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## Paxson practices

Nine-year-old Ethan Paxson swings at an incoming ball Thursday during practice for the 10-and-under division of Redkey All Stars. It's been baseball weather this week, with high temperatures come in around 70 degrees.

## Council talks about sewer issues

*Three residents have improper connections and could face lawsuits*

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

REDKEY — At least three residents are not compliant with the town's sewer use ordinance.

In order for the town to stay compliant with mandates from Indiana Department of Environmental Management, those residents need to redirect their drains to the current system.

Redkey Town Council discussed steps to take next at a meeting Thursday.

Indiana Department of Environmental Management mandates all communities must create a long-term control plan to reduce or eliminate combined sewer overflows. Redkey previously used a combined sewer system, which did not separate stormwater from wastewater. Combined sewer overflows allow sewers to discharge into waterways during times of heavy rain.

The town's ordinance now prohibits illegal hookups, such as stormwater drains tapping into the wastewater system, according to town attorney Wes Schemenaur. Residents are also prohibited from discharging wastewater into the stormwater system.

The three residents on Union Street have their wastewater hooked up to stormwater lines, which eventually go into Redkey Run, explained town employee Randy Young.

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## Crews continue work on warehouse fire

PLAINFIELD, Ind. (AP) — Crews continued working Thursday to douse hot spots at a Walmart warehouse distribution center near Indianapolis, a day after a fire swept the sprawling building and produced a smoke plume so large it was spotted by a weather satellite.

Plainfield Fire Chief Brent Anderson told reporters at the scene just west of Indianapolis that the fire had been contained

and crews rotated every four hours overnight to battle hot spots in the middle of the fire-damaged building, which was still producing smoke.

Anderson said crews would continue to fight the fire through the remainder of Thursday and investigators may not be able to get inside until today.

"It's gonna take quite a bit of manpower and work to remove

some of the obstacles in our way," he said Thursday.

The roughly 1,000 employees who were inside the distribution center when the fire began were not injured, but one firefighter suffered minor injuries fighting the blaze.

The National Weather Service posted a satellite loop on Twitter showing that the black pillar of smoke produced by the fire was visible Thursday in satellite

imagery. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives is investigating the fire's cause. Officials said the investigation into the fire's cause and origin could take days, even weeks.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency were testing for hazardous materials and air quality issues from the fire.

## Putin appears at rally as Ukraine stays under siege

By CARA ANNA  
Associated Press

Russian President Vladimir Putin appeared at a huge flag-waving rally at a Moscow stadium and praised his country's troops today as they pressed their lethal attacks on Ukrainian cities with shelling and missiles.

"Shoulder to shoulder, they help and support each other," Putin said in a rare public appearance since the invasion three weeks ago that made Russia an outcast among nations. "We have not had unity like this for a long time," he added to cheers from the crowd.

Moscow police said more than 200,000 people were in and around the Luzhniki stadium for the celebration marking the eighth anniversary of

### *Russian president seeks to portray war as just*

Russia's annexation of the Crimean peninsula, seized from Ukraine.

The event included well-known singer Oleg Gazmanov singing "Made in the U.S.S.R.," with the opening lines "Ukraine and Crimea, Belarus and Moldova, it's all my country."

Seeking to portray the war as a just one and commend Russia's troops, Putin paraphrased the Bible to say, "There is no greater love than giving up one's soul for one's friends." And he

continued to insist his actions were necessary to prevent "genocide," a claim flatly denied by leaders around the globe.

Standing on stage in a white turtleneck and a blue down jacket, Putin spoke for about five minutes. Some people, including presenters at the event, wore T-shirts or jackets with a "Z" — a symbol seen on Russian tanks and military vehicles in Ukraine and embraced by supporters of the war.

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## Spinning yarn

Diane Paris spins wool into yarn Saturday during the Jay County Fiber Festival at Jay Community Center. Paris works for Clifty Creek Alpacas, a farm in Milroy.



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### Weather

The temperature in Jay County reached a high of 72 degrees on St. Patrick's Day. The low was 45.

Rain, with a thunderstorm possible, is in the forecast

tonight. The low will be 48. Expect more rain Saturday with the temperature dropping into the low 40s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available from 8 to 11 a.m. Saturday across from Pennville Fire Station and 9 a.m. to noon in the parking lot at 220 Lincoln St., Portland.

### Coming up

**Saturday** — Robotics team has qualified for competition in Texas.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Fort Recovery School Board meeting.



Sewer ...

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(One resident only has one drain in the kitchen attached to the wrong line, he noted.)
Young is unable to test that wastewater line until those houses are found compliant with the current ordinance, he said. The three residents have been informed of the issue but have not taken action.
Schemenaur explained one option may be to sue the residents for not complying with

the ordinance. Young asked if there were options for the town to adjust the hookups itself, if the residents do not fix the issue. Schemenaur said he would have to look into the details.
Council president Erik Hammers noted neither he nor his fellow council members would like to pursue legal action against the residents, but they may not have a choice. He suggested council give them another

month to resolve the issue.
The discussion began with Young explaining a portion of the wastewater treatment plant flooded recently, causing damage to a sample cabinet. To replace the damaged parts would cost around \$3,000. It would cost about \$6,000 to replace the whole unit. He's waiting to hear back as to whether insurance will cover the cost.
In other business, council

members John Pierce, Erik Hammers, Randy May and Gary Gardner, absent Dottie Quakenbush:
•OK'd fireworks to celebrate Independence Day in July. Young noted fireworks — the money for them is raised through donations — went up about 20% in price this year. Plans are to host the show at 10 p.m. July 2.
•Heard from Indiana Michigan Power, which will be replac-

ing all street lights with brighter bulbs than in previous years. (Redkey pays \$1,400 for the service.)
•Paid \$1,755 for Gripp Incorporated of Westfield to calibrate combined sewer overflow meters and rain gauge and \$1,318 for a preventative maintenance process for the wastewater department.
•Made water bill adjustments of about \$225.
•Paid \$101,449.15 in claims.

CR almanac

Table with 5 columns: Saturday 3/19, Sunday 3/20, Monday 3/21, Tuesday 3/22, Wednesday 3/23. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (e.g., 50/36, 59/40).

Lotteries

Table listing lottery results: Powerball, Mega Millions, Hoosier, Ohio. Includes estimated jackpots and winning numbers.

Markets

Table listing market prices for various commodities: Cooper Farms, POET Biorefining, The Andersons, Central States, Sunrise St. Anthony.

Today in history

On March 18, 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini met at the Brenner Pass, where the Italian dictator agreed to join Germany's war against France and Britain.
In 1766, Britain repealed the Stamp Act of 1765.
In 1922, Mohandas K. Gandhi was sentenced in India to six years' imprisonment for civil disobedience.
In 1925, the Tri-State Tornado struck southeastern Missouri, southern Illinois and southwestern Indiana, resulting in some 700 deaths.
In 1937, in America's worst school disaster, nearly 300 people, most of them children, were killed in a natural gas explosion at the New London Consolidated School in Rusk County, Texas.
In 1942, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed an executive order authorizing the War Relocation Authority, which was put in charge of interning Japanese-Americans, with Milton S. Eisenhower (the younger brother of Dwight D. Eisenhower) as its director.
In 1963, the U.S. Supreme Court, in Gideon v. Wainwright, ruled unanimously that state courts were required to provide legal counsel to criminal defendants who could not afford to hire an attorney on their own.
In 1965, the first spacewalk took place as Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov went outside his Voskhod 2 capsule, secured by a tether.
In 1972, three Portland teens suffered minor injuries when they were "accosted by other youths," following the boys basketball state championship game in Bloomington. The incident was one of several reported outbursts among fans after the game.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
Monday
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Felony court news

Drug possession

Three Portland residents were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony.
Matthew E. Cline, 27, 4707 N. U.S. 27, Portland, was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 52 days credit for time served. Cline was placed on probation for one year, fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for unlawful possession of a syringe and two Class A misdemeanors for driving with a suspended license and resisting law enforcement were dismissed.
In a separate Jay Superior Court case, Cline pleaded guilty to another Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 180 days credit for time served. Cline was placed on probation for one year, fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.
Jerrod D. Corn, 32, 607 E. Race St., Portland, was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 34 days suspended and given 34 days credit for time served. Corn was placed on probation for 511 days, fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days following his sentencing for substance abuse counseling. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license and three Class C misdemeanors for operating a vehicle while intoxicated, operating a vehicle with a schedule I or II controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.
Jesse L. Ishman, 40, 622 E. Water St., Portland, was sentenced to 272 days in Jay County Jail and given 272 days credit for time served. Ishman was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug

abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Common nuisance

A Winchester man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to maintaining a common nuisance, a Level 6 felony.
Bradley K. Spencer, 37, 224 E. Washington St., was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days suspended and given 176 days credit for time served. Spencer was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for one year. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.
As part of his plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for possession of methamphetamine and unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of marijuana were dismissed.

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Battery

A Pennville man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 felony.
Steven E. Geesaman, 44, 6327 W. Walnut Corner Road, was sentenced to 782 days in Jay County Jail and given 782 days credit for 391 days served. He was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, two counts of resisting law enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors, were dismissed.

Justice obstruction

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to obstruction of justice, a Level 6 felony.
Jason W. Hensley, 47, 114 McNeil St., was sentenced to 350 days in Jay County Jail and given 350 days credit for time served. Hensley was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.
As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement and two Class B misdemeanors for disorderly conduct and possession of marijuana were dismissed.

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Dependent nonsupport

Two Jay County men were recently sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to nonsupport of a dependent, a Level 6 felony.
Travis N. Sewell, 35, 20405 N. 700 East, Dunkirk, was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served since June 15. Sewell was assessed \$185 in court costs.
Michael A. LeMaster, 235 E. Rogers

St., Portland, was sentenced in Jay Circuit Court to six years in Indiana Department of Correction with three years suspended and given credit for time served from June 9-19 and since Aug. 31. LeMaster was assessed \$185 in court costs and recommended for purposeful incarceration, meaning upon completion of a substance abuse treatment program, the court will consider modifying his sentence. He was ordered to pay \$28,287.06 in restitution to Michelle LeMaster.

Intimidation

A Redkey man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to intimidation, a Level 6 felony.
Christopher R. Elmore, 37, 80 Sycamore St, was also found to be a habitual offender. He was sentenced to 1,275 days — the enhancement added 730 days to his sentence — and given 130 days for time served. Elmore was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor charge for domestic battery was dismissed.

Escape

A Fort Wayne woman was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to escape, a Level 5 felony.
Michelle R. Burgo, 39, 8023 Rocky Glen, was sentenced to five years in Indiana Department of Correction with three years suspended and given credit for one day and time served since Sept. 9. Burgo was assessed \$185 in court costs.

As part of her plea agreement, two counts of resisting law enforcement, both Class A misdemeanors, were dismissed.

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Drunk driving

A Portland man was sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony.
Justin W. Stolz, 45, 100 1/2 Moody Ave., was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail and given 28 days credit for time served. Stolz was fined \$25, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. The court also recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for one year retroactive to Nov. 30, 2020. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.15% or more was dismissed.

Tax cut before it begins

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's new tax on vaping is being cut even before it takes effect despite protests from anti-smoking advocates.
Gov. Eric Holcomb signed a bill this week that included provisions cutting the 25% tax that wholesalers were to be charged for closed-system vaping cartridges such as Juul devices to 15%. State lawmakers approved the higher rate last year for Indiana's first tax on electronic cigarettes to start in July 2022.
But the Republican-dominated Legislature approved the lower rate with seven lines included in a 118-page bill on mostly technical tax law changes.
Republican Sen. Travis Holdman of Markle, chairman of the Senate's tax committee chairman, said the vaping device tax change was made to bring it in line with the 15% rate set last year for refill-

able vaping products. Holdman said the intention was to have all vaping devices and products taxed the same.
Health groups and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce had urged lawmakers to keep the 25% rate, arguing they believed vaping devices should face taxes similar to tobacco products to discourage young people from starting to use them.
Bryan Hannon of the American Cancer Society said the vaping device tax should be at least 20% to achieve parity with Indiana's 99.5 cents-per-pack cigarette tax.
Those organizations have pushed unsuccessfully over the past several years to boost the cigarette tax that's been unchanged since 1997 in hopes of lowering the state's 19.2% smoking rate for adults, which was the country's 10th highest for 2019, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

SERVICES

Saturday
Garr, Ruth: 11 a.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.
Bourne, Nancy: 4 p.m., Maus Funeral Home, 704 S. Council St., Attica.
Tuesday
High, Dorothy: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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# Nominations open for preservation award

Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau is accepting nominations for the 2022 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation.

The award recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farm buildings in Indiana, according to a press release from Indiana Landmarks. More than 30 historic farms across the state have been honored since 1992.

Anyone may submit nominations for the award, which will be presented at Indiana State Fair in August. Nominations must include a brief history of the farm and description of its significant historic structures and features, a description of how the farm's historic structures are used in

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daily farming operations and how they've been preserved or adapted, and high-resolution digital photos of the farm and its preserved historic features.

Nominations for the award may be submitted online at indianalandmarks.org/john-arnold-award-rural-preservation, or by contacting Tommy Kleckner at Indiana Landmarks by phone at (812) 232-4534 or by email tkleckner@indianalandmarks.org. The deadline is May 13.

## Spring adventure

It's time for a spring-time adventure.

Minnetrissa will be hosting a free community event, "Family Adventure Day: Spring Celebration" on Wednesday.

The organization will have crafts, games and more spread across its grounds. In order to manage capacity for social distancing, the event will be offered in two-hour sessions from 10 a.m. to noon, 1 to 3 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m.

To pre-register for the festivities or for more information, visit minnetrissa.net/events or call (765) 282-4848.

## Free testing

Free HIV and Hepatitis C testing will be open to the public Monday.

Positive Resource Connection of Northeast Indiana will offer free tests from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday at Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition, 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. The organization will also offer free testing June 20, Oct. 17 and Dec. 19.

## Deadline approaching

The deadline is approaching for Hoosier Homestead farmers to submit their farm history for publication.

Material for "Hoosier Homestead Farms," a book celebrating nearly 6,000 Indiana farms, is due by March 30. (The deadline was extended previously.)

Any farmer with a Hoosier Homestead Award can submit up to

300 words about their farm history, along with a photo of the farm, family, farm sign or anything else of significance.

Information requested includes the year your farm started, how many generations have worked or owned it, types of crops grown, places your crops are sold and the year your farm was inducted as a Hoosier Homestead Farm. The publisher's website at acclaimpress.com has a page for farmers to fill out their history.

## Classes offered

Free adult education classes are available.

John Jay Center for Learning is offering free classes for adults to receive a High School Equivalency diploma. The state has also supplied

funding to help students pay for their final High School Equivalency Test in 2022.

Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

## Class reunion

Graduates of the Class of 1972 from Portland High School are planning a reunion.

The class will celebrate its 50th anniversary from June 17 through 19. Email addresses may be sent to alicemiley23@gmail.com, or they may also be sent to wsanders317@gmail.com.

More information will be announced at a later date.

# Lack of table manners disgusts stepmother

DEAR ABBY: My stepson "Ryan" is an active senior in high school. He's a great kid, and I love him. I'm proud and delighted that he says he loves my home-cooked meals, which he doesn't get at his mother's house. They eat a lot of takeout or premade foods. Not everyone likes to cook, so I don't judge.

My concern is Ryan eats his food at an alarming speed, especially if it's something soft, like lasagna or casseroles. His plate is nearly finished before anyone else has more than a couple bites of theirs. I don't want to shame or embarrass him, but it seems unhealthy for his digestion and possibly even dangerous with certain foods. It's also very unpleasant to watch.

Last night, Ryan inhaled an entire enchilada in two or three bites swallowed whole. He didn't

## Dear Abby



after a huge growth spurt. I feel bad saying this, but I'm grossed out and worried at the same time. Your guidance is appreciated. — COOKING STEPMOM IN THE WEST

**DEAR STEPMOM:** It is years late, but please have a serious talk with your husband about the fact that his son never learned basic table manners. From your description, he eats like an animal. He seems to not only be eating too much, but also too fast, which is visually unappealing as well as unhealthy.

Table manners are important. Not having them could have a negative impact on his social life and even his career in the future. Please point this out to your husband and to Ryan, because it's important they both hear it. It may

take reinforcement and constant reminding, so be prepared.

DEAR ABBY: My wife's 90th birthday is coming up soon. Our younger daughter is giving her a birthday party at a nice restaurant and inviting only women. When I asked her why I wasn't invited, she said the party will be "more fun" with only ladies. I don't understand or agree with this. I would enjoy visiting with the ladies. What do you think about her decision? I think it stinks. — NOT INVITED IN TEXAS

**DEAR NOT INVITED:** I "think" this decision should have been made by your wife as well as your daughter. At your ages, there's no guarantee how many more birthdays you will have together,

and for you to be summarily excluded seems wrong to me. If this is a ladies' luncheon, it's possible "the girls" will enjoy celebrating without their husbands — if they are lucky enough to still have husbands.

Because this milestone birthday is one you would like to celebrate with your wife, why not take her out for a special dinner — just the two of you — or include your children, grandchildren, great-grandkids, etc., and make it a family affair?

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 www.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

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

## Saturday

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

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the

former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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

## Monday

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

**BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER** — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 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** — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay

Community Center, 125 Hoover St., 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 ANONYMOUS** — 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.

**PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB** — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

## Tuesday

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

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

**JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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Level: Advanced

## Wednesday's Solution

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

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# Arc of Indiana seeks to empower

To the editor:  
On Feb. 26, 1987, President Ronald Reagan officially declared March National Disabilities Awareness Month. The proclamation called for people to provide understanding, encouragement and opportunities to help persons with disabilities lead productive and fulfilling lives. The Arc of Indiana works each and every day to raise awareness about the strengths and needs of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Equally important, we work to be part of the solution in ensuring all people have the opportunity to live, learn,

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work and fully participate in their community. We want to be at the table and “in the room where it happens” to not only represent people with IDD, but also to ensure people with IDD themselves have a voice at the table through our strong affiliation with Self-Advocates of Indiana. Through our work at the Statehouse and representation

on the Division of Disability and Rehabilitative Services (DDRS) Advisory Council, Vocational Rehabilitation Commission, Community and Home Options to Institutional Care (CHOICE) Board, Special Education Advisory Committee and other committees, task forces and commissions, we work to raise awareness and bring the voice of families and people with IDD to state level planning and decision-making that directly impacts Hoosiers across the lifespan. We are also committed to directly serving people with disabilities to lead fuller, more inclusive lives. Through The Arc of Indiana Master Trust,

people of all disabilities have increased financial security by having access to resources that can be saved and easily used for qualified disability and personal expenses. The creation of The Arc of Indiana Foundation's Erskine Green Training Institute provides opportunities for postsecondary vocational training for people with disabilities that empower and lead to meaningful employment. Our team of family advocates with The Arc Advocacy Network provide information, guidance and advocacy to ensure children and adults with disabilities receive the programs and services they are entitled to and are aware of local community resources that

can help them lead their best lives. Since our founding in 1956, people with IDD have moved from a life cut off from the world around them in institutions, to leading fuller, more meaningful lives with their family, classmates, friends, co-workers and neighbors. We are proud to have played an important role in this over our 65 plus years. Our work is not done. In March and every other month of the year, we will continue our work to empower people with disabilities and inspire positive change. Kim Dodson CEO The Arc of Indiana

# Fed, China take on different foes

By DANIEL MOSS

Bloomberg Opinion  
Now that's a truly great divergence. The world's two economic superpowers dispensed with any significant nuance or qualification regarding their policy course.

The U.S. central bank declared war on inflation Wednesday, while Chinese authorities indicated that recession is their foe. The Federal Reserve not only raised its benchmark interest rate, but projected hikes at all remaining meetings of the Federal Open Market Committee this year, and alluded to quite a few in 2023. COVID-19 has been almost written out of the picture; the rapid pace of price increases is the new villain. Hours earlier, Beijing pledged to boost growth and markets, sending stocks soaring and alleviating concerns the Communist Party was deaf to concerns that the once-impressive recovery was petering out.

The benefits to the global economy from these twin assaults are substantial — if central bank Chair Jay Powell and People's Bank of China Governor Yi Gang get it right. The Fed wants to tame the most elevated inflation in four decades, something policy makers considered months ago to be “transitory.” China's lauded bounce from an economic contraction early in the pandemic is being undercut by new crackdowns on covid outbreaks. Morgan Stanley predicts no growth in China this quarter.

Both economies are aiming for softness through dramatic shifts in word and deed. Powell is trying to engineer a gentle landing for the U.S., one that wrings inflation without clubbing the expansion. Central bankers the world over talk about this, but rarely succeed. More common is that rate hikes are left too late and authorities then overdo it, taking the economy down. China is trying to stave off an economic and financial winter. It's not very long ago that officials fretted publicly about debt and the need to rein in industries from technology to private tuition that were seen as falling foul of President

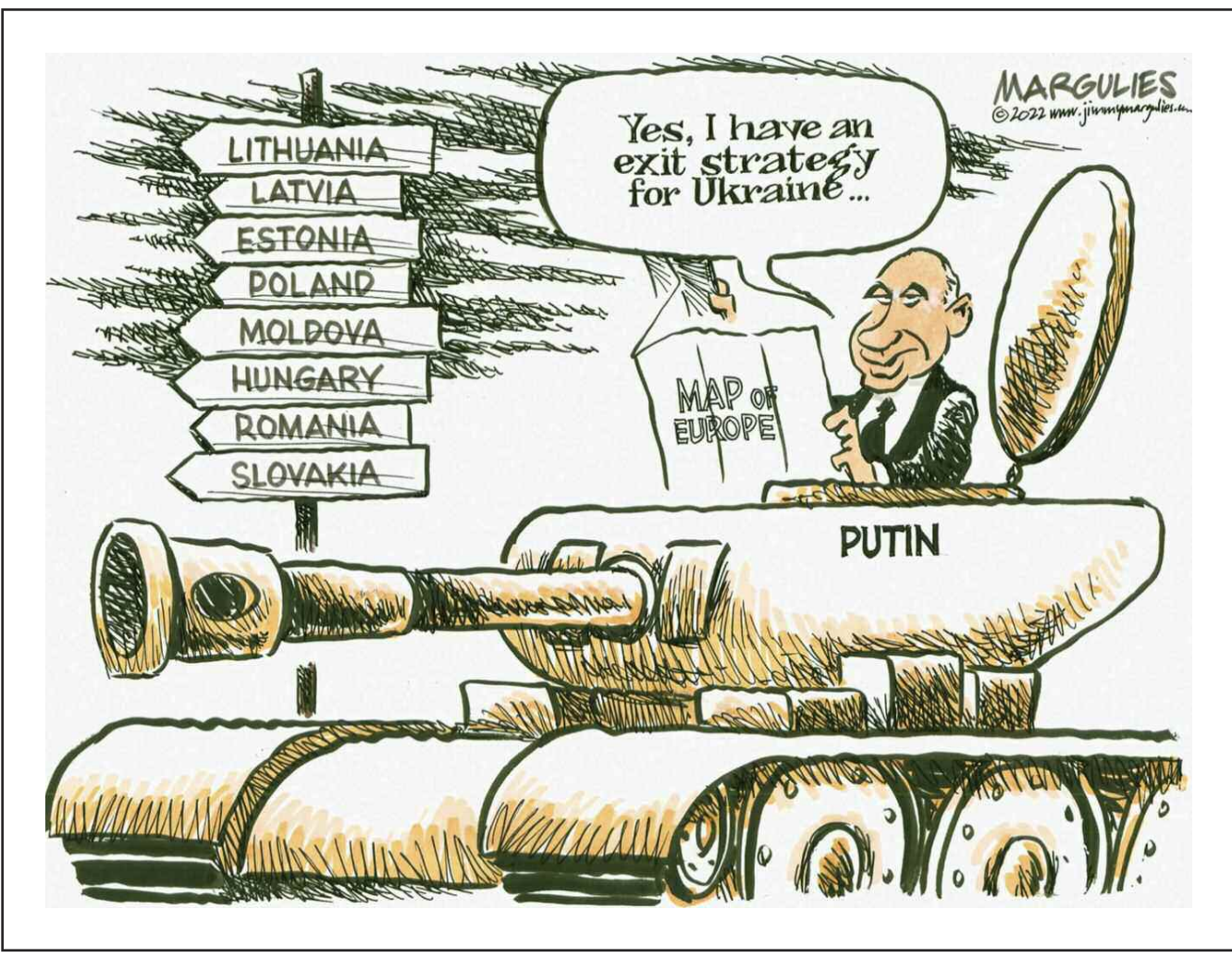
Daniel Moss



Xi Jinping. Private sector analysts were forecasting a relatively mild easing of monetary and fiscal policy. Can that really be the case now? Until recently, one lesson China internalized from massive stimulus during the financial crisis of 2008 is that industries can become too leveraged and threaten the system. That is still a legitimate concern. It's worth asking how long these stances can be sustained. The Fed's projections take the main interest rate beyond estimates of “neutral,” a nirvana-like place where borrowing costs neither hamper nor juice the economy. It's clearly prepared to stray into difficult terrain. Powell dismissed the chances of a recession. The economy may look robust — too much so — today. But with energy prices climbing dramatically after Russia's invasion of Ukraine and some tightening of financial conditions, it's a bold call that such vigor will be continued. Most American slumps aren't declared until many months after they have arrived, by which point it's too late.

In another sign of a new era at the Fed, COVID has been kicked into the long grass. For the better part of two years, Powell has been saying that the course of the economy is dependent on the virus, language often placed very high in Fed communications, verbal and written. Not any more. For Washington, the pandemic is yesterday's story. Not so for China, where big urban centers are locked down, disrupting companies from Shanghai to Shenzhen.

Same day, different priorities. It could be promising for the global economy, provided neither overreaches. Moss is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist covering Asian economies. Previously he was executive editor of Bloomberg News for global economics, and has led teams in Asia, Europe and North America.



# Putin is Sovietizing Russia

By MAX BOOT

The Washington Post  
When my mother, grandmother and I left Moscow and came to America in 1976, we were astonished by the abundance of consumer goods. Stores not only had toothpaste and toilet paper — they had multiple brands. No more lining up for meat! Or butter. Or shoes. Or anything else. Bananas, an unobtainable luxury good in the Soviet Union, were a supermarket staple in the United States. But what stayed with me the most as a child was the deep-fried deliciousness I discovered at a temple of haute cuisine called McDonald's. I had never tasted a french fry or a Big Mac before! I was in small-kid heaven.

Fourteen years later, those still living in Moscow could taste Big Macs and french fries for themselves. The first McDonald's opened in Pushkin Square in 1990 — a sign that the Soviet Union was being transformed into a Western, capitalist society. So what does it say about the current state of Russia that McDonald's just announced that it was suspending operations at its 850 Russian restaurants?

With his barbaric invasion of Ukraine, Russian dictator Vladimir Putin has pushed “rewind” on more than 30 years of Russian history. The faltering steps Russia has been taking since the late 1980s to develop an open society have been erased in the blink of an eye. In just a few weeks, Russia has gone from authoritarianism to totalitarianism, and its economy has been disconnected from the West. This isn't quite Stalinization — Putin isn't sending millions to the gulag — but it is definitely Sovietization. Now, the most sanctioned country in the world, Russia is returning to the kind of backward and repressive place that my family fled in 1976.

In the West, both the far left and the far right revile “globalization.” Well, Russia today is a case study in what happens when a country “de-global-

izes.” Russians are losing access not just to McDonald's but to Coca-Cola, Starbucks, Pizza Hut, Ikea, Visa, Mastercard, Apple, Goldman Sachs, and all the rest. The stock market is closed. The ruble is in free fall. A debt default is likely. There are long lines as Western stores close, and grocery stores are rationing flour and sugar. Putin is now threatening to nationalize the assets of Western companies that are leaving Russia. If he carries through on his threat, few Western companies are likely to return.

Life probably hasn't changed much — yet — for the bulk of ordinary Russians, but this is a traumatic upheaval for the urban middle class. They had acquiesced to Putin's illiberal rule because they counted on him to provide stability and prosperity after the tumultuous 1990s. They could live with not choosing their own leaders if, in return, they could choose any vacation spot in the world. The richest Russians — the oligarchs — lived in a Gucci bubble: In return for supporting Putin, they got to accumulate fabulous riches in the West. Now their yachts are being confiscated, and they are getting all of the downsides of Putin's mercurial rule with little of the upside.

Putin is not a democratic politician who needs to win votes, but, like any despot, he is eager to brainwash his population. So he is cracking down on dissent, snuffing out the last remnants of a free press and banning American social media sites. Even in the darkest days of the Cold War, there were always Western reporters in Russia. But now Western news

bureaus are shuttering and few sources of independent reporting remain. The lies of Putin's lackeys would make Stalin blush: The United States is training migratory birds to fly from Ukraine to Russia to distribute “bacteriological weapons.” Ukrainian victims of Russian bombing are “crisis actors.” The Ukrainians are shelling their own cities. Russia's foreign minister even denies that Russia attacked Ukraine. It is now a crime in Russia to call the war a war; it's a “special military operation.” The only war Putin mentions is the economic one being waged on Russia. This is Orwellian — or, more accurately, Putinian. Presiding over this catastrophe is the most powerful and most isolated Russian leader since Stalin. Putin sees few of his own aides in person anymore — and when he does, he makes them sit as far away as possible. He is said to spend most of his time at a sprawling compound midway between Moscow and St. Petersburg with its own solarium, bowling alley, golf course, swimming pools and saunas where he can nurse his grievances in solitude. While claiming to be fighting “neo-Nazis,” Putin is creating his own fascist cult whose symbol is the letter Z, which is painted on Russian military vehicles invading Ukraine. He appears to view himself as another great czar — the second coming of Peter the Great — reviving the Russian empire. In fact, he is destroying not only Ukraine but also Russia in pursuit of his mad dreams of imperial glory. Watching the dismal, depressing events of recent weeks, I am immensely grateful to my late mother for bringing me out of the Soviet Union. I grieve for all those still trapped in Putin's prison.

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# Pick-up in crash driven by boy, age 13

By CEDAR ATTANASIO, JILL BLEED and ANITA SNOW  
Associated Press

HOBBS, N.M. — The investigation into this week's fiery head-on crash in West Texas now focuses on the revelation that a 13-year-old was driving the pickup truck that struck a van, killing nine people, including six members of a college golf team and their coach.

The young teen, who is still unidentified, and a man traveling in the truck also died.

National Transportation Safety Board Vice Chairman Bruce Landsberg on Thursday revealed the truck was driven by the child. He said the truck's left front tire, which was a spare tire, blew out before impact.

The pickup truck crossed into the opposite lane on the darkened, two-lane highway before colliding head-on with the van. Both vehicles burst into flames.

Although it was unclear how fast the two vehicles were traveling, "this was clearly a high-speed collision," Landsberg said.

Landsberg said investigators hoped to retrieve enough information from the vehicles' recorders, if they survived, to understand what happened. He said many in the van were not wearing seatbelts and at least one was ejected from the vehicle.

One must be 14 in Texas to start taking classroom courses for a learner's license and 15 to receive that provisional license.



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## First time in forever

Ivy Tobe, a student at Fort Recovery Local Schools, sings "For the First Time in Forever" from "Frozen" along with Brynn Willmann (not pictured) during the school's cabaret concert Sunday.

# Putin ...

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His quoting of the Bible and a Russian admiral of the 18th century reflected his increasing focus in recent years on history and religion as binding forces in Russia's post-Soviet society.

Meanwhile, Russian troops continued to pound the Ukrainian capital, Kyiv, and launched a barrage of missiles on the outskirts of the western city of Lviv.

The early morning attack on Lviv's edge was the closest strike yet to the center of the city, which has become a crossroads for people fleeing from other parts of Ukraine and for others entering to deliver aid or fight.

In city after city around Ukraine, hospitals, schools and buildings where people sought safety have been attacked. Rescue workers searched for survivors in the ruins of a theater that served as a shelter when it was blasted by a Russian airstrike Wednesday in the besieged southern city of Mariupol.

Ludmyla Denisova, Ukrainian parliament's human rights commissioner, said at least 130 people had survived the theater bombing.

"But according to our data, there are still more than 1,300 people in these basements, in this bomb shelter," Denisova told Ukrainian television. "We pray that they will all be alive, but so far there is no information about them."

At Lviv, black smoke billowed for hours after the explosions, which hit a facility for repairing military aircraft near the city's international airport, 4 miles from the center. One person was wounded, the regional governor, Maksym Kozytsky, said.

Multiple blasts hit in quick succession around 6 a.m., shaking nearby buildings, witnesses said. The missiles were

launched from the Black Sea, but the Ukrainian air force's western command said it had shot down two of six missile in the volley. A bus repair facility was also damaged, Lviv Mayor Andriy Sadovyi said.

Lviv lies not far from the Polish border and well behind the front lines, but the area has not been spared Russia's attacks. In the worst, nearly three dozen people were killed last weekend in a strike on a training facility near the city.

Lviv's population has swelled by some 200,000 as people from elsewhere in Ukraine have sought shelter there.

Early morning barrages also hit a residential building in the Podil neighborhood of Kyiv, killing at least one person, according to emergency services, who said 98 people were evacuated from the building. Kyiv Mayor Vitali Klitschko said 19 were wounded in the shelling.

Two others were killed when strikes hit residential and administrative buildings in the eastern city of Kramatorsk, according to the regional governor, Pavlo Kyrylenko.

In Kharkiv, a fire raged through a local market after shelling Thursday. One firefighter was killed and another injured when new shelling hit as emergency workers fought the blaze, emergency services said.

The World Health Organization said it has verified 43 attacks on hospitals and health facilities, with 12 people killed and 34 injured.

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said Thursday that American officials were evaluating potential war crimes and that if the intentional targeting of civilians by Russia is confirmed, there will be "massive consequences."

# Deeds

Jake Boolman to Lynn Boolman, quit claim deed — Part of Section 15, Wayne Township

Brenda M. and Toni L. Wolfgang to Indiana Michigan Transmission Company/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 5, Greene Township, 0.591 acres

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J and J Thornburg Farms to Indiana Michigan Transmission Company/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 1, Greene Township, 1.551 acres

Terry L. McCune to John Harris, warranty deed — Part of Section 17, Pennville Township, 1.733 acres

Clyde E. and Shirley A. Thomason to Net Ten Properties, quit claim deed — Lots 316 and 335, Votaws Third Extension

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Sharon R. Davis to Hartzell Farms, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Noble Township, 21.21 acres

Paula K. Moser (also known as Paula K. Haggman) and Melinda M. Farlow to David D. and Paula K. Moser, warranty deed — Lot 4, Mangold's Third Addition

Lindsey D. Shouse (also known as Lindsey D. Lloyd) to Lindsey D. Shouse, quit claim deed — Part of Section 28, Richland Township, 1.50 acres

Connie S. and James R. Brown to Gilberto C. Montes Sarmiento and Cinthia Patricia Mendez Sandoval, warranty deed — Lot 173, Votaws Third Addition

Alison G. and Rex A. Mahon to Leeward Renewable Energy, easement — Part of Section

21, Knox Township, 80 acres

David and Shawnee Morton to Redkey Blacksmithing, warranty deed — Part of Lot 33, original plat of Redkey

Carol J. Finger, Constance J. Condon and Christiane L. Freeland to Robert W. Alig and Rebecca A. Booher, warranty deed — Section 6, Wayne Township, 40 acres

Carol J. Finger, Constance J. Condon and Christiane L. Freeland to Andrew W. and Tiffani J. Alig, warranty deed — Parts of Section 6, Wayne Township, 54 acres

Martha Evans to herself, death deed — Lot 4, Imel Subdivision

Martha G. Nill to herself, death deed — Parts of Section 32, Wayne Township

Patrick A. Long to himself and Hanna A. Long, quit claim deed — Lot 36, Grays

Sally J. Starr (deceased) and Marvin L. Starr to Marvin L. Starr, death deed — Part of Section 28, Bearcreek Township, 1 acre

Sally J. Starr (deceased) and Marvin L. Starr to Marvin L. Starr, death deed — Part of Sections 27, 28 and 34, Bearcreek Township, about 104.2 acres

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Michael Bechert to Steven H. Cooley, quit

claim deed — Lot 2, Block 6, original plat of Dunkirk

Michael Bechert to Steven H. Cooley II, quit claim deed — Lot 1, Block 6, original plat of Dunkirk

Michael Bechert to Steven H. Cooley II, quit claim deed — Lot 3, Block 6, original plat of Dunkirk

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Jerry Hartzell to Joetta Vore, quit claim deed — Lot 4, Rants Subdivision

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Deloris J. Botts and John R. Hare to Heather Clemmons, tax title deed — Lot 3, Sullivan George Addition

Verlyn H. Reynolds Jr. (deceased) to Lori A. Bonvillian, Eric D. and Darren K. Reynolds, deed affidavit — Part of Section 24, Greene Township, 9 acres

Christopher C. Martin to Tomas Marentes Chavarría, warranty deed — Lot 19, Corwin and Jaqua Addition

Melvin G. Smitley to Vicki J. Smitley, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 69 and 70, Haynes Addition

Charles B. and Staci R. Keen to Adrianna Stein, warranty deed — Part of Section 2, Greene Township, 1.62 acres

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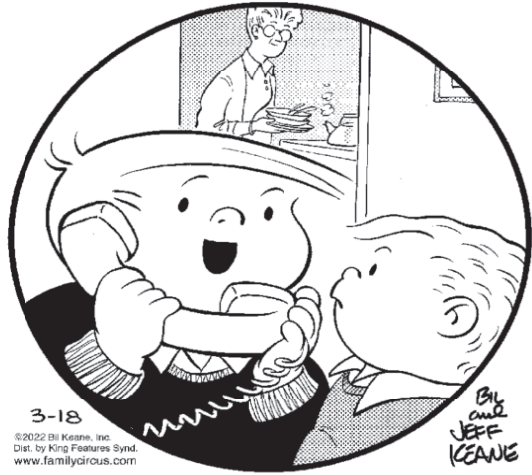
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THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



3-18 "Mommy? Guess who ... no ... no ... It's Billy! ... Billy! ... Aw, you know Billy who ... No, your SON Billy ... Yeah! ..."

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You open One Heart, and partner responds One Notrump. What would you bid now with each of the following hands?

- 1. ♠A82♥AJ953♦KQ5♣KJ
2. ♠4♥AKJ9653♦K6♣KQ8
3. ♠AKJ♥AKJ32♦K107♣84
4. ♠KJ♥AK8543♦10♣AK62

factor here. You have eight probable winners, and it is not overly optimistic to expect partner to provide the wherewithal to help you make two more.

1. Two notrump. Partner's one-notrump response indicates six to 10 points, and denies holding four or more spades or support for hearts.

3. Three notrump. A natural concern about your weakness in clubs should not stop you from bidding game. There is an implied likelihood that partner has club length because he lacks spade or heart length.

4. Three clubs. You should assume your side has a game somewhere, and to make sure you get there, you should jump-shift to three clubs, which is 100% forcing.

2. Four hearts. The only real problem is whether to bid three hearts (invitational) or four hearts. Most experts would bid four, realizing that while there is no absolute certainty of making 10 tricks in hearts, it would be the winning bid in the long run.

It might bother you to bid three clubs when you have such a strong preference for hearts, but you do it for two reasons. One is to make certain that partner bids again; the other is that five (or possibly even six) clubs might turn out to be a better contract than four hearts.

It is the trick-taking potential of your hand — not the high-card point count — that is the decisive

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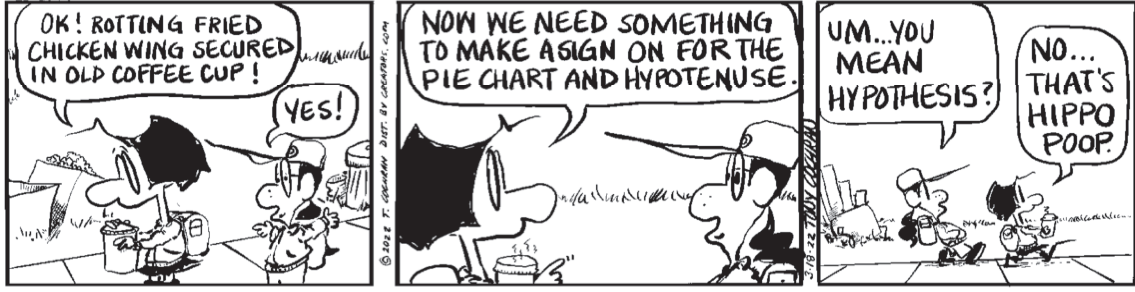
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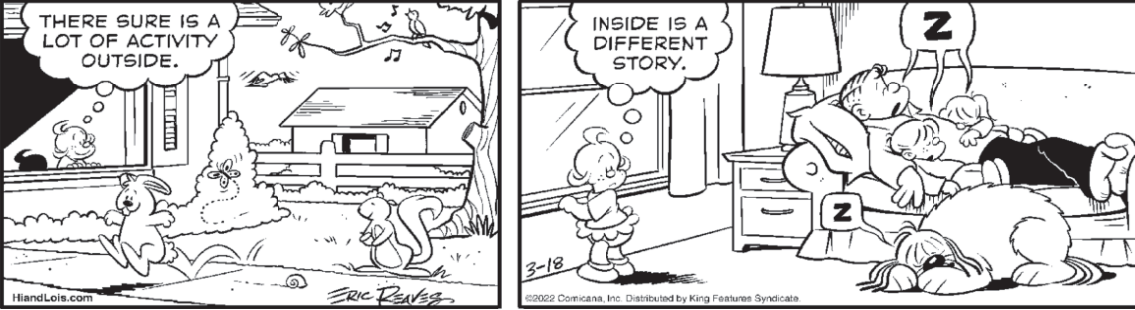
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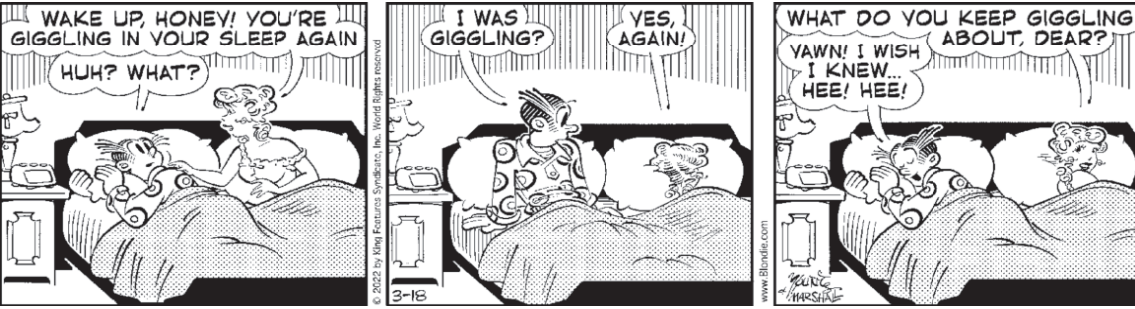
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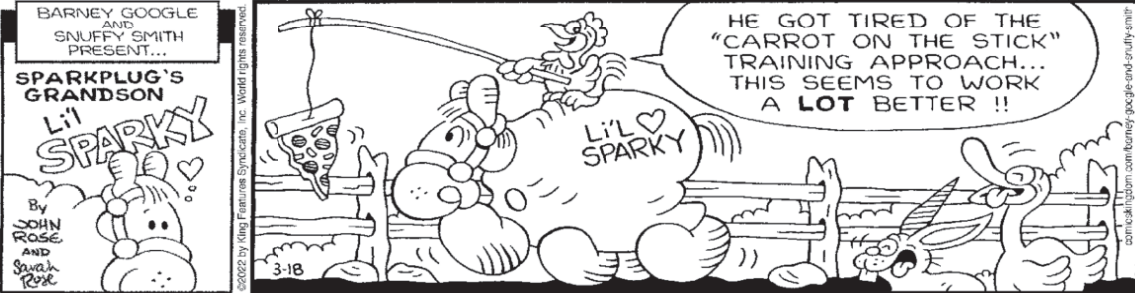
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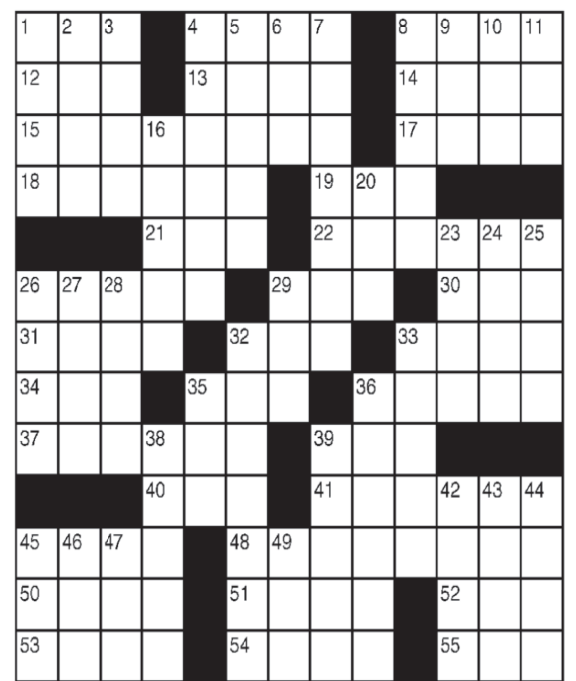
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## Routs ...

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Saint Mary's pulled away late in the first half and led by as many as 34 points — and the overtaxed Hoosiers couldn't catch up.

"I think we wore them down," Gaels coach Randy Bennett said. "All the factors that came into play with them playing Tuesday and having to travel. But I don't want to negate the fact that our guys played well when they needed to play well."

The Gaels, ranked No. 19 in the AP Top 25, earned their highest seed in 11 NCAA Tournament appearances. Their best finish in the tournament came in 2010, when they went to the Sweet 16.

Saint Mary's stature in the tournament was no doubt boosted by its 67-57 win at home over No. 1 Gonzaga on Feb. 26.

Indiana, which has won five NCAA championships, was making its 40th tournament appearance.

At least at the start, Indiana wasn't showing any fatigue. The Hoosiers had a narrow lead for much of the half until Alex Ducas' 3-pointer that put Saint Mary's in front 25-21. The Gaels extended the lead to 33-26 on another Ducas 3.

Saint Mary's ground Indiana down and led 40-28 at the half. Ducas, a junior from Australia, finished with 13 points.

The Gaels stretched the lead to 55-31 in the second half on Kuhse's 3-pointer.

"I think overall they were a sharper team than us," Jackson-Davis said. "They hit their shots, they ran their offense and they were overall the better team."

When the ball got stuck between the backboard and the shot clock early in the second half, the players tried with no success to get it free. A ref even stood on a folding chair to try and poke it free, to no avail.

Enter Indiana's resourceful cheer squad: A cheerleader lofted by a male counterpart was able to rescue the ball.

# WR Adams traded to Las Vegas

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Pro Football Writer

The Las Vegas Raiders are making a blockbuster move to keep up in the AFC West, acquiring All-Pro receiver Davante Adams from the Green Bay Packers.

A person familiar with the move said Thursday the Raiders are sending the No. 22 overall pick in the April draft and additional compensation to the Packers to reunite Adams with his college quarterback, Derek Carr. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal hadn't been announced.

NFL Network reported that Adams has agreed to a new five-

year deal with the Raiders that will pay him \$141.25 million in the richest deal ever for a wide receiver.

This was an aggressive move by the Raiders new regime led by coach Josh McDaniels and general manager Dave Ziegler and the latest in an AFC West arms race as teams try to catch Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs. Denver traded for quarterback Russell Wilson and the Chargers acquired edge rusher Khalil Mack.

Now the Raiders are trying to keep pace and build on a 10-win season that sent them to the playoffs for the second time in the past 19 seasons.

Las Vegas potentially has one of

the league's most dynamic offense with Carr having his best set of playmakers with Adams teaming with Pro Bowl slot receiver Hunter Renfrow, star tight end Darren Waller and running back Josh Jacobs.

Carr has a strong history with Adams, playing two seasons together in college at Fresno State. In their final year together in 2013, Adams had 131 catches for 1,719 yards and 24 TDs.

Adams reportedly bought a house in Las Vegas recently and Carr tweeted after reports of the deal became public, "Welcome home."

Now the next big move for the

Raiders will likely be extending Carr's contract. He is playing on the final year of a five-year, \$125 million deal and is in line for a lucrative extension now that the Raiders appear to be going all-in.

Adams has been one of the most productive receivers in the NFL in recent years. His 432 catches, 5,310 yards receiving and 47 TD receptions lead the NFL over the past four seasons.

This trade comes less than two weeks after the Packers placed the franchise tag on Adams and two days after the Packers announced that two-time reigning MVP quarterback Aaron Rodgers had signed a contract extension.

## Selvey instructs

Jay County High School baseball coach Lea Selvey gives some instructions to his players during a break in a game of 21 Outs at Thursday afternoon's practice. The Patriots will scrimmage April 2 at Belmont before opening their season April 7 at Elwood.



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## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

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

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

**April 2**  
Jay County — Baseball scrimmage at Belmont — 11 a.m.; Softball scrimmage at Winchester — 11 a.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
12:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Jacksonville State vs Auburn (truTV)  
1:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — South Dakota vs. Ole Miss (ESPN2)  
1:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Montana State vs. Texas Tech (TNT)  
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Yale vs. Purdue (TBS)  
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Howard vs. South Carolina (ESPN)  
2:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Delaware vs. Villanova (CBS)  
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series — Fr8Auctions 200

practice (FS1)  
3:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Miami vs. USC (truTV)  
4 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Xfinity Series — Nalley Cars 250 Practice  
4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Hawaii vs. Baylor (ESPN2); Illinois State vs. Iowa (ESPN)  
4:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Notre Dame vs. Alabama (TNT)  
4:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Cal State Fullerton vs. Texas (TBS)  
5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Cup series — Fold of Honor QuikTrip 500 Practice (FS1)  
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Albany vs. Louisville (ESPN2)  
6:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Chattanooga vs. Illinois (TNT)  
7:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Cal State Fullerton vs. Duke (CBS)  
7:20 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Iowa State vs. LSU (TBS)  
7:27 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Wright State vs. Arizona (truTV)  
8 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Fairfield vs. Texas (ESPN2)  
8 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pac-

ers at Houston Rockets (BALLY)  
9:20 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — UAB vs. Houston (TNT)  
9:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Davidson vs. Michigan State (CBS)  
9:50 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Colgate vs. Wisconsin (TBS)  
9:57 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — TCU vs. Seton Hall (truTV)  
10 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Montana State vs. Stanford (ESPN2)

**Saturday, March 19**  
8 a.m. — Formula 1 Racing: Bahrain Grand Prix — Last practice (ESPN2)  
10:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series — Fr8Auctions 200 qualifying (FS1)  
11:30 a.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Kansas State vs. Washington State (ESPN2)  
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Racing: Xfinity Series — Nalley Cars 250 Qualifying (FS1)  
Noon — Men's college basketball: NIT Tournament — Second round (ESPN2)  
12:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Cup Series — Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 Qualifying (FS1)  
1 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Mercer vs. UConn (ABC)  
1:30 p.m. — Women's college basket-

ball: NCAA Tournament — Charlotte vs. Indiana (ESPN2)  
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — TBD vs. North Carolina State (ESPN)  
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series — Fr8Auctions 200 (FS1)  
2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Second round (CBS)  
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Buffalo vs. Tennessee (ABC)  
3:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — American vs. Michigan (ESPN2)  
4 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Princeton vs. Kentucky (ESPN)  
5 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Xfinity Series — Nalley Cars 250 (FS1)  
5 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Second round (CBS)  
5 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Columbus Blue Jackets (BALLY)  
5:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Belmont vs. Oregon (ESPN2)  
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Second round (TNT)  
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Second round (TBS)  
7:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — UMass vs. Notre Dame (ESPN2)  
7:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Second round (CBS)

8 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Tampa Bay Lightning (ABC)  
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Second round (TNT)  
9:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Second round (TBS)  
10 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — UNLV vs. Arizona (ESPN2)

### Local notes

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For more information, contact Jay Community Center at (260) 726-6477.

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 COUNTY OF JAY, SS:  
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 ARIANNA R. ALLEN  
 Minor Child,  
 CHEVELLE L. RUHL  
 Petitioner,  
 NOTICE OF PETITION FOR LEGAL NAME CHANGE  
 Be it known that a Verified Petition for Legal Name Change of a minor child, Arianna R. Allen, was filed by the child's mother, Chevelle L. Ruhl, in the Jay County Circuit Court on or about March 10, 2022. Chevelle L. Ruhl desires for Arianna R. Allen to now be known as Arianna Rose Ruhl.  
 Anyone wishing to object to the name change of the minor child named herein shall have the right to file objections with the Jay Circuit Court and appear at the hearing in this cause of action, which is scheduled for April 29, 2022 at 11:30 am.  
 Jon Eads, Jay Circuit Court CR 3-18,254-1-HSPAXLP

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 JAY COUNTY  
 IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT  
 38C01-2203-EU-000011  
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 Deceased  
 NOTICE OF UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION  
 Notice is hereby given that TONI N. FENNIG was, on the 10th day of March, 2022, appointed personal representative of the estate of RANDALL G. FENNIG, deceased, who died on November 11, 2021, and was authorized to administer said estate without court supervision.  
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 Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 15th day of March, 2022.  
 Jon Eads, Jay Circuit Court  
 Timothy K. Babcock  
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# Sports

## Schwieterman named Junior All-Star

Renna Schwieterman will play one more basketball game this year.

Schwieterman, a Jay County High School junior, was one of 18 players named as an IndyStar Indiana girls Junior All-Stars for 2022.

The 1,000-point scorer will join 11 other players for a game against the Indiana Senior All-Stars in June.

Schwieterman, a Purdue-Fort Wayne commit, averaged 18.3 points, 4.5 assists, 2.4 steals and 5.8 rebounds per game for Jay County, leading

### Patriot will play against Indiana Senior All-Stars on June 8

the Patriots to a 20-4 record.

Along the way this season, Schwieterman became the fourth player in program history to eclipse 1,000 career points, and currently sits second with 1,222. She is just 236 behind Shannon Freeman's record of 1,458.

Schwieterman is part of the Blue Group, which will join the six Core Group players to square off against the Indiana Seniors on June 8 at a location still to be determined.

The Core Group will join the Red Group for a game against the Kentucky Juniors on June

5. at Bedford North Lawrence. Blue Group players include: Ashlynn Brook, Pioneer; Cristen Carter, Ben Davis; Asia Donald, Hobart; Bailey Kelham, Garrett; and MaKaya Porter, Mishawaka Marian.

Red Group consists of Asiah Baxter, Warren Central; Riley Makalusky, Hamilton Southeastern; Hailey Smith, Fishers; Saige Stahl, Columbus East; Josie Trabel, East Central; and Amber Tretter, Forest Park.

The Core Group players are Laila Hull, Zionsville; RaShunda Jones, South Bend Washin-

gon; McKenna Layden, Northwestern; Karsyn Norman, Bedford North Lawrence; Amiyah Reynolds, South Bend Washington; and Ashlynn Shade, Noblesville.

The Girls Junior All-Star team was selected through a process in which Indiana Basketball Coaches Association member head coaches nominate players for all-state recognition.

The committee then provided input to a seven-member subcommittee which finalized the all-star selections.



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### Splitting 200s

The distance running group for the Jay County High School boys track team spent Thursday afternoon running in 200-meter sections in preparation for the 2022 season. After running indoor meets at Indiana Wesleyan University and Anderson University this month, the Patriots' outdoor campaign will begin April 5 at home against Blackford.

## Saint Mary's routs Hoosiers

By ANNE M. PETERSON  
AP Sports Writer

PORTLAND, Ore. — Logan Johnson scored 20 points and fifth-seeded Saint Mary's took advantage of No. 12 seed Indiana's grueling recent schedule, rolling to an 82-53 victory in the first round of the NCAA Tournament on Thursday.

Tommy Kuhse added 19 points and six assists for the Gaels (26-7), the only team to beat top overall seed Gonzaga in the West Coast Conference this season. Saint Mary's will face No. 4 seed UCLA, which rallied to beat Akron 57-53, in a second-round game Saturday.

"We're a gritty, not pretty team," Johnson said. "We all find ways to get it done. And we know once we get going defensively, and especially offensively, that's when teams are in trouble and they really find out what they're stepping into."

Trayce Jackson-Davis had 12 points for Indiana (21-14), which lost by its largest margin in the tournament. The Hoosiers arrived in Portland early Wednesday morning after an all-nighter because of flight delays from Dayton following the First Four. Indiana won its first tournament game since 2016 by beating Wyoming 66-58 on Tuesday night.

Thursday's game was Indiana's fifth in seven days. Saint Mary's came in fresh from a 10-day layoff after falling to the Bulldogs in the WCC Tournament title game.

"I've never been a coach that makes excuses," Indiana's Mike Woodson said. "I had to do better to get these guys ready. And I give Saint Mary's all the credit, but I thought tonight we just didn't have it and I know we have a much better team than we showed tonight. That's on me."

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