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## Agreements set



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Jay County Commissioners on Monday signed decommissioning and road use agreements with Invenergy for its proposed Skycrest Solar facility in Penn and Jackson townships. Invenergy is hoping to build a \$150 million, 155-megawatt solar farm in northwest Jay County, with construction possible as soon as 2022.

### Jay County Commissioners take next step toward a solar facility in Penn and Jackson townships

By BAILEY CLINE  
The Commercial Review

Solar energy is on the horizon for Jay County.

Jay County Commissioners on Monday signed two agreements — one for road use and one for a decommissioning plan — with the sustainable energy company Invenergy for its proposed Skycrest Solar facility.

Commissioners will need to sign an economic development agreement before July 5, per the two other agreements, to get to project rolling.

Invenergy, a global firm with headquarters in Chicago, is planning a \$150 million, 155-megawatt facility located on about 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson Townships.

The company estimates it would generate about \$30 million in property taxes over the life of the facility in addition to \$40 million in lease payments to participating landowners.

The timeline for the project calls for permitting this year with construction to begin in

2022 and the facility to be operational as early as 2024.

Invenergy and Jay County officials have been negotiating the agreements for the last four months, county attorney Bill Hinkle noted. They are similar to road use and decommissioning agreements the county signed with NextEra Energy and Scout Clean Energy for wind farm projects.

The road use agreement will identify roads used for the solar project, which will be determined closer to the time of construction. It also requires the company's contractor to notify Jay County Highway Department whenever it anticipates closing or having heavy machinery on the roads. The agreement also requires Invenergy to document the condition of the property before construction begins, Hinkle said.

The decommissioning plan for the solar panels lays out the requirements for the removal of equipment when the facility is no longer operational.

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## Man found dead at water park

Investigation led to five arrests on drug charges

A Dunkirk man was found dead Sunday at Portland Water Park.

Nicholas Overla, 22, was found about 4:10 p.m. Sunday in the water park parking lot. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

The investigation into his death led to the arrests of four men and one woman on drug-related charges.

As of Monday afternoon, no charges had been filed related to Overla's death or leaving his body at the water park. Jay County prosecutor Wes Schemenaur said he had no information about potential additional charges.

Jay Emergency Medical Service arrived just a few minutes after being called and pronounced Overla dead. The cause of his death is still pending toxicology results, said Jay County coroner Michael Brewster.

Police later reviewed video footage and identified two Jay County residents — Chaz M. Tiller, 30, 209 E. Highland Ave., Dunkirk, and Alissa L. Bunch, 26, Redkey — removing an unconscious Overla from the front passenger seat of Tiller's vehicle earlier that day. Tiller and Bunch then left the scene, according to the release.

Portland and Dunkirk police later found Tiller and Bunch at Overla's home at 208 Mount Auburn in Dunkirk and arrested them both.

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## Council OKs alcohol policy

By ROSE SKELLY  
The Commercial Review

DUNKIRK — Council has given its approval for the sale of alcohol in Dunkirk City Park.

Dunkirk City Council split its vote 3-2 to allow alcohol sales in the park with a permit and prior approval from council and Dunkirk Park Board.

Council members also heard the city will be receiving almost half a million dollars in federal relief funds.

According to the new alcohol ordinance, vendors will be able to sell alcohol at Dunkirk City Park as long as they have the proper permits and have obtained permission from the city. Previously, consumption and sale of alcohol had been forbidden at the park. Several residents were in attendance at Monday's meeting to express their concern with the change.

Gloria Hamilton told council she opposed the policy because the park is a place for families.

"If there's families there and children, I don't feel there should be alcohol because you can't always control people who drink it," Hamilton said. "I just feel it's better to not have it when there's children present."

According to the ordinance,

### Consumption, sale allowed in parks with permit, approval

both council and Dunkirk Park Board have to approve any sale of alcohol at the park.

"We all have to say that event is going to happen," said council member Lisa Street. "Obviously, I'm not going to vote to let them sell alcohol where there's going to be children, primarily."

Carol Jones, another resident, wondered if the city would be liable if someone who drank at the park later got into an accident.

"Could that family come back on the city and sue the city for giving them the alcohol?" Jones asked. "Do we want to be known as the city who's going to provide somebody the right to be able to get drunk and to do other things that could be harmful?"

Dunkirk Mayor Jack Robbins clarified the city wouldn't be liable for drunk-driving acci-

dents, as vendors — not the city — would be serving the alcohol.

"We're not opening up the park to alcohol. This is for a special permit," Robbins said. "They'll have to go through the park board, then the city, they have to have a state permit."

Council split its vote on the ordinance, with Jesse Bivens, Tom Johnson and Street voting in favor and Bryan Jessup and Kevin Hamilton voting against. Hamilton echoed concerns about liability after his vote against, mentioning a fatal vehicle accident that occurred the same week the ordinance change was put in motion.

Also Monday, council members heard that the city is slated to receive about \$470,000 from the federal American Rescue Plan Act over the next two years.

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## Ag at the library

LouAnne Zimmerman reads a book to children Monday afternoon during an "Ag in the Classroom" session led by Jay County Farm Bureau at Jay County Public Library. The event was part of a series of spring break activities being held at the library this week.

### Deaths

Larry Sizemore, 77, Redkey

Joe Alexander, 83, Monroeville

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 68 degrees Monday. The low was 41.

There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms tonight with winds gusting to 25 miles per hour and a low of 54. More rain is possible Wednesday.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

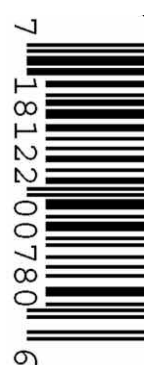
### In review

Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District will meet at 6 p.m. Wednesday at Barry Miller's property at 705 E. 300 North, Portland.

### Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of tonight's COVID-19 update from Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's meeting regarding flooding in the City of Portland.





# Felony arrests

## Battery

Two Jay County residents were arrested Friday for battery.

Dakota C. Nicklay, 27, 260 Mount Auburn, Dunkirk, was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for aggravated battery and possession or use of a legend drug or precursor. He was also preliminarily charged a Class A misdemeanor for criminal trespassing and a Class C misdemeanor for disorderly conduct. He was booked

into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$4,500 bond.

Mitchell C. Ferguson, 21, 33 N. Spencer St., Redkey, was preliminarily charged a Level 6 felony for domestic battery, a Level 6 felony for domestic battery by strangulation and a Class C misdemeanor for public intoxication. He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$4,500 bond.

## Drug possession

A Portland man was arrested Friday for the third time in the

span of a week on drug-related charges.

Nathan M. Ross, 38, 702 S. Western Ave., was preliminarily charged with two counts of possession of methamphetamine (a Level 5 and Level 6 felony), two counts of possession of marijuana (both Class A misdemeanors), a Class A misdemeanor for carrying a handgun without a license and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Ross was also arrested March

16 and Thursday for similar charges, and he was released later each day on bond. He was booked into Jay County Jail Friday and is being held on \$15,500 bond.

Also, two Pennville residents were arrested Friday for drug possession.

Brian S. Bickel, 25, 445 E. Maple St., was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of cocaine, methamphetamine or narcotic

drugs, and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$4,500 bond.

Michelle L. Grigsby, 42, 340 E. Maple St., Pennville, was preliminarily charged two Level 6 felonies for possession of a controlled substance and unlawful possession of a syringe, and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. She was booked into Jay County Jail and is being held on \$14,500 bond.

# CR almanac

Wednesday 3/24	Thursday 3/25	Friday 3/26	Saturday 3/27	Sunday 3/28
<b>70/49</b>	<b>65/44</b>	<b>55/38</b>	<b>62/43</b>	<b>56/34</b>
Mostly sunny skies with a chance of rain. Wind gusts as high as 30 mph are possible.	There is a 70% chance of rain during the day and night. Thunderstorms possible in the afternoon.	Showers likely before 8 a.m. Otherwise mostly cloudy with a slight breeze.	The forecast calls for a sunny day with a chance of rain at night. Cloudy in the evening.	Skies will be mostly clear throughout the day and night as temperatures begin to drop.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Saturday 1-6-22-42-61 Powerball: 4 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$220 million	Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$122 million	
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 4-6-4 Daily Four: 1-9-2-9 Evening Daily Three: 2-4-5 Daily Four: 3-3-9-3 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-4-5-8-9-12-18-19-28-30-31-37-41-46-56-58-70-80 Cash 5: 7-30-34-37-39	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 1-0-9 Pick 4: 9-3-3-6 Pick 5: 0-4-1-9-3 Evening Pick 3: 1-7-2 Pick 4: 3-3-9-9 Pick 5: 4-9-7-9-3 Rolling Cash 5: 5-24-31-32-36 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000 Classic Lotto: 5-20-28-32-37-46 Kicker: 4-6-7-0-0-3 Jackpot: \$6.1 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn .....5.63 Wheat .....6.07	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....5.54 April corn .....5.56 Beans .....14.40 April beans .....14.40 Wheat ..... 6.18 July wheat ..... 5.92
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....5.71 April corn .....5.75	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....5.54 April corn .....5.61 Beans .....14.35 April beans .....14.37 Wheat .....5.81 July wheat.....5.77
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....5.62 April corn .....5.62 Beans .....14.49 April beans .....14.49 Wheat ..... 6.33 April wheat ..... 6.33	

## Today in history

**On March 23, 1775,** Patrick Henry delivered an address to the Virginia Provincial Convention in which he is said to have declared, "Give me liberty, or give me death!"

**In 1792,** Joseph Haydn's Symphony No. 94 in G Major (the "Surprise" symphony) had its first public performance in London.

**In 1806,** explorers Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, having reached the Pacific coast, began their journey back east.

**In 1933,** the German Reichstag adopted the Enabling Act, which effectively granted Adolf Hitler dictatorial powers.

**In 1942,** the first Japanese-Americans evacuated by the U.S. Army during World War II arrived at the internment camp in Manzanar, California.

**In 1965,** America's first two-person space mission took place as Gemini 3 blasted off with astronauts Virgil I. "Gus" Grissom and John W. Young aboard for a nearly 5-hour flight.

**In 1971,** Ridgeville Town Council voted to retain town marshals Arnold Norton and Dana Cox. The vote came after controversy as to whether the town had recently been left without police protection, an allegation the marshals refuted.

**In 2003,** during the Iraq War, a U.S. Army maintenance convoy was ambushed in Nasiriyah; 11 soldiers were killed, and six were captured.

—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Wednesday**  
6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, Barry Miller residence, 705 E. 300 North, Portland.

**Thursday, April 1**  
10 a.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.  
6 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, auditorium, Jay County Courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

# Obituaries

## Larry Sizemore

May 5, 1943-March 21, 2021  
Larry Sizemore, 77, Redkey, died Sunday, March 21, 2021, at his daughter's home following an extended illness.

Born in Logan, West Virginia, on May 5, 1943, he was a longtime resident of Redkey.

He was a receiving department forklift operator at Indiana Glass Co., Dunkirk, for over 40 years until retiring when the plant closed. In earlier years, he worked for the National Forestry Service and was a taxi cab driver.

Larry was a true patriot and hard worker who taught his family the importance of character and doing the job right. He cherished his family and enjoyed nature and exploring the outdoors.

Survivors include two daughters, Shawnee Morton (husband: David), Redkey, and Sandi Kay Fravel (husband: Lonnie), Berne; two sisters, Mary Farris and Sarah Legg, both of Logan, West Virginia; seven grandchildren Alex Morton (wife: Stormi), Franklin, Jamie Morton (wife: Ryane), Muncie, Tiffany Lowe (husband: Chase), Honolulu, Makayla Moore, Albany, Kacy Meyer, Fort Wayne,



Sizemore

Jared Sizemore, Winchester, and Jake Moore, Lafayette; nine great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 30 years, Sondra Sue (Kelly) Sizemore; and his parents Wanna Ray "Beecheye" Sizemore and Edna Mae (Riffe) Browning.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey. Burial will follow.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the National Rifle Association.

Condolences and other expressions of sympathy may be offered at MeachamFuneralService.com.

## Joe Alexander

Oct. 26, 1937-March 20, 2021

Joe L. Alexander, 83, of Monroeville, Indiana, passed away early morning Saturday, March 20, 2021, at Adams Heritage in Monroeville.

He was born on Oct. 26, 1937, in Adams County, Indiana, to the late Everett L. Alexander and the late Flossie (Kiser) Alexander.

Joe was a member of Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland and in addition a member of the Sons of the American Legion Monroeville Legion Post #420.

He was the owner of NAPA Auto Parts and the Village Café in Monroeville. He also served his coun-

try in the Indiana National Guard.

Joe is survived by two sons, Tracy L. Alexander of Monroeville, Indiana, and Randy L. (Gail) Alexander of Monroeville, Indiana; six grandchildren; and nine great-grandsons and one on the way.

He was preceded in death by a son, John E. Alexander, in 2018; and two sisters, Lois Cole and Jessalyn Valentine.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 27, 2021, at Antioch Lutheran Church in Hoagland with Pastor David Taylor officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service on Saturday.

Preferred memorials can be given to Antioch Lutheran Church.

To sign the guest book, visit hsh-funeralhom.com.

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# Council ...

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It is meant to make up for lost revenue as a result of the coronavirus pandemic and to help pay for needed infrastructure updates.

Half of the money is slated to come in the next 60 days and the second half in 2022.

In other business, council members Bryan Jessup, Johnson, Bivens, Street and Hamilton:

•Were invited to a walk-through of the Westlawn Elementary School building later this week. Robbins told council that Jay

County School Corporation is considering donating it to the city, but that he would like to examine the school for potential problems and come up with ideas for the building.

•Heard that Brooks Construction of Fort Wayne had the low bid of \$142,716 for the city's paving work to be completed this year as part of the Indiana Department of Transportation's Community Crossings program. The bid is about \$58,000 below the engineers' estimate to pave

Moore Avenue, Walsh Court and Ellis and Layne drives.

•Approved paying K&L Tractor Sales Inc. \$1,100.24 to fix the park's tractor.

•Heard that Robbins' State of the City address will be at 7 p.m. April 27 at West Jay Community Center.

•Gave final approval to an ordinance that will keep the basketball courts at Dunkirk City Park open until 3 a.m.

•Approved donating \$300 to the Westlawn Elementary parent teacher

organization for school supplies.

•Paid claims of \$117,486.68.

•At the Dunkirk Board of Works and Public Safety meeting Monday, board members Dan Watson, Street and Robbins approved paying \$11,270 to Leary Construction Company for its water tower maintenance annual contract, \$1,460.31 to W.W. Williams for repairs to a generator at the water department and \$1,303.40 to Robinson Corporation for repairs to the salt spreader.

# Capsule Reports

## Rear-end collision

A Portland man drove his vehicle into the back of a Portland woman's car at the intersection of Ship and Arch streets in Portland about 3:15 p.m. Saturday.

Donald W. Burress, 59, was driving south on Ship Street when he failed to see a 2004 GMC Envoy driven by Angela L. Shultz of Portland in front of his vehicle. Shultz was stopped at the intersection of Ship

and Arch streets when Burress' 1999 Oldsmobile Bravada collided with her vehicle.

Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

## Mirrors strike

Jay County residents driving opposite directions on county road 250 West collided with the other's side view mirrors about 8:45 p.m. Friday.

Jeffrey L. Trinidad, 24, Dunkirk, told Jay County Sheriff's Department he was driving north on the road while Randy K. Massie, 60, Portland, was driving south. When Trinidad's 2013 Ram 1500 passed Massie's 2009 Dodge Ramp Pickup, their side view mirrors struck each other. Trinidad's mirror then swung into his window and broke it.

Damage is estimated less than \$1,000.

## SERVICES

Wednesday  
Sizemore, Larry: 10 a.m., Hillcrest Cemetery, Redkey.

Saturday  
Alexander, Joe: 11 a.m., Antioch Lutheran Church, 14908 Minnich Road, Hoagland.

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

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# Skateboarding dino is good for soul

By DIANA DOLECKI  
Special to The Commercial Review

Sometimes all a person needs is to watch a video of a dinosaur on a skateboard speeding down the middle of a dead end street. It puts everything into perspective.

Earlier in the week I had called to tell grandson, Jacob, happy birthday. Instead of hearing Jacob's voice, our daughter, Beth picked up the phone. They were on the way to the doctor's to get Jacob checked out. He had been feeling tired and lethargic lately. It is unusual for him to not have enough energy to do what he wants to.

When Beth called me back she said that he had tested positive for COVID-19. That has to be the most unwanted birthday

## As I See It



present ever. In addition to the usual fears about what the virus could do, there was the business of having to keep both boys at home for the next two weeks.

The restrictions in Texas are different from what they are in Indiana. The grandchildren have been going to school for most of the school year. Remote learning is an option if needed. None of them like remote learning. Plus, someone has to

babysit while the parents are at work. Beth's step-sister, Rachel and her new baby, Astrid, were called on to help out. There was one small thing nobody knew about before Rachel and her baby moved in for an extended visit. Rachel had asymptomatic COVID-19. If they had known ahead of time, they wouldn't have asked her to babysit. If she had known ahead of time, she wouldn't have accepted the job.

As of the last time I talked to them, Rachel and baby were sequestered upstairs as much as possible. It seems a little like closing the barn doors after the horses got out. We are hoping that is enough to keep Nicholas from getting the virus.

Granddaughter, Emma, is stuck at her dad's house for the

next two weeks. There are no guarantees that this will keep her from getting the virus, but it should help lessen her chances of getting sick.

I check to see if the skateboarding dinosaur is still where I last saw him. Apparently the dinosaur is now playing basketball with Jacob. This tells me two things, one, a dinosaur costume doesn't slow down my youngest grandson, Nicholas, and two, Jacob has enough energy to beat him at basketball. This is good news for both of them.

The costume itself makes it look like a stuffed dinosaur ate Nicholas. The boy's face looks out from the costume's neck. You've heard of getting a frog stuck in your throat? Well, this

is Nicholas stuck in a dinosaur's throat.

It reminds me of when they were little and we would go down for a visit. For a while, none of the kids wore regular clothes. They lived in superhero costumes. Nicholas would hand me whichever costume he wanted and demand that I put it on him. I thought they had outgrown that until I saw Nicholas playing in the street. I doubt if either of his siblings wear costumes any more.

With all the gloom and doom we are surrounded with these days a little sunshine is always welcome. What better way of defeating all the negatives than to watch a dinosaur skateboarding in the middle of the street or playing basketball with his brother?

# Sister has turned good deed bad

DEAR ABBY: My older sister moved in with me after she was placed on furlough because of the pandemic. I was resistant to her moving in because she likes to run the show, she has taken financial advantage of every family member, never admits she's wrong, and I was worried she'd take over. But I wanted to help her save money, so I said yes.

Now it's like I'm walking on eggshells. Every time I make a simple request, she accuses me of trying to act like her mother! After six months she asked if I'd prefer she move in with our parents, and I said yes. Now she's upset, and my parents are begging me to let her stay because they don't want to deal with her. I just want my peace back. What should I do? — TIRED LITTLE SISTER

DEAR TIRED: I'll tell you what NOT to do. Do not relent. She asked if you'd prefer she move in with your parents, and you answered her honestly. Set a date for her to be out and

## Dear Abby



stick to it. It will save your sanity.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a very hands-on person, recently retired, and I would like to do volunteer work. Sounds simple, right? Well, it seems no one needs volunteers. I have been looking for something, preferably ecological in nature, for two years. But whenever I inquire, I'm flooded with appeals for money. I was hoping you might give me some more ideas. — BROKE BUT AVAILABLE

DEAR BROKE: You describe yourself as hands-on with an interest in things that are ecological. Because your efforts are not needed at the organizations

you contacted, modify your search.

Would you be interested in helping to keep your neighborhood clean and free of trash, starting a vegetable garden to feed the needy, performing yard and gardening chores for elderly members of your community who can no longer do it themselves? How about teaching a class in ecology at a community center?

If that is not to your liking, would you deliver meals to shut-ins for a while? An animal hospital or pet rescue group may be able to use a willing hand in exercising the animals in their care. The options are there. Sample them until you find something to your liking.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 40-something woman and have been with my partner for four years. I am the mother of three boys; he's a father of two girls. We live at my house.

Whenever his youngest comes to visit (she's 16), she

insists on his every second of attention. He eats it up. It's so frustrating. They both ignore the fact that I am here. It's very upsetting and, I don't think it's normal. What about you? — MIFFED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MIFFED: Have you discussed this with your partner? I don't know how often the girl comes to visit, but clearly she is starved for her father's attention. I don't think you should begrudge it unless her visits last for an extended period. Of course, your partner and his daughter should be respectful and not treat you like an old piece of furniture or a servant, but you might be less upset if you use some of that time to pursue interests or relationships of your own.

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

# Library activities are set for April

Jay County Public Library has a series of activities scheduled for April.

The library's activities for the month begin with a virtual field trip to Portland Police Department. It will be shared on the library's Facebook page at 10 a.m. April 2.

April also marks the return of Story Time and Mother Goose in the Community Room at the library. The first story time session for preschool children and younger, with their caregiver, will be at 10 a.m. April 6. The first Mother Goose session for toddlers and preschoolers will be at 11:30 a.m. April 9.

At 6 p.m. April 27, the library will host an author event with evangelist Phill Jellison.

The library will also have make 'n' take craft bags available April 12.

# Community Calendar

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

**Today**  
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.

**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.

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

# Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

2	3	8	9	1	5	7	4	6
1	6	4	3	8	7	5	2	9
9	5	7	2	6	4	3	8	1
7	2	9	1	4	3	6	5	8
6	4	3	5	2	8	1	9	7
8	1	5	7	9	6	4	3	2
5	8	6	4	7	2	9	1	3
4	7	1	8	3	9	2	6	5
3	9	2	6	5	1	8	7	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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# Residents don't want new neighbor

To the editor:

Where did you grow up? Where do you live now? Hopefully, it's better than the former. As people we try to better ourselves, our situation, our dwellings. We aren't dealt the same cards, some good, some bad. Then in this life we have advances — an inheritance, a win of sorts, good health. We also have setbacks — medical problems, death of loved ones, divorce — life goes on.

As a resident of Beacon Heights, I do not want a mining operation within a stone's

## Letters to the Editor

throw of my house. Yes, Portland needs industry, but it also needs places for nice housing expansion as well. People want to live close to town, not necessarily in it, close to a highway(s), school, and west Portland is a very good start

between Tyson Road and county road 100 South.

Regarding U.S. Aggregates, they bought land wanting to expand their business. They own or operate at least 18 mines in Indiana, which is more than homeowners in Beacon Heights. They have tried to reassure people in Beacon Heights, Sheffer Acres, Oak Street, Rose Drive, Tyson Foods and the school board that their expansion will not harm our properties and health (dust, blasting, wells, property values and the

unsightliness of a quarry). We, the residents, are not so sure or convinced. They try to convince us that they're a good neighbor, going to install berms, nicely mowed, to block the ugly.

Proverbs 24:30-31 mentions thorns and nettles. I look out the front of my house and see brush piles, scrub brush, side ditches in weeds, piles of stone higher than berms, etc. on properties that they now and have owned. Check out the berms now surrounding the current site. Not great. No one

lives out there. They aren't that good of a neighbor in my opinion.

I don't want a rezone but cannot do much other than lobby the Portland Plan Commission as these members are all appointed. Should the rezone go through, will the city council have the fortitude to make big business comply with respect for the residents this expansion affects?

Respectfully submitted,  
Kathleen Clark  
Tim Sheffer  
Portland

## New alliances likely to grow

By **SETH J. FRANTZMAN**  
Bloomberg Opinion

New economic and security alliances are emerging in the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean, tying Arab states to Greece, Cyprus and Israel, with potentially transformative effects on both regions. The relationships are based on rapidly converging interests — among them, tensions between these countries and regional powers Iran and Turkey — and undergirded by energy and security partnerships.

The new alliances represent geopolitical and economic realities that have changed a great deal since the end of the Cold War, which had for decades formed the basis of regional alignments. More recently, the overthrow of dictators from Iraq to Libya, coupled with diminishing American appetite for involvement in the Middle East, led to a power vacuum that Iran and Turkey have sought to fill.

This in turn has prompted countries in the region to band together in ways previously thought impossible — or unnecessary. The threat of Iran helped the UAE and Bahrain overcome their longstanding hostility toward Israel, leading to the Abraham Accords. Greece is not in the same neighborhood as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, but the three countries share a wariness of Turkish ambitions in their respective backyards, and are seeking closer security ties. Emirati and Saudi jets have joined Greek military drills.

Aside from multinational military exercises, there have also been multilateral diplomatic gatherings, such as the Philia Forum in Athens last month, attended by Greece, Israel, Cyprus, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Bahrain and the UAE. And then there are economic arrangements, such as the East Mediterranean Gas Forum, which brings together Greece, Cyprus, Egypt, Israel, Jordan and the Palestinian Authority, along with Italy and France.

For the U.S. and Europe, these groupings represent new opportunities as well as new challenges. Cooperation between Israel and Arab states, for instance, may reduce the security burden on American shoulders, but their combined opposition to a nuclear accommodation with Iran will also greatly

*Seth J. Frantzman*



complicate President Joe Biden's efforts to resume diplomacy with the Islamic Republic.

The Europeans — and especially the French — will be glad to share the policing of the Eastern Mediterranean against Turkish expansion. They will also welcome gas supplies that reduce their dependence on Russia and pipelines running through Turkey. But some European leaders, mindful of last summer's collision between a Greek and Turkish warship, will also worry about maritime feuds getting out of hand.

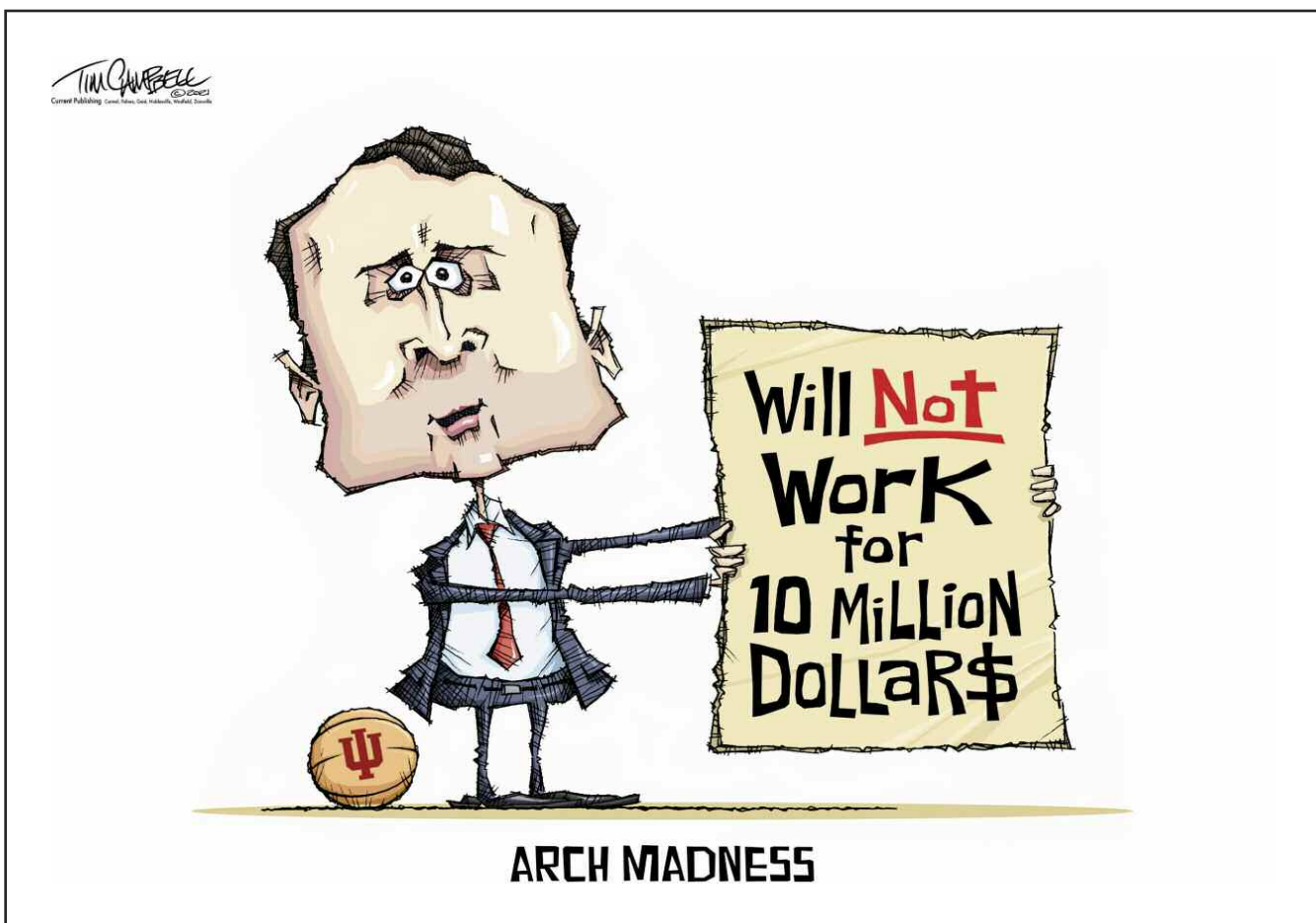
For their part, Iran and Turkey have responded very differently to the new alliances. The regime in Tehran seems to be doubling down on its hostility to Israel and the Gulf Arab states, and on its longstanding strategy of using proxy militias — in Lebanon, Gaza, Iraq and Yemen — to attack them. But Turkey is taking a more conciliatory approach.

In recent weeks, the government of President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has signaled an interest in mending fences with the Arab world, most notably with Egypt and Saudi Arabia. This outreach has been interpreted as a reaction to a change of guard in the White House, but it is also informed by the growing cooperation among of Ankara's rivals. There are also economic reasons for Erdogan's outreach to Egypt: His foreign minister has said Turkey is keen to make a boundary agreement on the maritime zones claimed by the two countries in the Eastern Mediterranean.

In turn, the Saudis and Emiratis have signaled they are open to better relations with the Turks, but the sticking points between the two sides — such as Erdogan's support for the Muslim Brotherhood and the wider Turco-Saudi contest for influence in the Muslim world — will be hard to reconcile.

For the foreseeable future, the new alliances are likely to grow deeper and stronger.

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*Frantzman covers Middle East affairs for the Jerusalem Post.*



ARCH MADNESS

## What role should government play?

By **MICHAEL J. HICKS**

With a minimum wage increase once again prominently featuring a policy debate, it seems wise to treat the issue a bit differently. Instead of outlining the positive and negative effects of a particular increase of the minimum wage, I'll offer the best arguments for and against any minimum wage. In so doing I'll attempt an ideological Turing test, making the arguments so clearly that a reader cannot discern my personal position. By explaining the best arguments on both sides, I hope to achieve two goals. The first is to make clear the need for compromise. The second is to maximize angry comments from readers. Wish me luck.

The best argument for a minimum wage involves several labor market failures that affect low-wage workers. It begins with the fact that most low-wage workers are in a poor position to negotiate wages. They may be young, inexperienced, poorly educated or speak little English. Employers have enormous bargaining power over them in ways they do not with better-skilled, better-educated, more mature workers.

At the same time, labor markets have become increasingly concentrated, thus employers are more able to exert market power over workers. Information technology, such as online help wanted ads, permits employers to engage in tacit collusion in setting salaries for low wage workers. Likewise, human resource professionals in many cities and industries meet frequently to discuss wage and benefits standards. While this is so plainly illegal that the U.S. DOJ issued a recent warning to HR professionals, state-level anti-trust enforcement is sadly almost non-existent.

At the same time, the social safety net provides many health, food and social benefits to low-wage workers. In a perfectly free labor market, workers would require extra pay to support their families and would demand higher wages. In that way, taxpayers subsidize low-wage workers in ways that benefit employers and those who buy their goods or services. For all these reasons, we should have a minimum wage in order to protect workers and taxpayers from the existing labor market's failures.

*Michael J. Hicks*



The best argument in opposition to a minimum wage is that government should not, and cannot, be in the wage- or price-setting business. Government has no role in a great many high-stakes personal decisions. Government cannot tell us what language to speak, what church to attend, who to marry or with whom to form a family.

No government may tell us adults how much alcohol we may consume, whether or not we can smoke tobacco, nor increasingly whether or not we may freely purchase cannabis or other drugs. Government cannot tell us whether or not we may own a gun or what type of house, automobile or boat we may own. Government isn't permitted to do these things because free people won't allow government to do these things.

There is also a simple competence issue. Our federal government spent more than \$100 million each for an F-35A fighter, paid for most of Boston's Big Dig debacle and wholly funded a bridge to nowhere in Alaska. Given these enormous limitations in knowledge, no government can reasonably tell an ice cream shop owner in Loo-gootee what she should pay a high school student or tell the high school student how little he should be willing to work for. The mere existence of a minimum wage infantilizes Americans, while depriving them of an essential freedom of free exchange.

There are other respectable arguments for and against a minimum wage, as well as many poor ones. Still, I hope I have done a fair job outlining these two viewpoints, which I consider the best for and against a minimum wage. If I have done so, and you, dear reader, are honest with yourself, you must admit that both the argument for and against hold a great deal of truth. I would go so far as to say that both arguments are essentially true.

The policy environment facing functioning democracies is almost always like the minimum wage debate. Both sides offer argument possessed of both supportive facts and truth. Yet, entirely reasonable, educated and well-meaning people still disagree. It is a hallmark of a liberal democracy that our policy debates are dominated by matters in which compromise is not just possible, but necessary. That is largely because we've solved most of those problems where compromise is not possible. So, give thanks for this type of political disagreement; it marks us as an advanced, functioning democracy.

Those nations that lack a well-functioning democracy have fewer debates that lead to compromise. In those unhappy places, simple facts are often in dispute, and the most mundane of policy matters marked with cultural or national consequence. Citizens outside of democracy often view compromise as losing, as a lack of patriotism or as cavorting with the enemy. We must not admire the politics of these sad, insecure and failing places.

Our circumstance is to be envied. Our Constitution, our norms and our culture permit us to debate matters with respect and understanding. So, within a liberal democracy, we do not have enemies over public policy. Our only domestic enemies are those who seek to undermine those bonds, break our Constitutional norms or exclude some of us from deliberation.

As Congress commences a debate on increasing the minimum wage, we should view this as a crucial moment for our Republic. We have just passed through the most significant assault on our Constitution since the Civil War: Our ability to overcome that and prevent it in the future depends in part on how effectively we compromise over legislation. We should view the minimum wage as a good place to start.

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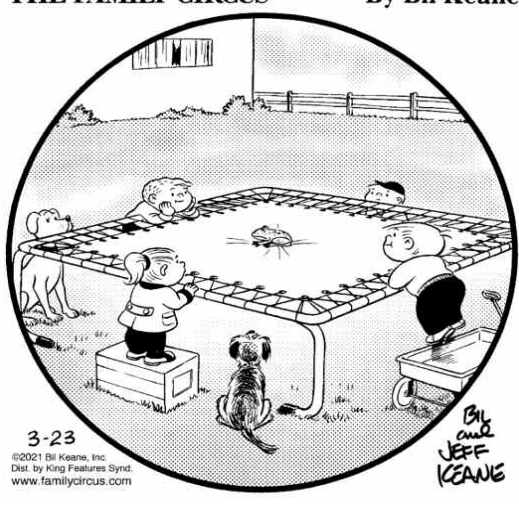
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A nurse fills a syringe with a dose of the AstraZeneca coronavirus vaccine Feb. 26 at a public health center in Incheon, South Korea. In a brief statement last night, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said the monitoring board charged with ensuring the safety and accuracy of the vaccine trial had expressed concern that results included outdated information. AstraZeneca said this morning it plans to issue a trial updated.

# Update to be issued

By MICHELLE FAY CORTEZ,  
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Bloomberg

AstraZeneca Plc said it will release up-to-date results from the final stage trial of its coronavirus vaccine within 48 hours, responding to criticism from a U.S. science agency that had said that its analysis of the shot's effectiveness included old information.

Results published Monday were based on an interim analysis of data through Feb. 17, AstraZeneca said in a statement. The company will "immediately engage" with the independent panel monitoring the trial to share its analysis with the latest efficacy data.

In a brief statement last night, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases said the monitoring board charged with ensuring the safety and accuracy of the vaccine trial had expressed concern that results included outdated information.

The institute, headed by Anthony Fauci, urged AstraZeneca to work with the data and safety monitoring board to "ensure the most accurate, up-to-date efficacy data be made public as quickly as possible."

The disclosure marks the latest hitch for AstraZeneca, which said on Monday that the vaccine was found to be 79% effective in preventing COVID-19 in a U.S. clinical trial of

## U.S. agency said AstraZeneca vaccine data were outdated

more than 30,000 volunteers. The shot, developed with the University of Oxford and viewed as a front-runner to help curb the pandemic, has been beset by complications.

It's now at the center of a supply showdown with the European Union, just days after concerns about blood clots prompted a dozen countries to suspend immunizations.

"The last thing this vaccine needs is more concern when we kind of thought we were at that point now where we'd put to bed all the other concerns," said Paul Griffin, an associate professor of medicine at the University of Queensland in Brisbane, who is conducting clinical studies in Australia on four coronavirus vaccine candidates.

After the vaccine was cleared for use in the U.K. and many other nations, AstraZeneca is preparing to seek approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. That greenlight may now be delayed.

The efficacy rate in the U.S. trial was stronger than the 70% figure AstraZeneca reported from an earlier

study. But those data were an average of different readings — 62% and 90% — from two arms of the trial. Because of a manufacturing error, one group of participants had received a lower first dose, which produced the higher reading, compared with those getting two standard doses. Further analysis suggested it was the greater dosing gap rather than amount that had created the difference.

The Data and Safety Monitoring Board, an independent panel, also brought its concerns about the U.S. trial results to the British drugmaker and to the Biomedical Advanced Research and Development Authority, a U.S. agency that partially funded the shot's development.

"It was referring to outdated information, and it's kind of hard to imagine how outdated information could be included when these vaccines are all fairly new," said Griffin, an infectious-disease physician and microbiologist. "The impression I got was that it seemed to be something very significant they were alluding to."

# Ten were killed in Colorado shooting

By PATTY NIEBERG  
and THOMAS PEIPERT  
Associated Press

BOULDER, Colo. — A shooting at a crowded Colorado supermarket that killed 10 people, including the first police officer to arrive, sent terrorized shoppers and workers scrambling for safety and stunned a state and a nation that has grieved several mass killings. A lone suspect was in custody, authorities said.

Hundreds of police officers from throughout the Denver metropolitan area responded to the Monday afternoon attack, converging on a King Soopers supermarket in a busy shopping plaza in southern Boulder.

SWAT officers carrying ballistic shields slowly approached the store as others quickly escorted frightened people away from the building, some of its windows shattered. Customers and employees fled through a back loading dock to safety. Others took refuge in nearby shops.

One suspect was in custody, a tearful Boulder Police Chief Maris Herold said late Monday. Authorities didn't identify the suspect, though Boulder County District Attorney Michael Dougherty said the suspect was the only person injured and was receiving medical care.

Officers had escorted a shirtless man in handcuffs, blood running down his leg, from the store during the siege. Authorities would not say if he was the suspect. Foothills Hospital in Boulder was treating one person from the shooting scene but declined further comment, said Rich Sheehan, spokesman for Boulder Community Health, which operates the hospital.

"This is a tragedy and a nightmare for Boulder County," Dougherty said. "These were people going about their day, doing their shopping. I promise the victims and the people of the state of Colorado that we will secure justice."

Herold identified the slain officer as Eric Talley, 51, who had been with Boul-

der police since 2010. He was the first to arrive after responding to a call about shots fired and someone carrying a rifle, she said.

"He was by all accounts one of the outstanding officers of the Boulder Police Department, and his life was cut too short," Dougherty said.

Dozens of police and emergency vehicles, their lights flashing, escorted an ambulance carrying the slain officer from the shooting scene after nightfall. Some residents stood along the route, their arms raised in salute.

The identities of the other nine victims were not disclosed because police said they were still notifying their family members.

Dougherty said it was too early to speculate on a motive and that the investigation involving local, state and federal law enforcement agencies would take days.

The attack in Boulder, about 25 miles (40 kilometers) northwest of Denver and home to the University of Colorado, stunned a state that has seen several mass shootings, including the 1999 Columbine High School massacre and the 2012 Aurora movie theater shooting.

Monday's midafternoon attack was the seventh mass killing this year in the U.S., following the March 16 shooting that left eight people dead at three Atlanta-area massage businesses, according to a database compiled by The Associated Press, USA Today and Northeastern University.

It follows a lull in mass killings during the coronavirus pandemic in 2020, which had the smallest number of such attacks in eight years, according to the database, which tracks mass killings defined as four or more dead, not including the shooter.

Rep. Joe Neguse, a Democrat whose district includes Boulder, said Tuesday on "CBS This Morning" that "enough is enough" when it comes to political impasses that keep gun control laws from passing Congress.

## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

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One of the most useful maneuvers in declarer's bag of tricks is the holdup, a play designed to disrupt defensive communications in a particular suit. Unfortunately, there's no hard and fast rule that tells a declarer when or for how long to hold up in a suit. The answer depends strictly on the particular circumstances of each deal.

For example, take this case where West leads the king of spades against three no-trump after having overcalled

with one spade. Declarer notes at once that if West has the king of clubs, the contract cannot be lost, since repeated finesses in that suit will yield at least 10 tricks.

Declarer therefore turns his thoughts to what might happen if East has the club king. In that case, if he wins the opening spade lead and attempts a club finesse, he will almost surely go down if East has a spade to return.

For this reason, South refuses to win the first spade. South then continues with the queen of spades, and the question now is whether declarer should duck this also.

This time the answer is no, because by taking the ace he ensures the contract. A club finesse can then be attempted with complete safety. If it loses, East will most likely not have a spade to return. But even if he does (which means West overcalled with a four-card suit), West cannot collect more than two spade tricks, after which South has the rest of the tricks and the contract.

Observe that if declarer mechanically holds up on the second spade, he can be defeated if West then shifts to a diamond. Since South cannot afford this attack from a new quarter, he should win the second spade to guarantee finishing with at least nine tricks.

Tomorrow: Two chances are better than one.  
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
Notice is hereby given that Randy Noble was, on the 8th day of March, 2021, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Kelley Dixon deceased, who died on March 1, 2021, 2020.  
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Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 11th day of March, 2021.  
Jon Eads  
Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana  
HINKLE, RACSTER & SCHEMENAUR  
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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION  
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# Sports

## Tourney hasn't disappointed

By JIM LITKE

AP Sports Writer

Considering how everything else has gone this past year, March was bound to be mad. So far, it hasn't disappointed.

The last perfect NCAA Tournament bracket was busted before the first round was over. The second round just wrapped with an even dozen upsets already in the books — a record for the opening 48 games and just one shy of the mark for the entire tournament — with all kinds of possibilities still out there.

"You gotta bring that fire," said Gonzaga big man Drew Timme, whose team is the tournament's overall top seed. "Because all it takes is one good game and you can be out."

Oklahoma, in fact, played a very good game against Timme's Bulldogs and still got crushed, 87-71. So did No. 10 Maryland, bounced by No. 2 Alabama 96-77, and fifth-seeded Colorado, sent packing 71-53 by No. 4 Florida State.

Ditto for the five other teams that lost Monday — by the lopsided average of 18 points.

Sixth-seeded USC beat No. 3 Kansas by 34, but failed to meet the NCAA definition of an upset: "defined as a win by a team seeded five spots lower than their opponent." No. 7 Oregon's win over second-seeded Iowa qualified, even though it was by "only" 15. No. 1 seed Michigan finally wriggled free of LSU, 86-78, in the day's only really close game.

Seedings can seem off in any year, but never moreso than in this one. The pandemic wreaked havoc on nearly every team, but hit some harder than others, and at different times.

Kansas, for example, had one star, David McCormack, who cleared the COVID-19 protocol just hours before its first-round game, and another, Jalen Wilson, just a day before he came off the bench against USC. Widely considered the toughest league this past season, the Big Ten Conference got nine invites and is down to Michigan. West Coast teams, often overlooked and rarely overrated, may have finally benefited from being underrated this time around.

Unbeaten Gonzaga was a lock to be the tourney's top seed, but the rest of the Left Coast contingent that made it to the Sweet 16 — USC (a No. 6), Oregon (7), UCLA (11) and Oregon State (12), all Pac-12 Conference members — were supposed to be in disarray. Suddenly, though, they look like ringers descending on the local country club for those annual member-guest handicap golf tournaments.

Oregon gambled by playing up-tempo out of the gate and focusing its defense on every Hawkeye but Luka Garza, every-

Jim Litke



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body's player of the year. Garza wound up with 36 points in the final game of a storied college career, but it was clear by halftime even he couldn't beat the Ducks by himself.

"It hit me all at once that this is the last time I'll put on this jersey," Garza said, fighting back tears. "I feel bad I wasn't able to lead this team where it needs to go. ... It's something that's going to haunt me forever."

For all the chaos unleashed in the first two rounds, Gonzaga still looks like the class of the field. The Bulldogs are balanced, deep, capable of playing fast or slow and have two of the best players in the game, Jalen Suggs and Corey Kispert. Most important, perhaps, they were among the best at handling the disruptions of a rocky season as it began, then progressed and seem even more comfortable in the midst of all the craziness swirling around the tournament now.

Much of the credit deservedly belongs to coach Mark Few, who has won just about everything but the national championship that would validate all those other achievements. The Bulldogs play Creighton next, in their sixth straight Sweet 16 appearance, on a roll of 32 straight wins dating to last season, but Few won't let his players get caught up looking too far ahead.

"We've been celebrating every one of these wins. We celebrated the other night. We celebrated this one," he said after beating Oklahoma.

"If we're lucky enough to get another one, we're going to celebrate like crazy for that one. This tournament," he concluded after the win against Oklahoma, "needs to be celebrated."



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

## Tebbe tosses

Brittney Tebbe of the Fort Recovery High School softball team tosses a pitch during a scrimmage against the Celina Bulldogs on Monday at FRHS. The Indians will open their season at 5 p.m. Thursday at National Trail in New Paris.

## Milwaukee trounces Pacers

By STEVE MEGARGEE

AP Sports Writer

MILWAUKEE — Playing without Giannis Antetokounmpo, the Milwaukee Bucks rolled to another win. Jrue Holiday led the way.

Holiday had 28 points and 14 assists to help the Bucks breeze past the Indiana Pacers 140-113 on Monday night for their seventh consecutive victory.

Milwaukee played without Antetokounmpo due to a sprained left knee, but the Bucks still shot 61.5% (24 of 39) from 3-point range and 56.4% overall.

"When somebody like our best player is not playing that night, we kind of lock in," Holiday said. "Everybody has to do a little bit more. It's a testament to the team we have."

Coach Mike Budenholzer was unsure about Antetokounmpo's status for Wednesday's game against Boston. Budenholzer said he thinks the reigning two-time NBA MVP got hurt during a 120-113 victory over the San Antonio Spurs on Saturday.

"We're hoping it's shorter rather than longer, but we'll see how these first 48 to 72 hours go and we'll know

more then," Budenholzer said before Monday's game.

With Antetokounmpo out of the lineup, Pat Connaughton made his first start of the season and collected 20 points and nine rebounds while shooting 6 of 7 from 3-point range. Khris Middleton had 25 points, eight rebounds and six assists. The Bucks also played without reserve forward P.J. Tucker because of a sprained left ankle. Tucker played 12 minutes and was scoreless Monday in his second game since he was acquired in a trade with Houston last week.

## More suits filed

HOUSTON (AP) — Six more women on Monday filed lawsuits accusing Houston Texans quarterback Deshaun Watson of sexual assault and harassment, bringing the total number of such lawsuits against the NFL player to 13.

The claims in the six new suits, which were filed in a Harris County state district court, are similar those in the earlier cases. One of the latest lawsuits was filed by a woman who alleges Watson assaulted her on March 5 in Atlanta and that his behavior "is part of a disturbing pattern of preying on vulnerable women."

Watson, 25, has broadly denied he acted inappropriately and said last week in a statement he looks forward to clearing his name.

The 13 women are each seeking compensatory and punitive damages, as well as court costs.

## Sports on tap

### Scoreboard

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**NBA Basketball**  
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**MLB Spring Training**  
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Boston 10, Tampa Bay 4  
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Chicago White Sox 7, San Francisco 2  
Milwaukee 6, Cleveland 3  
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L.A. Angels 15, Chicago Cubs 7  
Colorado 5, Texas 4  
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Yankees 0  
Toronto 4, Detroit 3  
Seattle 7, L.A. Dodgers 3

### Local schedule

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

**Saturday**  
Fort Recovery — Softball at Delphos Jefferson — 11 a.m.; JV baseball double-header vs. Russia — 11 a.m.

**Monday**  
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.  
Jay County — Track at Madison-Grant — 5:30 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at New Orleans Pelicans (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

**Wednesday**  
7 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana

Pacers vs. Detroit Pistons (FSN)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Brooklyn Nets at Utah Jazz (ESPN)

**Thursday**  
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Portland Trail Blazers at Miami Heat (TNT)  
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Los Angeles Dodgers (TNT)

**Friday**  
7:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN)  
8:30 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Indiana Pacers at Dallas Mavericks (FSN)  
10 p.m. — NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Golden State Warriors (ESPN)

### Local notes

**Registration is March 31**  
Portland Junior League another registration day on March 31.  
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