes the US role in the world should look like and to make the case for their support in pursuing it.

The challenge is plain. Under his predecessor, American prestige, power, and influence all were bat-

tered. We are weaker abroad now than we were. To come back from this, we must reinvigorate our alliances, reassert our democratic ideals, and make clear that an erratic, improvisational foreign policy is behind us.

What might this look like specifically? First, it means committing to continued US global leadership, which Biden has already done. "We are a country that does big things. American diplomacy makes it happen," he said in a speech at the State Department two weeks after taking office. Yet even if there is no alternative to US global leadership, regaining it is going to take hard work, given how far the US's global reputation has fallen.

Cooperating with the multilateral community is crucial. Moving away from the previous administration's unilateralism and enlisting our friends in facing the big challenges we face, especially our relations with China, a fast-growing superpower, and Russia, a major regional power with nuclear weapons, will require a deft mix of both cooperation and firmness of purpose.

Similarly, how we conduct the two important relationships with our neighbors Canada and Mexico needs to be much more than an



Lee H. Hamilton

after-thought. We have the extraordinary good fortune to be insulated from much of the world by two oceans, but we have also had the good fortune to keep our borders peaceful — we do not face the threat of war or hostilities from either north or south. Sustaining good relations has been a key part of this, and it is something our allies elsewhere note with envy.

Finally, caution in all its forms should be key to the Biden administration's approach: restoring deliberation to how we conduct our affairs, avoiding wars and military intervention, making certain that we husband our natural and human resources and do not waste our words, prestige, and other assets on quixotic pursuits.

In a recent interview in *The New Yorker*, Council on Foreign Relations President Richard Haass noted that President Biden takes over his role "at a time when what happens in the world matters enormously to America's domestic well-being, but also at a time when U.S. influence in the world is much diminished." The path forward from there is tricky — and we all have a stake in how the Biden administration pursues it.

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Invenergy plans Indiana project

A company with plans for a Jay County solar farm announced plans for a similar facility in northwest Indiana this week.

Invenergy and Northern Indiana Public Services Company announced Thursday that they have signed an agreement for the 250-megawatt Fairbanks Solar project in Sullivan County.

Plans call for Fairbanks Solar to be complete by 2023. Invenergy will construct the project and Northern Indiana Public Services Company will enter into a joint venture when the work is complete.

"Invenergy's partnership with NIPSCO for the Fairbanks Solar project is a significant step in bringing more affordable, clean energy to Indiana," said Invenergy senior vice president of origination Ted Romaine in a press release. "We are pleased to support NIPSCO's continued investment in renewable energy while also deliver-

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ing significant economic benefits to Sullivan County."

The company in February visited Jay County Council and presented plans for a \$150-million, 155-megawatt solar facility in Penn and Jackson townships.

Purdue partnering

Purdue University is working with the U.S. Department of Defense on a program to identify fake videos.

Edward Delp, a professor of electrical and computer engineering at Purdue, is leading one of the teams that is part of the semantic forensics program created by the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

The program focuses on tools used to detect fake and manipulated videos.

"Not only do we want to be able to detect when a piece of media has been manipulated, but we want to be able to attribute it: Who did it, why did they do it and what was their intent?" said Delp in a press release. "It's called detection, attribution and characterization. We're trying to solve the whole problem."

NextEra forms

NextEra Energy Marketing, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy Resources, announced Wednesday that it has created the Great Pee Dee Mitigation Bank in South Carolina.

The approximately 1,100-acre site was previously used for harvesting timber. It is now protected in perpetuity through a conservation easement being managed by non-profit Pee Dee Land Trust.

"We are thrilled to begin

working to restore the streams and wetlands in the Pee Dee region," said John Ketchum, president and CEO of NextEra said in a press release. "We believe the mitigation credits will enhance economic development efforts throughout the Pee Dee region by facilitating permit approvals for developers."

NextEra owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in Jay and Randolph counties.

New CEO selected

Roz Brewer joined Walgreens Boots Alliance on Monday as its new CEO.

Brewer most recently served as chief operating officer and group president for Starbucks. She previously worked as president and CEO of Sam's Club.

"WBA is a world-class, trusted organization whose purpose I deeply admire," Brewer said in a press release. "The health-

care industry is constantly evolving, and I am excited to work alongside the entire WBA team as we deliver further innovation and positively impact the lives of millions of people around the world every day. This is especially true today as the company plays a crucial role in combating the COVID-19 pandemic."

Moving to Miami

Subway is planning to move some of its operations to Miami.

The company acknowledged the move, which was reported by Restaurant Business. The move is planned for spring 2022.

"A Miami presence allows us to keep our finger on the pulse of more cultural conversations and the evolving tastes of the modern consumer," Subway told Restaurant Business in a statement. "With its dynamic business climate, diverse population and multicultural influences, it is the ideal place

to transition some of our consumer-facing roles."

Walmart partnering

Walmart announced Tuesday that it is partnering with fashion designer Brandon Maxwell on its brands.

Maxwell will serve as creative director for fashion brands Free Assembly and Scoop. He will also be involved in marketing for both brands.

"Working with Walmart has long been a dream of mine," said Maxwell in a press release. "Like many people across the country who live in a small town, Walmart was the destination for everything where I grew up in Texas, including clothing. This partnership allows me to bring the experience and joy of fashion to countless people who live in small towns across the country. Everyone deserves to have access to well-designed clothing at an accessible price point."



Japan News

Japan raising tariffs on beef

Japan News

For the first time in just over 3-1/2 years, Japan is employing a safeguard measure in response to a rise in the volume of U.S. beef imports.

From Thursday through April 16, tariffs on U.S. beef will increase from 25.8% to 38.5%, adding a burden on the restaurant industry and consumers.

U.S. beef imports have been increasing after the Japan-U.S. trade agreement reached last year lowered tariffs and Australia, the rival major beef exporter to Japan, had its production reduced by drought.

The trade deal with the United States included the safeguard to protect Japan's livestock industry, allowing the raising of tariffs for a 30-day period when imports exceed a set criteria.

U.S. beef imports from April 2020 to February 2021 increased by 1.6% year-on-year to 233,112 tons, or 96% of the fiscal 2020 maximum of 242,000 tons, according to the Finance Min-

istry. As of March 10, the volume exceeded the maximum, hitting 242,229 tons.

The Japan-U.S. trade deal aided U.S. beef imports by dropping the tariffs to the same level as those of countries participating in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) free trade agreement with Japan.

U.S. beef has become increasingly competitive, often sold at about half the price of Japanese beef and accounting for about 40% of the beef circulated in Japan.

Imports of Australian beef, however, fell 10.6% year-on-year from April 2020 through January 2021 to 222,641 tons.

The last time safeguards were imposed was in August 2017, when increased tariffs were applied to frozen beef imported from the United States, Canada and New Zealand. At that time, the conditions triggering the emergency tariff hike included import volumes exceeding a 17% year-on-year increase in a quarter.

Deeds

Rinker Family Farm LLC to Mary E. Rinker, quit claim deed — Section 34, Knox Township, 80 acres

Mary E. Rinker to herself, death deed — Section 34, Knox Township, 80 acres; Part of Section 35, Knox Township, 75.25 acres

Marvin E. and Lovina A. Troyer to Catherine Graber Schwartz, quit claim deed — Part of Section 18, Bearcreek Township, 3.01 acres

Catherine Graber Schwartz to Mervin M. and Maryann S. Wickey, warranty deed — Part of Section 18, Bearcreek Township, 3.01 acres

Kira Gibson to herself, death deed — Lot 158, Votaw Third Addition

Brandon L. and Kayla L. Willmann to Ryan Tracy, warranty deed — Part of Section 9, Richland Township, Dunkirk

Michael L. and Judith A. Rockwell to Steven E. and Jennifer L. Schwitertman, warranty deed — Tracts 1 and 2, Section 23, Noble Township, 41.51 acres

Michael and Anne J. Crooks to Anne J. Crooks, deed affidavit — Part of Section 34, Bearcreek Township, 12.12 acres

Ronald W. May to Chris Myers, warranty deed — Part of Sections 32 and 33, Greene Township, 2.86 acres

Randy and Karla Hopkins to Five Brothers LLC, warranty deed — Lot 38, Baker Addition, Portland

Ruth L. Glassford and Dick Glassford (deceased) to Ruth L. Glassford, death deed — Part of Lot 2, Denny Subdivision

James E. and Marjorie S. Loyd to James E. Loyd,

quit claim deed — Parts of Section 7, Pike Township, 52.43 acres

Scott and Natalie Turner to James M. Clark, quit claim deed — Lot 6, Block 37, original plat of Redkey

Michael Eley and Shara Wait to Ad Home

Properties LLP, sheriff/marshall deed — Lot 3, McNelly Subdivision, Dunkirk

Connie J. Ferguson and Charles Ferguson (deceased) to Connie J. Ferguson, death deed — Lot 197, Woodlawn Park Addition

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3-20 CRYPTOQUIP

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UTEJUPPJ CX STQ GEP
AGJWCWZ ETMPR XTE G
VCKCWZ? TKPE-FLP-LPAM IGS.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF PEOPLE BELIEVE DOUBTFUL EVENTS ACTUALLY TOOK PLACE, I'D SAY THEY ARE THINKING THINGS TRUE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals D

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Hoops hysteria

- 1) What was the lowest-seeded team to win the NCAA men's basketball tournament?
- 2) Who holds the record for most points in an NCAA men's basketball tournament game?

(1) Villanova (No. 8) (2) Notre Dame's Austin Carr (61)

3-22 CRYPTOQUIP

TEWZR MLKXZN HKYPK TYN
WEHLKX EWEDLKX MOEKLMI
MCZPM LK ZENCIZKPENZ OYCM:
YSSE TLCDXZNESR.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT IS THE MIDDLE OF YOUR WORKWEEK IF YOU ARE MAKING ROPES FOR A LIVING? OVER-THE-HEMP DAY.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals N

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to the workplace. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 8 = E)

A. 26 1 1 20 13 8
Clue: Place to work

B. 8 4 12 10 26 24 8 16
Clue: Boss

C. 12 22 24 13 9 8 13 21
Clue: Compensation

D. 10 22 7 26 16
Clue: Work

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to the workplace.

SKDSE

Answer: Desks

Guess Who?

I am a singer born in California on March 18, 1979. I met my future bandmates while attending Brentwood School. I have had many hits as a singer/songwriter, and gained even more success as a coach on "The Voice."

Answer: Adam Levine

WORLD FACT!

THIS HOLIDAY HONORS A PATRON SAINT OF A EUROPEAN NATION, BUT IT IS WIDELY CELEBRATED AROUND THE WORLD.

ANSWER: ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Festive day
4. Sweet ingredient
5. Slang for "yes"
6. A story
8. Irish patron saint

DOWN
1. Joyous
2. From Ireland
3. ___ beef and cabbage
7. Area of a hospital (abbr.)

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

MAR 17

- 1762: THE FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE IN NEW YORK CITY TAKES PLACE.
- 1941: U.S. PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT OFFICIALLY OPENS THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART IN WASHINGTON, D.C.
- 1963: MOUNT AGUNG ON BALI ERUPTS.

WORKPLACE WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

- ACTIVITY
- APPLICATIONS
- COLLABORATE
- COORDINATE
- COWORKERS
- DESIGN
- DIGITAL
- EMPLOYEE
- EXPERIENCE
- FACILITY
- FLEXIBLE
- MANAGEMENT
- MEETING
- MOBILE
- MULTIPURPOSE
- OFFICE
- PLANNING
- PRODUCTIVITY
- REPORTS
- SCHEDULE
- STRATEGY
- SYSTEM
- WORKING
- WORKPLACE

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Irish
SPANISH: Irlandés
ITALIAN: Irlandese
FRENCH: Irlandais
GERMAN: Irisch

Did You Know?

ACCORDING TO LEGEND, LEPRECHAUNS WILL PINCH ANYONE WHO IS CAUGHT NOT WEARING THE COLOR GREEN ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Groom denial
- 6 Difficult situation
- 12 "Burnt" crayon color
- 13 Bar supply
- 14 "Ben-Hur" star
- 15 Discounted
- 16 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 17 Vatican leader
- 19 Reuben bread
- 20 Blender sound
- 22 June honoree
- 24 Unpaid TV spot
- 27 Mimics
- 29 Conked out
- 32 Actor who voiced Sid the Sloth in "Ice Age"
- 35 — gin fizz
- 36 Ganges wrap
- 37 Fanatic
- 38 Thumbs-up

DOWN

- 2 Take five
- 3 Following behind
- 4 6, on a phone
- 5 Primitive flutes
- 6 Fall into a beanbag chair
- 7 Like notebook
- 8 Mensa
- 9 Protector
- 10 Sacred
- 11 Fir or yew
- 12 HBO competitor
- 18 Pasta sauce
- 21 "2001" computer
- 23 Wood-shaping tool
- 24 Night-wear, for short
- 25 Note after fa
- 26 Maritime greeting
- 28 Can't-miss singer
- 30 Outback bird
- 31 Speck
- 33 Born
- 34 Three, on a sundial
- 39 Whirls
- 41 Equine comment
- 42 "Money — object"
- 43 Not barefoot
- 45 Sitarist's music
- 47 Lavish affection (on)
- 48 Human rights lawyer
- 49 Flavor enhancer, for short
- 51 Serbian city
- 53 Not "dis"

Solution time: 26 mins.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Rara avis

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A Q 7 2
♥ 8 3
♦ A 10 4
♣ A 7 6 3

EAST
♠ J 9 6 4
♥ K Q J 7 5 2
♦ 6
♣ 10 2

SOUTH
♠ A 6
♥ K Q 9 8 7 5 2
♦ Q 9 8 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 2 ♥ 3 ♦ 3 ♥
3 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
♦ J 3 Pass 6 ♦
♣ K J 5

Opening lead — ten of hearts.

This deal occurred in a team contest at a regional tournament in Connecticut. It features a relatively rare play that enabled one of the declarers in a two-team match to bring in a slam that failed at the other table.

Both declarers reached six diamonds on essentially the same auction. East making a preemptive jump-overcall of two hearts that was raised to three at both tables.

At the first table, declarer took

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

- 1 Mercedes—
- 5 Adobe file format
- 8 "The — the limit!"
- 12 Mayberry moppet
- 13 Lennon's lady
- 14 Son of Seth
- 15 Billion (Pref.)
- 16 Reduces an amount owed
- 18 Drag
- 20 Fishing nets
- 21 Singles
- 23 Depot (Abbr.)
- 24 Bowlful served with chips
- 28 Abba of Israel
- 31 Night before
- 32 Actress McDonald of "Private Practice"
- 34 Fib
- 35 Galileo's birthplace

DOWN

- 11 Taxpayer IDs
- 17 Fourth-yr. students
- 19 "May It Be"
- 22 Move laterally
- 24 Zing
- 25 Bird (Pref.)
- 26 Strike a chord (with)
- 27 Chopin pieces
- 29 Succor
- 30 Ultra-modernist
- 33 Very small batteries
- 36 "Still ..."
- 38 Mascara mishap
- 40 Danson or "Cheers"
- 42 Links org.
- 43 Flair
- 44 Seized vehicle
- 46 Hindu hero
- 47 Sch. sup-porters
- 48 Faxed
- 50 Melody

Solution time: 21 mins.

Yesterday's answer 3-20

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 5 4
♥ 4
♦ A 10 2
♣ Q 8 5 3 2

EAST
♠ J 3
♥ A 9 8 5 2
♦ K 9 8
♣ 9 7 6

SOUTH
♠ A K 10 2
♥ K J 7
♦ J 3
♣ A K J 10

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

Opening lead — four of clubs.

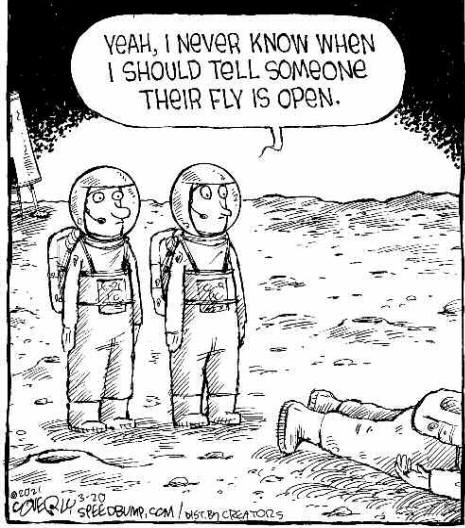
The United States played Japan for the very first time in the 1972 World Bridge Olympiad and had much the best of the confrontation. This deal contributed greatly to the outcome.

At the first table, with Bob Hamman and Paul Soloway North-South for the U.S., the bidding went as shown. The one-club bid was artificial, showing at least 17 points, and the heart response was also artificial,

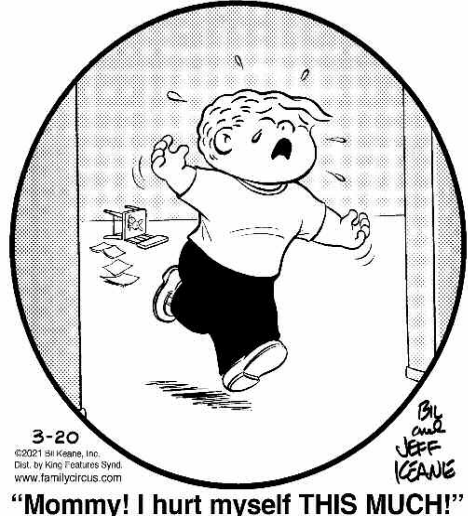
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Saturday's answer 3-22

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



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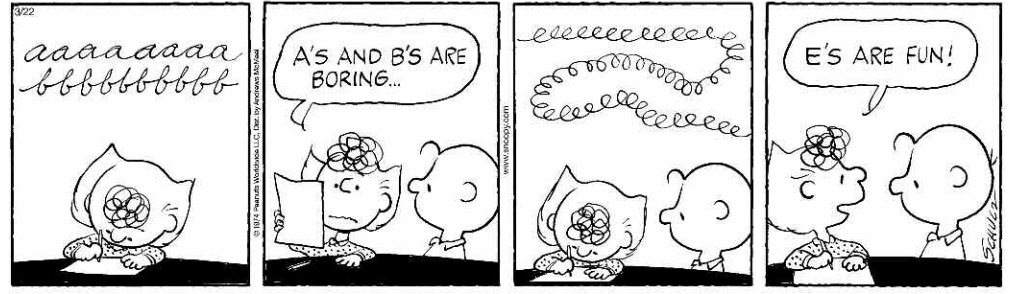
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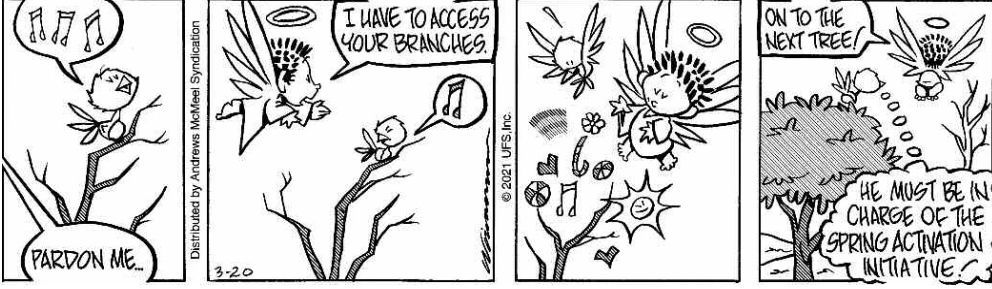
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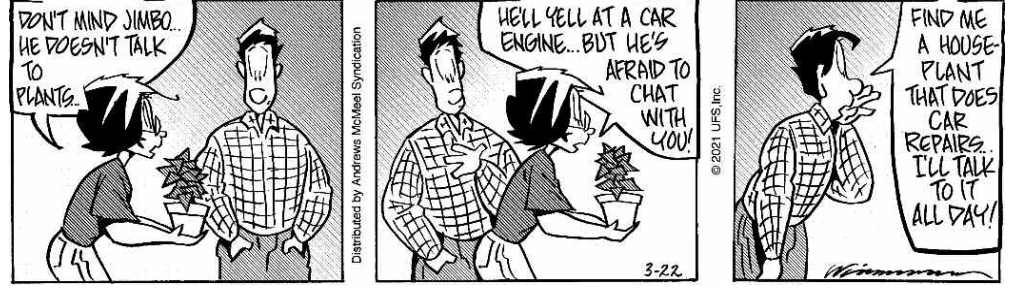
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Location of Property Affected: Parcel #1: #38-07-19-300-023.000-033 - 1823 W Tyson Rd (vacant land), Wayne Township, Section 19; Parcel #3: #38-06-24-400-022.000-022 - 2021 W 75 S; and Parcel #4: #38-06-24-400-025.000-022 - 840 S 200 W, Greene Township, Section 24.
Property is Currently Zoned: Agricultural Residential (AR) Area Predominantly Zoned: Agricultural Residential (AR), R4 Low Density Residential, Highway Service (HS), and Industrial (IND)
Request Rezoning To: Industrial (IND)
Description of Action Requested: Heritage Aggregates, LLC (HAL) and Heritage Land Company, LLC (HLC) have amended their petition #MapChg2021-01-26 that was filed on January 26, 2021, by removing parcel #2, the property located north of Tyson Road and removing the proposed closure/reroute of CR 100 S from said petition. HAL & HLC are still requesting the rezoning of 3 parcels from Agricultural Residential to Industrial. Parcel #1 will be used to expand the current mining operation and parcels #3 and #4 will be used for overburden storage. The City of Portland Zoning Ordinance, Section 3.15, only allows for this type of use on property zoned Industrial, thus requiring the rezoning request. If the rezoning is approved, the request will still require Special Exception Use approval from the Portland Board of Zoning Appeals. A public hearing is scheduled to be held by said Plan Commission on Thursday, April 1st, 2021 at 6:00 pm in the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium, 120 N Court Street, Portland, Indiana. At that time, all interested persons will be given the opportunity to be heard in reference to matters set out in the petition. The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection at the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 S Meridian Street /Ste E, Portland, Indiana 47371. If unable to attend the meeting, the Department will accept letters from the public that will be read aloud during the public hearing meeting. Letters may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building Department prior to the meeting date.
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NFL broadcast deals are groundbreaking

By **BARRY WILNER**
AP Pro Football Writer

The billions of dollars the NFL will be getting from broadcast partners over the next dozen years might seem like Monopoly money to fans.

Then again, without that lifeblood, the NFL likely wouldn't dominate as America's most popular sport.

Yes, the numbers are staggering, almost as if ABC/ESPN, NBC, CBS, Fox and Amazon were saying to the league: "We'll buy Boardwalk, Park Place — and everything else on the board."

Even more staggering to think everyone involved has had to deal with financial difficulties during the coronavirus pandemic.

Yet the NFL negotiated 11-season deals — the league has an opt out after seven years — that will bring in \$113 billion beginning in 2023. The contracts

include a streaming service receiving pretty much equal treatment as Amazon Prime Video will be the home of "Thursday Night Football."

"The NFL was able to include the digital and streaming components of each of the broadcast companies so they can build on that while still maintaining the traditional arrangements of over-the-air TV," says Marc Ganis, co-founder of Chicago-based consulting group SportsCorp and a confidant of many NFL owners. "It's a brilliant strategy. It serves the needs of the broadcast companies and their parent companies as they put more money and emphasis on streaming for the younger audiences."

"With these agreements, the NFL has found the balance between linear cable and streaming that the other sports need to find."

These contracts, which nearly

double the yearly incoming broadcast revenues, were five years in the making.

NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell, along with Patriots owner Robert Kraft, chairman of the league's media committee, and Brian Rolapp, the league's chief media and business officer, developed a strategy after striking a deal with Yahoo! to stream some games.

It really was a test of that marketplace, and the information gathered over a half-decade prepared the NFL for the 2021 culmination of the rights fee contract.

The Thursday night package became a testing ground that led to the Amazon package. Amazon hardly was the only bidder for that package, and the NFL could have stayed with an over-the-air partner such as Fox, which currently has Thursday night games, or turned to a cable entity.

But streaming was too enticing an option.

"Over the last five years we have started the migration to streaming. This is another large step in this direction," Kraft explains. "Our fans want this option and understand streaming is the future. We have created a unique hybrid of viewing options and streaming. This should provide a smooth transition to the future of content distribution."

Ah, the future. Who knows what's ahead as new media develop and expand? History tells us the NFL is likely to figure it out, as it did when it embraced cable TV, then helped launch Fox, then brought an out-of-market package of Sunday afternoon matchups to satellite's DirecTV, then made every every contest available on satellite's SiriusXM Radio.

The major step today clearly is streaming, with all of the

broadcast partners including such services in their NFL programming.

"The pandemic has had a meaningful impact on a lot of things," Ganis notes, "and one of them is the meteoric rise of streaming. I expect we would have seen these same deals had we not had the pandemic, but maybe not as much emphasis by the parent companies for all the streaming rights they were able to get."

"The broadcasters and their companies are now able to apply a significant part of their rights fees to their streaming services."

What does all of this mean for Cheeseheads, Who Dats and Raider Nation, plus 29 other fan bases?

For one, more options for viewing. For another, better matchups in prime time with ESPN getting flexing capability late in the schedule.

Sorry ...

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"We fell short this year in what we have been doing to prepare in the last 60 days for 64 teams to be in San Antonio. We acknowledge that," said NCAA Senior Vice President of women's basketball Lynn Holzman, who is a former college basketball player. "Last night we did have a call with our coaches and team administrators in a way to solicit feedback and their experience thus far."

"Yesterday was the first day our teams had the opportunity to have practice," she said. "Part of that call was to get feedback on potential solutions to address some of those concerns, including the weight room issue."

Players raised questions about the gift bags that they received compared to the ones that the men were given. The NCAA told The AP that the value of the bags was equitable.

While the difference between the men's and women's weight facility was clearly jarring, in the manual that the NCAA had sent to teams before the tournament they

specifically had said that no weights would be available until after the second round of the tournament.

This is the first time in the women's tournament that every game is being played on neutral sites. In the past, campuses would host the opening rounds so teams would be able to schedule weight room times in those on-campus sites.

Gavitt said that the NCAA will use this opportunity for better collaboration of men's and women's basketball.

"What we pull together in months and years, we tried to do in weeks and days," he said. "That's meant some shortcomings. I apologize and feel terrible about anything that falls short of our lofty expectations. Some of those shortcomings we've seen in Indianapolis as well."

A discussion has already started amongst the conference commissioners and the NCAA on how to not have this happen in the future.

"I hope it opens a broader examination of how we invest, support

and make decisions in the sport of basketball at all levels within our system," America East Commissioner Amy Huchthausen said. "There are complexities and tensions to be sure, but moments like this should force us to re-examine how we got here. This isn't just about dumbbells or swag bags. This is about our fundamental expectations for fairness and equity and ensuring the outcomes of our decisions can meet those standards to deliver a quality experience for our student athletes."

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said it's unacceptable for anything to fall short for just the women.

"There's a miscommunication at the highest level of the NCAA. Either it's miscommunication, no communication or just not downright caring if people know what's happening on our (women's) side of things," Staley said. "And that must stop. ... The NCAA owns March Madness in all its luxury. Then it should feel luxurious to every student athlete, man or woman."

Shocks ...

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The Buckeyes led by eight before the Golden Eagles rallied. Abmas hit a 3-pointer with about five minutes left in the first half to give Oral Roberts a 26-25 lead, prompting a chant of "O-R-U!" He hit another 3 moments later to force an Ohio State timeout. He made 5 of 7 3-pointers in the first half and had 18 points at the break as the Golden Eagles led 36-33.

The Summit League champions led by seven in the second half before Ohio State rallied to take a 60-58 lead on a pullup jumper by CJ Walker with just under five minutes to play.

Obanor was fouled with 14 seconds to play, and he made both free throws to tie the game at 64. Washington missed a step-back jumper in the closing seconds, and the Buckeyes had no answer for Obanor in the extra session.

"This is obviously a real-

ly, really bitter end to a terrific season," Holtmann said. "We'll own that and accept it and we'll move forward."

Making freebies

Oral Roberts entered the game with a chance to set the Division I record for free-throw shooting percentage in a season. The Division I record is 82.18%, set by Harvard in 1984. Oral Roberts entered the game at 82.35%, but made 14 of 18 in the game to slide to 82.17%.

Quotable

Oral Roberts coach Paul Mills on getting ready for Florida: "I mean, the reality is you have to turn around and you're about to play another one, so the celebration better be pretty quick. If you spend all your time looking back at your wedding day videos, you're probably not going to have a very good marriage."

Four more sue Watson

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson has been sued by four more women who accuse him of sexual assault and harassment.

The lawsuits were filed Thursday night, hours after the NFL said it was investigating earlier allegations by three massage therapists who said the quarterback sexually assaulted them during massages.

The claims in the four new suits, which were filed in a Harris County state district court, mirror those in the three earlier cases. Each woman who sued Thursday worked in a spa or giving massages and claims that Watson exposed himself, touched them with his penis or kissed them against their will.

None of the seven women, who have sued separately but are all represented by Houston lawyer Tony Buzbee, are identified by name in the lawsuits. They are each seeking compensatory and punitive damages, as well as court costs.

Watson, 25, has broadly denied that he acted inappropriately and said in a Tuesday statement that he looks forward to clearing his name. In a statement Friday, an attorney for Watson, Rusty Hardin, called the allegations "meritless."

At a Friday news conference, Buzbee said he expects to file more lawsuits and his firm is vetting additional claims from women, including one involving an incident this month. None of his clients had filed police reports, he said, "but that is our next step."

Buzbee said some of the massage therapists who came forward work at spas, some work from their homes, some work at deluxe hotels. All but one, who was flown in from Atlanta, were from the Houston area.

"These are, for the most part, licensed professionals. These are people that, many of them, are single mothers, either own their own shop or work in a spa," while three clients are married and one is engaged to be married, he said.

The women are suing for \$500 in damages, the least that can be sought in a Texas civil district court, "and they bring these cases for one reason only — stopping further misconduct from this defendant or any others like him," he said.

Hardin's statement said he is "extremely proud to represent Deshaun Watson and wholly stand behind him."

"However, we will wait to comment in detail until we've completed our review of the numerous, evolving allegations from Mr. Buzbee," the statement said. "We will respond next week and ask you to keep an open mind until we do so."

Watson is one of the league's top quarterbacks and led the NFL in yards passing last season. He signed a four-year, \$156 million contract extension with the Texans last offseason, but he became unhappy with the direction of the team as Houston sunk to 4-12 and he requested a trade in January.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

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.

March 27
Fort Recovery — Softball at Delphos Jefferson — 11 a.m.; JV baseball doubleheader vs. Russia — 11 a.m.

March 29
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.; Softball at Ansonia — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Celina — 5 p.m.

April 1
Fort Recovery — Softball at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Track at Crestview quad — 5 p.m.; Freshman baseball at St. Henry — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high track hosts quad — 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
12:15 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament — Georgetown vs. Colorado (CBS)
12:45 p.m. — Men's College Bas-

ketball: NCAA Tournament — UNC-Greensboro vs. Florida State (truTV)
1:15 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament — Eastern Washington vs. Kansas (TBS)
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9:57 p.m. — Men's College Basketball: NCAA Tournament — VCU vs. Oregon (TNT)

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Monday
9 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Milwaukee Bucks (FSN)

Local notes

Registration is today
Portland Junior League will have its second day of registration today.

The session will be from 9 a.m. to noon today at Jay Community Center, 115 E. Water St., Portland.

Registration forms can be picked up at JCC, or they're available online at PJL's Facebook page.

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Clayton corrals

Jay County High School junior Haley Clayton prepares to corral a grounder during a drill as part of practice Wednesday at JCHS. For a preview of the Patriots' softball season, as well as stories looking at all local sports teams, pick up the April 7 issue of The Commercial Review for the spring sports preview special section.



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Oral Roberts shocks OSU

By **CLIFF BRUNT**
AP Sports Writer

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Ohio State's players were dancing around in the moments before tipoff against Oral Roberts, relaxed and full of swagger. The Buckeyes aren't dancing anymore. The 15th-seeded Golden Eagles pulled off the first major upset of the first NCAA Tournament in two years, holding off second-seeded Ohio State 75-72 in overtime on Friday.

"When they rank them, it was only just a number at the end of the day," said Kevin Obanor, who led Oral Roberts with 30 points and 11 rebounds. "We put our shoes on just as the other team puts their shoes on. We just had the mindset of, 'Show us that you deserve to be No. 2,' and we came out with a lot of confidence."

Oral Roberts got poised, impeccable performances from its two stars, Obanor and guard Max Abmas, to become the ninth 15 seed to win a first-round game and the first since Middle Tennessee shocked Michigan State in 2016. Last year's tournament was called off because of the pandemic.

Obanor scored seven of Oral Roberts' 11 points in overtime, including two free throws with 13 seconds left. Abmas, the nation's leading scorer, had 29 points.

"Their two players that obviously concerned us were terrific, so give them, their coaches, their players, their program, their university a lot of credit for this win," Ohio State coach

Chris Holtmann said. "We had no illusions that this was going to be by any stretch anything other than a really challenging game, and it obviously was that from the very jump."

Ohio State could have tied it in the closing seconds of overtime, but Duane Washington Jr.'s open 3-pointer from straight away bounced off the side of the rim, and Oral Roberts celebrated its first tournament win since 1974.

The Golden Eagles' roster is full of lightly recruited players who found their way to the small, private Christian school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The Summit League champions bowed their heads in a prayer circle after their victory over the Big Ten power.

"I know growing up, all my life, I was always like the underdog," Obanor said. "The school is not a big school. Just to prove people wrong, it's a blessing just to have people that are really committed and believe that we're the better team."

The Golden Eagles (17-10) will play seventh-seeded Florida in the South Region on Sunday.

E.J. Liddell had 23 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Buckeyes (21-10). Washington had 18 points and 10 rebounds but made just 7 of 21 shots.

Oral Roberts scored the game's first seven points, including a 3-pointer by Abmas from the logo that drew a collective "Ooooh!" from the socially distanced crowd.

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NCAA: Sorry for inequities

By **DOUG FEINBERG**
AP Basketball Writer

SAN ANTONIO — NCAA basketball administrators apologized to the women's basketball players and coaches and vowed to do better after inequities between the men's and women's tournament went viral on social media.

NCAA Senior Vice President of Basketball Dan Gavitt vowed to do better during a Zoom call Friday morning, a day after photos showed the difference between the weight rooms at the two tournaments.

"I apologize to the women's student-athletes, coaches and committee for dropping the ball on the weight room issue in San Antonio, we'll get it fixed as soon as possible," Gavitt said.

During the call, other differences were raised: There are 68 teams in the men's field, 64 in the women; and the NCAA pays for the men's National Invitational Tournament, but not the women's NIT.

"The field size and NIT, those would be decisions made in conjunction with membership," Gavitt said. "Those are not decisions we

could make independently. They are good questions and it's timely to raise those issues again."

In a step to solve the weight room issue, the NCAA modified space in the convention center to turn it into a useable workout facility. That work should be completed Saturday. The NCAA had offered to put a weight-lifting area in the open space next to the practice courts, but coaches didn't want that because then other teams would be in the vicinity when they were practicing.

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