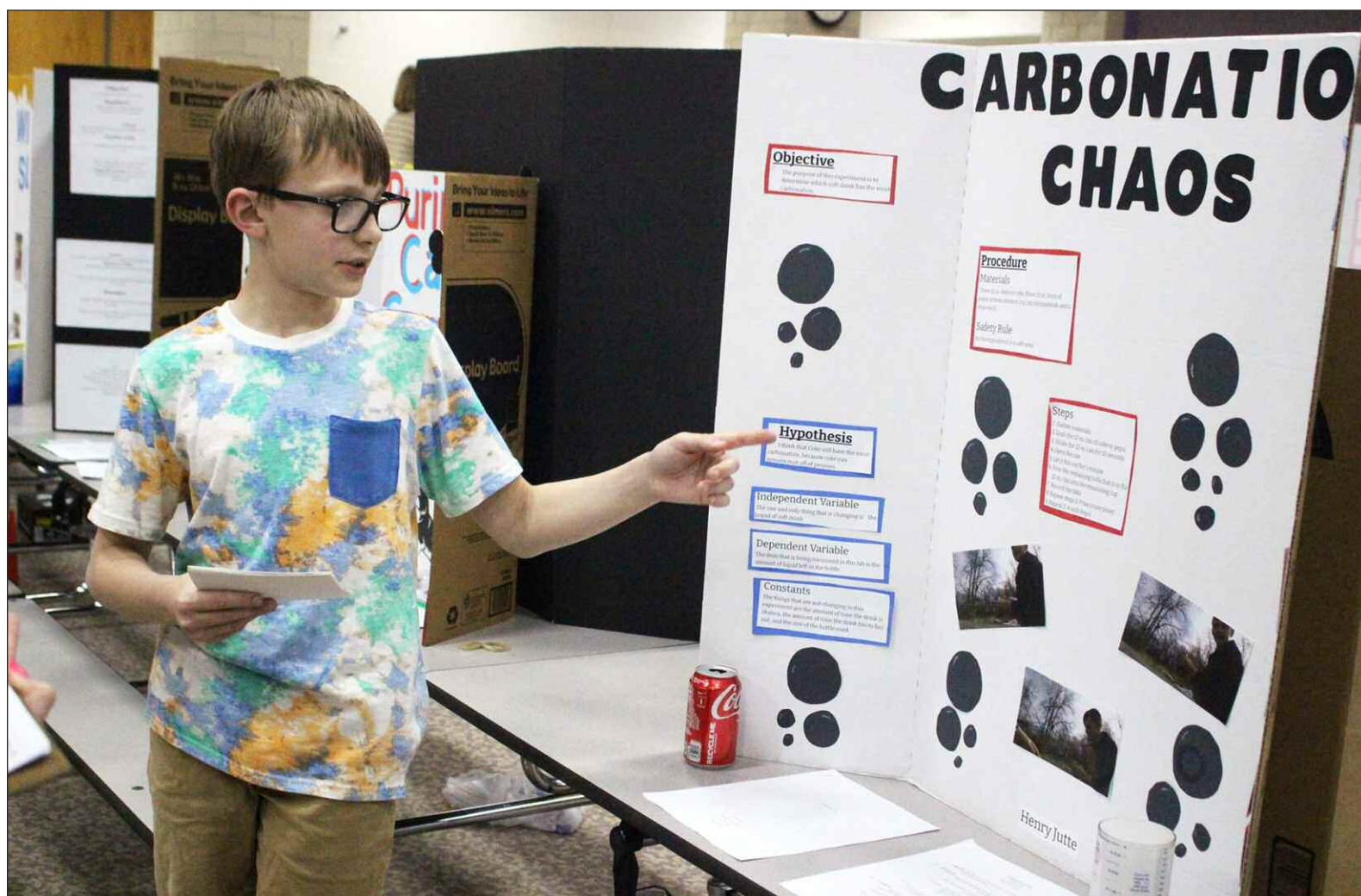


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Child, 5, was found dead

An autopsy was set to be conducted this morning

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

A 5-year-old boy was found dead Thursday night in Portland.

Portland Police Department responded at 10:46 p.m. to 689 S. Western Avenue, where they found the child deceased.

Police did not release the child's name this morning. His mother is 27-year-old Chelsea Crossland.

Portland police investigator Jeff Hopkins and chief deputy Steve Schlechty both would not confirm or deny if foul play were involved because neither responded to the scene. Indiana State Police are investigating the matter.

Jay County Coroner Michael Brewster said there was an autopsy scheduled for 10:15 a.m. today to determine the child's cause of death and if he had any underlying health issues.



Student science

Henry Jutte (above) presents his project to judges Thursday during the Fort Recovery Middle School science fair. Seventh grader Ashlyn Cantu (left) demonstrates her group's project — peel-off lenses — during the fair in the elementary/middle school auditoria.

EU, US set to declare a new effort

By CHRIS MEGERIAN
and CATHY BUSSEWITZ
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The United States and European Union today announced a new partnership to reduce the continent's reliance on Russian energy, a step top officials characterized as the start of a years-long initiative to further isolate Moscow after its invasion of Ukraine.

U.S. President Joe Biden asserted that Russian President Vladimir Putin uses energy to "coerce and manipulate his neighbors" and uses the profits from its sale to "drive his war machine." See Effort page 5

Report: State needs to add aides

By KYLEE MULLIKIN
Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the dementia workforce experienced high turnover rates. Exacerbated by the pandemic, home health aides are in extreme demand right now, and the need is expected to increase over the next few years.

According to a report by the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana had about 43,640 home health aides in 2018. To meet the growing demand for these services, Indiana will need

59,990 home health aides by 2028 — a 37.5% increase.

The report noted that home health aides and other care workers who work with dementia patients often lack adequate dementia training and earn low wages.

Cody Kendall, administrator for Above and Beyond Homecare in Anderson, feels that low pay is the leading contributing factor to high turnover rates in Indiana.

"(Home health aides) have to go through a nation-

al background check, take a drug screen, get a tuberculosis test, go through eight hours worth of classes (and) take a 100-question test for basically a \$13- to \$14-per-hour job."

Kendall said that during the pandemic, turnover rates at Above and Beyond Homecare, as well as many other home health care facilities across the county, was 100% or higher.

"Normally in home health care, it's a high turnover rate anyway. Usually, a caregiver will be here

three or four months," he said.

Starting July 1, home health aides who work with dementia and Alzheimer's patients will undergo uniform, state-approved training. New hires will get six hours of training within their first 60 days.

Going forward, all home health aides will be required to participate in three hours of training yearly.

While Kendall feels that this training is necessary, he feels it will add an extra

barrier for those wishing to become a home health aide.

Another reason Kendall feels there are high turnover rates in the field is that home health aides might not feel appreciated.

They are always working outside of their work office due to the nature of their work.

"The only communication they have (with the office) might be (via) telephone as opposed to coming in (and) talking to everybody," Kendall said. See Aides page 5

Aker and Alexander to square off

(Editor's note: This is the first in a series of election-related stories that will run prior to early voting beginning April 5.)

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Two Republican candidates for commissioner will square off in the May 3 primary election for commissioner.

Incumbent Chad Aker and former Jay County School Board member Bryan Alexander are running for their party's nomination for the middle district commissioner seat.

Aker is in the midst of his first term as a commissioner,

having served as president since January 2021. He graduated from Jay County High School in 1990 and earned an associate's degree in electronics engineering at ITT Technical Institute. He's a full-time firefighter at

Portland Fire Department, where he served two years as fire chief.

He owns and operates Jay Home Inspections. He also coached for about 10 years with Portland Junior League and

coached girls softball at Jay County High School for at least three years.

Alexander is a 1986 graduate of Jay County High School. He obtained a bachelor's degree in political science from University

of Tampa, Florida. Alexander worked for Credential Insurance for a few years before shifting to Capital Cities Investments in 1993. He opened a Portland branch of the business in 2001.

He has been involved in Republican politics since he was 14 years old, he said, having been a part of the Teenage Republicans group. He also served two terms on Jay County School board from 2002 to 2010.

Aker seeks re-election because he wants to continue with projects and plans that are in the works, he said.

See Commissioner page 2

Incumbent commissioner facing primary challenge from former school board member

Deaths

Linda Muhlenkamp, 66, rural Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 52 degrees Thursday. The low was 43.

Tonight's forecast calls for scattered rain showers with the low dropping to 30, then scattered rain and snow showers early Saturday. Winds will gust to 35 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Today's newspaper includes the Fort Recovery High School spring sports preview section, including stories about the Tribe baseball, softball and track teams.

A spring sports preview section for Jay County High School will be published with the April 6 newspaper.

Coming up

Saturday — Jay County High School Winter Guard to compete at state.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Dunkirk City Council meeting.



Commissioner ...

Continued from page 1

County officials have been discussing usage of American Rescue Plan Act funds since June. Aker highlighted a few key issues officials have been looking into remedying with the federal funds — the need for more child care and housing.

“They all kind of go hand-in-hand, as far as trying to grow the county,” said Aker. “We need to do something to keep people here and bring people in.”

Alexander questioned if there is a large need for child care, although he said the county should look into it. He also questioned daycare services being a county government responsibility.

Overall, Alexander believes the county needs to put together a plan to attract and retain more residents.

“You have to have a solid plan on how you want to invest in growth,” Alexander said. “There’s been a perception I share that over time, you know, we’ve

Both candidates say they will advocate for growth in the county

had EDIT monies, we’ve had other monies become available to us, and maybe we haven’t made the best decisions with it for the long term.”

He didn’t reference any specific examples, although Alexander emphasized contracting locally when possible for necessary work or equipment needs.

Aker cited a need for a larger facility for Jay Emergency Medical Service and Jay County Health Department. He would

like to use American Rescue Plan Act dollars to make that happen.

“With the pandemic, it’s really taught us that our EMS is overwhelmed. Our health department is overwhelmed. Their facilities are too small,” Aker said. “So one of my goals is to make sure we get a bigger, better facility to accommodate both and really combine services.”

If elected, Alexander said one of his main goals would be to bring internet access to all rural

areas in Jay County. The coronavirus pandemic has brought on a working-from-home lifestyle, he explained, which has increased the need for all residents to have easy access to the web.

“We have to have wired, high-speed, rural internet,” Alexander said. “It hurts our ability to attract people.”

Since he’s been commissioner, Aker noted, the county has done about 20 miles of road conversions from stone to hard surface. That’s something he hopes to continue in future years.

He mentioned he’s been involved with improving employee pay, with the county having raised wages between 2% and 6% depending on the job classification this year. Earlier this year, he made the suggestion, which was then approved, for commissioners to allocate \$400,000 economic development funds from surrounding wind farm payments to Jay County municipalities.

In reference to Jay County Country Living (formerly known

as Jay County Retirement Center), both candidates noted it has been a large expenditure for the county. However, they both agreed the county should give the facility time to improve its finances before making a decision about its future. (County officials have committed to giving the residential center about six months to improve its outlook.)

Both Aker and Alexander advocate for the growth and betterment of Jay County, and each believe they’ll follow through to make those goals happen.

“I want this county to grow,” said Aker. “Anything that’s for the betterment of Jay County, I’m all in for. I’ve got no personal agenda except to grow this county and do whatever we can to benefit the most people that we can.”

Alexander said he enjoys figuring out issues and talking with others to solve problems, and he thinks he can make a difference.

“I think (the public has) got to know that I’ll put the time in,” he said.

CR almanac

Saturday 3/26	Sunday 3/27	Monday 3/28	Tuesday 3/29	Wednesday 3/30
36/36	36/21	41/30	43/39	70/49
There's a chance of snow Saturday under mostly cloudy skies, with gusts as high as 30 mph.	Another day of high wind with gusts reaching up to 25 mph under partly sunny skies.	Mostly sunny skies are expected Monday with a low around 30 degrees at night.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of rain at night.	Rain may continue into Wednesday with a 40% chance of showers.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$181 million	Cash 5: 2-21-23-28-45 Estimated jackpot: \$154,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$50 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-1-6 Pick 4: 6-0-3-9 Pick 5: 4-7-6-5-3 Evening Pick 3: 6-7-0 Pick 4: 2-2-4-0 Pick 5: 9-9-1-3-7 Rolling Cash: 4-7-19-23-36 Estimated jackpot: \$120,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 1-9-9 Daily Four: 7-0-1-6 Evening Daily Three: 6-3-6 Daily Four: 6-1-6-4 Quick Draw: 2-3-9-12-14-17-18-24-28-42-45-47-49-52-54-55-62-69-71-80	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.21 April corn.....7.21 Wheat.....8.75	Wheat 9.90 April wheat 9.90
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.36 April corn.....7.36 May corn.....7.41	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.16 April corn.....7.16 Beans.....16.81 April beans.....16.81 March wheat.....9.80
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Today in history

On March 25, 1931, in the so-called “Scottsboro Boys” case, nine young Black men were taken off a train in Alabama, accused of raping two white women; after years of convictions, death sentences and imprisonment, the nine were eventually vindicated.

In 1634, English colonists sent by Lord Baltimore arrived in present-day Maryland.

In 1911, 146 people, mostly young female immigrants, were killed when fire broke out at the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. in New York.

In 1915, the U.S. Navy lost its first commissioned submarine as the USS F-4 sank off Hawaii, claiming the lives of all 21 crew members.

In 1947, a coal-dust explosion inside the Centralia Coal Co. Mine No. 5 in Washington County, Illinois, claimed 111 lives; 31 men survived.

In 1972, gubernatorial candidate Matthew Welsh spoke to about 250 in attendance at the Jay County Democratic Unity Dinner.

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Citizen’s calendar

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

Obituaries

Linda Muhlenkamp

Dec. 6, 1955-March 23, 2022
Linda A. Muhlenkamp, age 66, of rural Portland passed away on Wednesday, March 23, 2022, at her residence.

Born in Arizona on Dec. 6, 1955, she was the daughter of Russell and June (Study) Shawver. Linda was a school bus driver for Jay School Corporation and had been a cashier at Ludwig’s Grocery. She was a 1974 Portland High School graduate and enjoyed bowling and horseback riding.

Surviving are one son, Doug Muhlenkamp (wife: Jeanine) of Fort Recovery, Ohio; one daughter, Angela

Ash of Berne, Indiana; former husband/companion Roger Muhlenkamp of Portland; one brother, Steve Shawver of Portland; one sister, Michelle Cline (husband: Bryan) of Portland; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by a son Ashley Muhlenkamp.

Funeral services will be on Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Arnold presiding. Burial will follow in the Salamonia Ceme-



Muhlenkamp

tery. Visitation will be Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. and Tuesday prior to the services.

Memorials can be made to the Ashley Muhlenkamp Scholarship Fund in care of the Portland Foundation.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Felony arrests

Dealing drugs

A Portland woman was arrested Wednesday for dealing drugs.

Kelli S. Morningstar, 24, 538 W. High St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for dealing methamphetamine, cocaine or a narcotic drug, a Level 5 felony for dealing marijuana, two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe and a Class A misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

Morningstar is being held on a \$15,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Failed to appear

A Dunkirk woman was arrested this morning for failing to appear in court.

Deeds

Randall W. Evans to Jamie L. Evans, warranty deed — Part of Section 6, Wabash Township, 3.37 acres

Allen L. Ellison (deceased) and Jo A. Ellison, quit claim deed — Part of Section 10, Penn Township, 1 acre

Angela M. and Daniel D. Paxson to Indiana Michigan Company and American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 5, Greene Township, 0.766 acres

James P. and Kristen R. Schoenlein to Indiana Michigan Company and American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 2, Greene Township, 1.489 acres

James L. Smitley (deceased) and Nancy S. Smitley (deceased) to David and Meranda Teeter, personal representative deed — Section 21, Pike Township, 80 acres

Debra K. and Edward E. Certain, Carol J. and

Drug possession

A Portland man was arrested this morning for drug possession.

Joshua R. Williams, 40, 623 S. Meridian St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony, along with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He’s being held in Jay County Jail on a \$11,000 bond.

Deeds

Robert L. Manor, and James W. and Patricia J. Myers to Kevin L. Sills, warranty deed — Section 3, Greene Township, 60 acres

Jack Kahn to Michelle Pierce, warranty deed — Lots 1 and 2, Block 4, original plat of Bryant

Gary E. Hopkins (deceased) and Sharon K. Hopkins to Amanda K. and Jason A. Westfall, warranty deed — Section 1, Knox Township, about 8 acres



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Cincinnatus donates

The Cincinnatus League recently presented checks for \$500 each to Jay Community Center, Arts in the Parks and Jay-Randolph Developmental Services. Pictured are Julia Schwomeyer of Cincinnatus League, Kyle Cook of Jay Community Center, Kim Anderson of Arts in the Parks and Tracie Gross of Jay-Randolph Developmental Services.

Art competition open to high school students

Submissions are being accepted for the 2022 Congressional Art Competition.

Rep. Jim Banks announced recently his office is accepting submissions from high school students in Indiana's 3rd District for the annual contest. The winning artwork will be displayed for one year at the U.S. Capitol, and the winner will receive two tickets to Washington, D.C., to attend a reception.

This year's contest theme is Indiana.

"Indiana is the feeling of Hoosier satisfaction, devotion and attachment to the United States," a press release from Banks' office says. "Students should try to think outside of the box when deciding what Indiana means — and looks like — and show that in their artwork submission."

Submissions are due by April 22. Participants may

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email submissions to Rep-Banks.Art@mail.house.gov or schools may call the office to arrange an entry pickup. For more details, visit the Congressional Art Competition page on Banks' website.

Kids clinic

Jay County Color Guard will host its kids clinic from noon to 4 p.m. April 9 at East Jay Elementary School.

The program is open to all students from kindergarten through 12th grade. Registration forms can be picked up at any Jay school front office. The deadline to register is Monday.

Husband of 29 years became abusive

DEAR ABBY: I have wanted to write you for years, but my ex-husband thought it was "ridiculous." We were married 29 years and rarely argued, which led me to believe we had a great marriage. Then, 10 years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had a mastectomy and was on chemotherapy for a year.

Shortly after the mastectomy we went on vacation, and my husband began verbally abusing me. He even slapped me. When the chemo caused me to lose my appetite, he told me if I wasn't going to eat I shouldn't bother coming to dinner because he didn't like me being the one who got all the attention. Believe me, I was not seeking attention. Nine years ago he announced he was filing for divorce because my health was a deal-breaker. ("In sickness and in health" was off the table.) The one time I needed his support, I found myself ALONE.

I looked up statistics and saw that 80% of men walk out when their wife is ill. It made me sick. The entire time I was going through hell, he was on dating sites looking for a healthy partner, ignoring the pain and suffering I was experiencing with not a care in the world other

Dear Abby



near 80% of men are selfish, abusive cads like the one you married. While I don't blame you for being angry, for your own sake, please don't let "spite" be your only reason for living. What a waste of time that would be.

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DEAR ABBY: I feel fortunate to be the mother of two healthy children. At times, I encounter other moms whose children have severe food allergies or special needs. I'm afraid I say the wrong thing when addressing them.

Parenthood is a challenge, and for some, it's more challenging than for others. I sympathize with their additional challenges. However, when I said it, they were offended. I lost a close friend because of it. What's an appropriate response when this situation comes up? — SPEECHLESS IN ARIZONA

DEAR SPEECHLESS: Parents of children with special needs are not looking for sympathy. When you are told about a child's food allergy, thank the mother for alerting you, and assure her that when her child is with you, you will be extra careful to ensure he or she is safe.

than preventing his various girlfriends from knowing about each other.

My advice to other women is: Be sure you put aside a nest egg as insurance to get you through life without your "partner." I was married for 29 years to a complete stranger — a selfish jerk of a man — and I am determined to keep going, if only to spite him. — SURVIVOR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SURVIVOR: Your suggestion to put money aside in case of emergencies is a good one for all women, not just those who might be diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. However, I'm pretty sure the statistic you quoted about the number of men who leave their wives when the going gets tough may be off the mark. Although desertion has been known to happen, nowhere

Community Calendar

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

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.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for break-

fast 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.

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.

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 - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the

Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

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

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Thursday's Solution

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Sexual assault law is still lacking

News and Tribune
(Jeffersonville & New Albany)

Thanks to bipartisan support, the definition for sexual consent in Indiana will be more clear beginning July 1. But the latest changes in state law fail to address the issue that spurred this legislation in the first place.

Gov. Eric Holcomb has signed House Enrolled Act 1079 into law. The bill, authored by Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica), amends state code defining rape to include disregarding another person's attempts to resist sexual advances through physical, verbal or other visible conduct.

So soon "No Means No" will be

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the law of the land in Indiana. It's shocking that it took our state legislature this long to address this glaring gap in the law, but we applaud our elected officials for finally getting it done.

Still, while this new law is another step in protecting Hoosiers from rape and sexual assault, it's not the end of the

discussion. In fact, the new law ignores the loophole that prompted the legislation to begin with. That loophole was the focus of a 2017 incident at Purdue University.

A female student reported she had been assaulted by a man she believed to be her boyfriend after falling asleep in her boyfriend's dorm room.

She later realized the man carrying out the assault was not her boyfriend and went to a hospital to have a rape kit administered. The woman's attacker admitted he knew the woman thought she was responding to the advances of her boyfriend, but his lawyer successfully argued that engag-

ing in such a ruse did not constitute rape under Indiana law.

Negele said that 2017 incident was the reason she introduced her legislation, but before passing the bill, the Senate removed a section adding deception to the definition of rape.

That means that even after this new law takes effect, the kind of assault that prompted its introduction will still be legal under Indiana law.

Others have criticized the "No Means No" definition of rape, instead arguing for a "Yes Means Yes" acknowledgment of consent. Joyce Short, the chief executive officer at Consent Awareness Network, told the StateHouseFile

that the bill "falls ridiculously short of the protections needed by the residents of Indiana."

While not opposed to HEA 1079, Short told the StateHouseFile that more protections need to be added and consent better defined. She labeled the law a "dinosaur" compared to the progress made in other states.

So while Indiana has begun updating its archaic definitions of consent and rape, more work needs to be done. Sexual assault is a crime that affects victims for their entire lives.

Our state must punish criminals and protect Hoosiers by closing loopholes and making clear the definition of consent.

Jackson showed why she was nominated

By JENNIFER RUBIN
The Washington Post

Much of the first day of the confirmation hearing for Ketanji Brown Jackson, President Joe Biden's nominee for the Supreme Court, was not about Jackson at all.

Instead, Senate Republicans whined about the treatment of past nominees, going all the way back to Robert Bork's hearing nearly 35 years ago. Have these Republicans forgotten that none of these nominees were denied a hearing, unlike Merrick Garland? Or that six of the nine justices on the court are partisan right-wingers chosen to deliver their preferred legal rulings?

Their histrionics was a sign of how little Republicans have to work with in opposing Jackson. Their accusations were as diverse as they were flimsy: Jackson is a zealot, they said. She is a pick of the radical left. She was a public defender who — gasp! — represented criminals. Sen. Josh Hawley, R-Mo., repeated his already debunked claims that she is a softy on child porn defendants. Perhaps the lowest point came from Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tennessee, who ranted about everything from masks to transgender children.

The day served as a reminder of how unpleasant, partisan and unenlightening these hearings have become — and of the low quality of senators in attendance compared to their predecessors. It is unimaginable that a Howard Baker of Tennessee or an Alan Simpson of Wyoming would behave like this.

If there was a pleasant surprise, it came in the form of energetic remarks from Thomas Griffith, a well-respected, retired D.C. Circuit Court judge whom George W. Bush appointed. Griffith noted that an appearance by a retired judge nominated by a president of another party should not be so unusual. That his introduction of Jackson seemed abnormal, he said, was a measure of "hyperpartisanship." He added that judges are not supposed to be "partisans in robes." Alas, Griffith's words came at a time when the right-wing majority on the Supreme Court appears to be just that — partisans willing to twist procedural and substantive rules, rewrite statutes and rip up decades-old prece-

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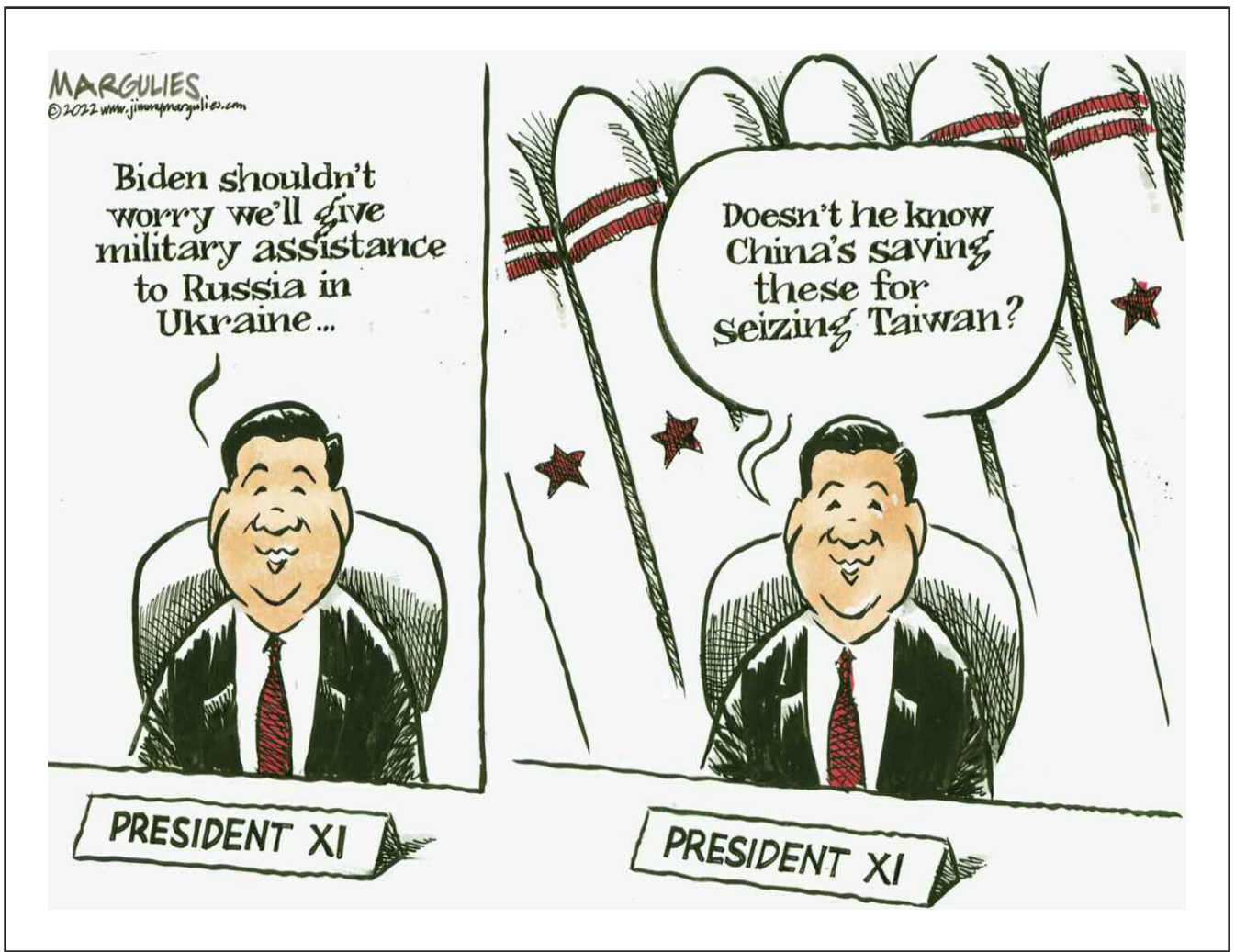
dents all to the benefit of Republicans.

Griffith gave Jackson his full-throated endorsement: She "is independent and adjudicates based on the facts and the law, and not as a partisan," he said. "Time and again, she has demonstrated that. ... Her rule is simple: follow the law."

It was then Jackson's turn. She thanked God, her glowing family, her friends and her country. She invoked Justice Stephen Breyer, for whom she clerked, a not-too-subtle reminder that if the Senate found him acceptable, there should be no reason to oppose her. She gave a nod to Constance Baker Motley, the first African American woman appointed to the federal judiciary. And Jackson reaffirmed her "careful adherence to precedent," acknowledging her tendency to write long opinions so people know exactly her reasons for deciding a case. (If only the Supreme Court's right-wing justices felt similarly and stopped abusing the "shadow docket" and issuing orders without written opinions.)

Jackson provided a succinct description of her own view of what it means to be a judge: "I have been a judge for nearly a decade now, and I take that responsibility and my duty to be independent very seriously," she said. "I decide cases from a neutral posture. I evaluate the facts, and I interpret and apply the law to the facts of the case before me."

She is so manifestly qualified, so perfectly embodies the American Dream and is so blessed with superior judicial temperament that it is obvious why Republicans are struggling. They just can't seem to find a way to knock down a super-qualified, charming, humble and brilliant Black woman. It seems it does not occur to them that they should stop looking for the limelight (to further their presidential ambitions), ask short and reasonable questions and then vote to confirm on her qualifications. And that tells you everything you need to know about the decline of both the Senate and the Supreme Court.



Deadliest war is in Ethiopia

By BOBBY GHOSH
Bloomberg Opinion

Coming from a Nobel Peace Prize winner, Abiy Ahmed's call for restraint and diplomacy to end the war in Ukraine might have attracted more attention if the Ethiopian prime minister hadn't stained his laurels with the blood of his own people. Reports of hideous war crimes committed by his forces and those of his Eritrean allies against civilians in the rebel northern province of Tigray make a mockery of his appeals for nonviolence in other parts of the world.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has diverted international attention from conflicts elsewhere, including those in Yemen, Mozambique and Africa's Sahel, the region just south of the Sahara. In Ethiopia, Africa's second-most populous nation, a bloody civil war is now in its 16th month. The fighting between Abiy's forces and the rebel Tigray People's Liberation Front seems at a standstill, but human-rights groups and multilateral organizations have condemned atrocities on both sides.

Caught in the middle are civilians in the northern province, who now face a calamity that is being likened to horrors of Africa's — and Ethiopia's — past: mass starvation and ethnocide. World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, himself an Ethiopian, says there is "nowhere on earth where the health of millions of people is more under threat" than the Tigray region.

Abiy's government, which had celebrated Tedros's elevation to the leadership of the WHO as a matter of national pride, now is trying to tar him because his family has origins in Tigray. But as well as anecdotal evidence, there is a growing body of data to support Tedros's claim that the province is on the edge of a major humanitarian disaster.

Though the war's true toll is impossible to know, researchers from

Bobby Ghosh



Belgium's Ghent University estimate as many as half a million people have died so far: between 50,000 and 100,000 from the fighting, 150,000 to 200,000 from starvation and more than 100,000 from the lack of medical attention. U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken has expressed concern about possible ethnic cleansing in Tigray, but the government in Addis Ababa has dismissed this as "spurious."

The Tigrayan rebels have been accused of crimes, including murder and rape, against other ethnic groups. But Abiy's soldiers are blamed for most of the civilian casualties, especially those from starvation and neglect. Government forces are preventing food aid and medicine from reaching Tigray, humanitarian groups say.

And they are no slouches at other kinds of atrocity, including the recent immolation of a Tigrayan man, which even the government-affiliated human rights commission has blamed on Abiy's forces.

Such outrages are likely to multiply and escalate as the war remains stalemated. Late last year, government troops were able to beat back a rebel advance toward the capital and retake towns on the border with Tigray. The use of military drones, apparently supplied by Turkey, helped turn the tide. (Turkish drones have also helped Ukrainian forces slow the Russian advance.)

While his ground forces seem to have stopped short of an assault on Tigray, where the mountainous terrain has previously proved to be a distinct rebel advantage, Abiy has no

qualms about ordering airstrikes that have inflicted heavy civilian casualties. Michelle Bachelet, head of the U.N. Human Rights Commission, says her staff have recorded hundreds of deaths from aerial attacks "apparently carried out by the Ethiopian Air Force." The government has denied this.

Abiy and the TPLF leadership have both said they are willing to negotiate an end to the civil war, but neither side has demonstrated much flexibility on their demands. The prime minister want the rebels to disarm and accept rule from Addis Ababa, while the TPLF wants greater autonomy for Tigray and an accounting for atrocities committed by Ethiopian and Eritrean forces.

There is little prospect of progress toward reconciliation and peace without more outside pressure. But with the world's attention focused on Ukraine and Russia, there is every chance that both sides in the Ethiopian civil war will use the stalemate to rearm for still more fighting.

Who can prevent this from happening? The African Union's attempts at mediation have proved singularly ineffective. The European Union has done little since suspending some budgetary support for Ethiopia early last year. The U.S. has already exerted considerable effort — President Joe Biden has spoken directly with Abiy, his Horn of Africa envoy has traveled to Addis Ababa and his administration has terminated favorable access for Ethiopian goods to the U.S.

The only strategy that hasn't yet been tried is the imposition of sanctions against the TPLF leadership and top government figures, including Abiy himself. With Tigray on the precipice of a humanitarian catastrophe, it's time for Biden to signal that option is, at the very least, on the table.

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In full blossom

People gather along the Tidal Basin to view blooming cherry blossoms on Monday in Washington. The National Park Service announced Monday that the cherry trees had reached peak bloom — the point at which 70% of the buds are flowering — a day before the projected time and 10 days ahead of the 30-year average of March 31. Barring too much gusty wind or rain, the blossoms will be here to behold for a week or so before they are gone.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

A Portland man crashed his vehicle into a deer on county road 200 South about 9 p.m. Monday.

Kyle F. Wellman, 32, was driving east on the road just east of the intersection with county road 50 East when his 2017 Chevrolet Malibu hit the animal. Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Left turn crash

A Hartford City man turned his vehicle in front of oncoming traffic, causing a collision at the intersection of Indiana 26 and Indiana 1 about 4:27 p.m. Wednesday.

Thomas A. Heiser, 48, was driving his 2016 Honda Civic north on Indiana 1 and attempted to make a left turn onto Indiana 26. At the same time, Brylin R. Lee, 34, Hartford City, was driving her 2014 Ford Fusion south on Indiana 1. Heiser told Jay County Sheriff's Office he wasn't able to see Lee's vehicle in the rain and turned in front of it, causing Lee's Ford to strike Heiser's car.

Damage is estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Lost control

An Eaton woman lost control of her vehicle on county road 400 South and struck two mailboxes about 3:34 a.m. Monday.

Mandy J. Greene, 42, Eaton, was driving east on county road 400 South near the intersection with county road 700 South when her 2012 Ford Fusion drove through high water. She lost control of the vehicle and it went off the north side of the road, striking two mailboxes before going into a ditch.

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

Effort ...

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Biden said the partnership he announced jointly with a top European Union official will turn that dynamic on its head by reducing Europe's dependence on Russian energy sources, as well reducing the continent's demand for gas overall.

The president said such a step is not "only the right thing to do from a moral standpoint" but "it's going to put us on a stronger strategic footing."

Under the plan, the U.S.

and other nations will increase liquified natural gas exports to Europe by 15 billion cubic meters this year, though U.S. officials were unable to say exactly which countries will provide the extra energy this year. Even larger shipments would be delivered in the future.

At the same time, they will try to keep their climate goals on track by powering gas infrastructure with clean energy and reducing methane leaks that can worsen global warming.

Although the initiative will likely require new facilities for importing liquified natural gas, the partnership is also geared toward reducing reliance on fossil fuels in the long run through energy efficiency and alternative sources of energy, according to the White House.

Ursula von der Leyen, head of the EU's executive arm, said it is important for Europe to shift away from Russia and toward energy suppliers that are trustworthy, friendly and reliable.

"We aim to reduce this dependence on Russian fossil fuels and get rid of it," she said.

Russian energy is a key source of income and political leverage for Moscow. Almost 40% of the European Union's natural gas comes from Russia to heat homes, generate electricity and power industry.

Biden was leaving Brussels after the announcement and heading to Rzeszów in Poland, where U.S. troops are based roughly an hour's drive

from the Ukrainian border.

He will be briefed on the humanitarian response to the refugees streaming out of Ukraine and those still suffering inside the country. He also will meet with U.S. service members from the 82nd Airborne Division, who serve alongside Polish troops.

Biden is then expected to fly to Warsaw for talks Saturday with Polish President Andrzej Duda and an address to the Polish people before he departs for Washington.

Aides ...

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He explained that home health care agencies need to work harder to ensure that their workers feel valued and appreciated.

In addition to the lack of home health aides in the state, Indiana also lacks geriatricians, or primary care doctors who

specialize in the 65-plus population.

According to the Alzheimer's Association report, there are 66 geriatricians in Indiana, which is less than one per county. By 2050, the state will need 299 to serve just 10% of the 65-plus population — a 353% increase.

Due to this large gap, Laura Forbes, communications director for the Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter, said it is crucial for regular primary care doctors to know the signs of mild cognitive impairment, a common precursor to Alzheimer's.


"We may not get to the point

where we have enough geriatricians. That's just the reality, and so we have to look for other alternatives," she said.

Forbes explained that often times, doctors wait to discuss memory loss until the patient brings it up, and patients often wait for doctors to bring it up.

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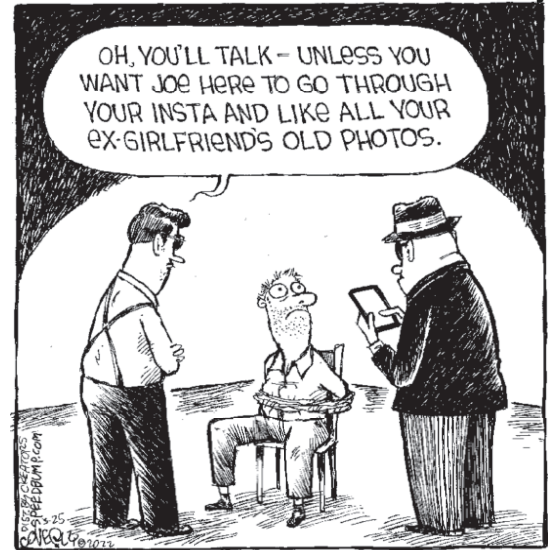
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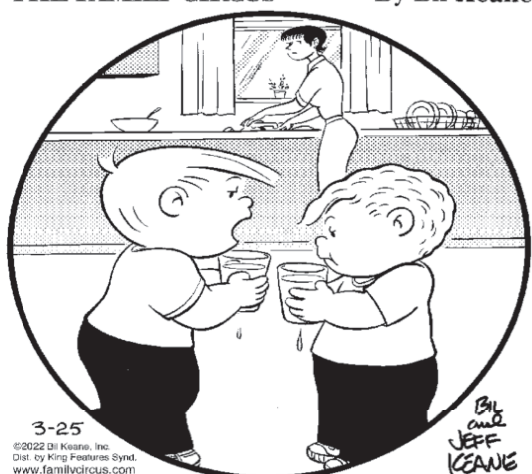
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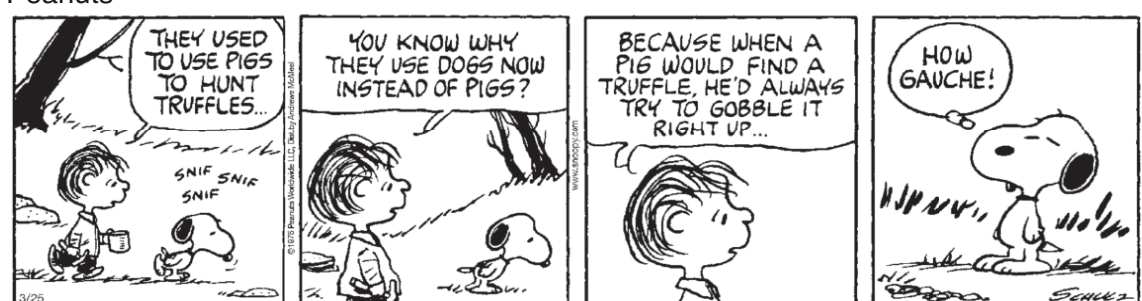


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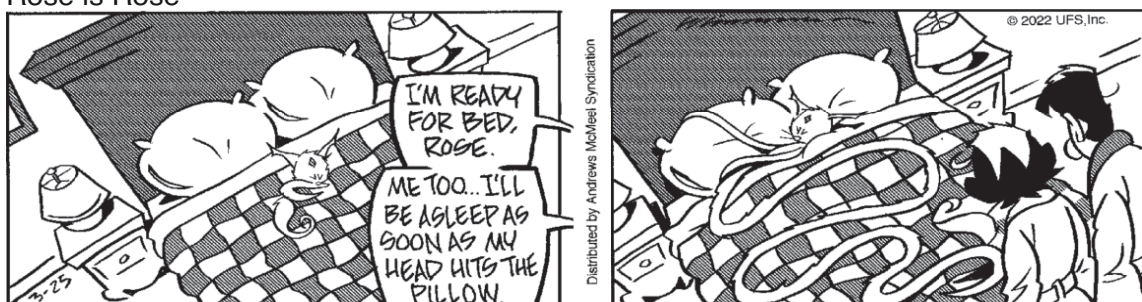
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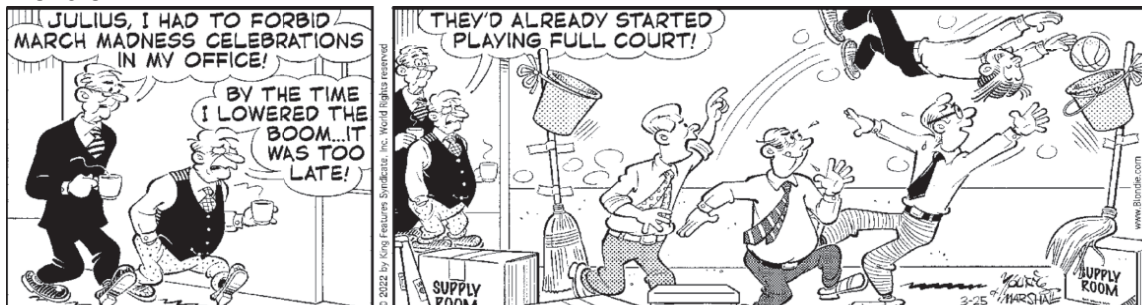
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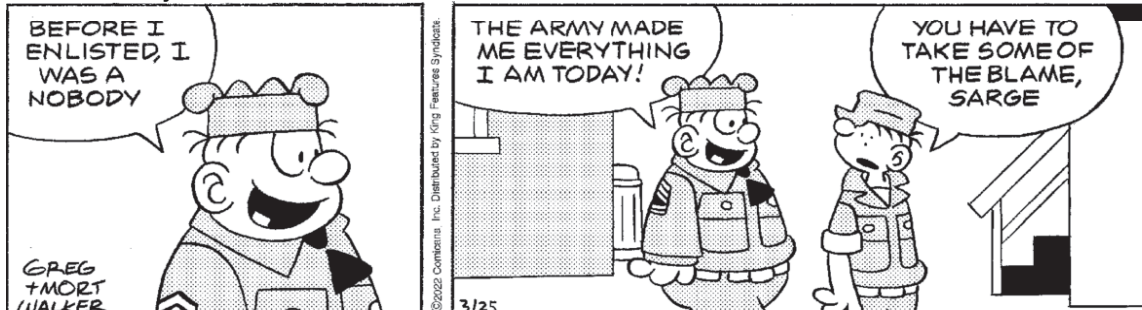
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South, and the bidding has gone: North 1♥, East Pass, South 2♥, West Pass. What would you bid now with each of the following four hands?

- 1. ♠AJ97♥52♦J8♣KQ843
2. ♠AJ865♥10♦5♣AQ9852
3. ♠KJ92♥Q84♦7♣AK763
4. ♠KQ74♥K7♦2♣AJ9654

1. Pass. There comes a time when you've shown all your values and there's nothing further to show. True, partner opened the bidding, but he has now signed off twice opposite your two forcing bids.

2. Three spades. The purpose of this bid is to tell partner that you have 6-5 distribution. Partner knows you would not repeat your spades with only a four-card suit, so he will credit you with five spades.

3. Four hearts. Game is certain despite partner's two weak rebids. However, there's still a good chance for slam, and you can suggest this by jumping to four hearts, implying extra values while at the same time completing the description of your 4-3-1-5 distribution.

4. Three hearts. It is still not clear whether the best game contract lies in hearts, notrump or clubs. The best way of pinpointing your shortage in diamonds is by now showing heart support, which, in conjunction with your two previous bids, should make it easier for partner to choose the best final contract.

Ordinarily, K-x is not adequate support for a suit partner has rebid only once, since the rebid might occasionally be based on only five cards. But in the great majority of cases, partner is far more likely to have a six-card suit, so a trial bid of three hearts (forcing) is clearly the best choice at this point.

Tomorrow: How to make tricks without straw.

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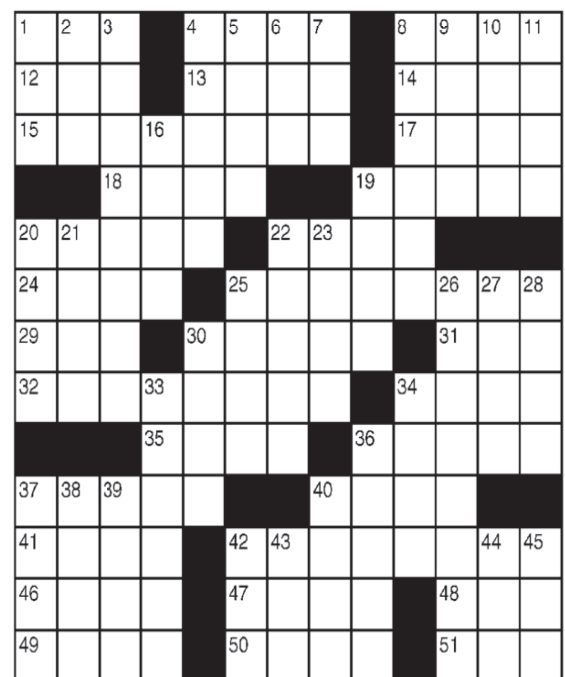
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Notae, Arkansas stuns top-seeded Gonzaga

By **JANIE McCAULEY**
AP Sports Writer

SAN FRANCISCO — For 40 frenzied minutes, JD Notae, Jaylin Williams and Arkansas played a maddening, muscular style on both ends that took Gonzaga out of its game — and right out of the NCAA Tournament far earlier than these Zags expected.

Notae scored 21 points despite missing 20 shots and the determined, fourth-seeded Razorbacks dashed the No. 1 overall seed Bulldogs' title hopes with a

74-68 win in the Sweet 16 on Thursday night.

"We've been disrespected the whole year, so it's just another thing for us," Williams said. "We saw everything they were saying, we felt like they were dancing before the game. That was disrespectful for us. We just came into the game playing hard and we had a chip on our shoulder. Every game we do."

When the final buzzer sounded, Notae tossed the game ball into the air in triumph, while Williams flexed and roared near

midcourt. Coach Eric Musselman made his way into the stands to find his mother, Kris, for a celebratory embrace after she watched her son in person for the first time coaching the Razorbacks.

After a throwback performance from the program that once promised "40 Minutes of Hell," these Hogs relished in pure bliss.

Notae finished with six rebounds, six assists, three steals and even swatted a pair of shots for the Razorbacks (28-8), who reached the Elite Eight for a sec-

ond straight year and will face second-seeded Duke on Saturday, hoping to deny retiring coach Mike Krzyzewski one last trip to the Final Four.

Drew Timme scored 25 points but couldn't rally the normally high-scoring Bulldogs (28-4), who for the second straight season were favored to win that elusive national title but couldn't keep up with Arkansas' athleticism and fight. Gonzaga had been undefeated last year before losing to Baylor in the national title game.

"We just wanted to be physical, plain and simple," Musselman said. "We wanted them to feel bodies. Obviously they played a really tough schedule early in the season, but it's been a long time in conference play since they faced a team like us."

An emotional Timme addressed his teammates afterward, then fought tears during a postgame news conference.

"It was a hell of a ride," Timme said. "It didn't end up the way we wanted but we came to play hard. It was their night."

Step ...

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The quarterfinals — the second step in the qualification process for the CrossFit Games — are set for this weekend. Williams will have to complete a series of workouts, and from there the top 120 North American athletes will be eligible for the semifinals.

From there, the top five individuals at each of the four North American semifinals will earn invitations to the CrossFit Games.

"My favorite line in my favorite song is this: 'Make moves, or make excuses,'" the statement by Williams continued. "I had to continue to tell myself this as the year went on. I either do the work or I don't. It's that simple."

"Even though it has been a long process, I have fallen in love with the journey. There are always setbacks, but it's important to keep moving forward and always have fun with it."

Williams trains with Jay County Barbell Club under the direction of coaches Kurt and Carley Hess. Williams will be the first athlete from Jay County to advance to the quarterfinal round.

"I would not have made

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—Pazia Williams

it this far without the support of my family, my JCBC coaches, JCBC family and friends," she said. "To everyone that has pushed me and helped me become the best I can, thank you."

"You have influenced me more than you know. I have a long ways to go, but I have the best people encouraging me."



Photo provided

Portland resident Pazia Williams performs a deadlift during a workout at Jay County Barbell Club. The 2010 Jay County High School graduate and former Huntington University basketball standout has qualified for the 2022 NoBull CrossFit quarterfinals, which take place this weekend.

On tap

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Saturday
Fort Recovery — JV softball at Parkway — 11 a.m.

Monday
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Celina — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Ansonia — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.; Junior high track vs. Coldwater & Marion Local — 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday
Fort Recovery — Track at Marion Local — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.

Thursday
Fort Recovery — Softball vs. South Adams — 5 p.m.

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Fort Recovery — Baseball at Mississinawa Valley — 5 p.m.; Softball at Mississinawa Valley — 5 p.m.; JC baseball vs. Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.

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1:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Washington Nationals at St. Louis Cardinals (BALLY)
3 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — XPEL 225 qualifying (FS1)
4:15 p.m. — Soccer: International Friendly — Ivory Coast vs. France (ESPN2)
5 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Xfinity Series — Pit Boss 250 qualifying (FS1)
7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Saint Peter's vs. Purdue (CBS)
7 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Ohio State vs. Texas (ESPN2); North Carolina vs. South Carolina (ESPN)
7:29 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament: Providence vs. Kansas
8:30 p.m. — College baseball: Michigan at Nebraska (BTN)

9:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Maryland vs. Stanford (ESPN); Creighton vs. Iowa State (ESPN2)

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Public Notice

JAY COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATION LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT Zach Louck, 8087 W 500 S, Redkey, IN, has filed a petition with the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department for an Intent to Build - Confined Feeding Permit, #CFINT2022-03-18, to construct one (1), 300 - 600 head Sheep confined feeding building and lot on said property.
Parcel ID: 38-10-29-200-001.000-024
Location of Property Affected: 6xxx W 700 S, Redkey, between CR 600 W and CR 700 W, on the south side, Jefferson Township, Section 29
The petition and file on this matter are available for public inspection in the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department, 118 South Meridian Street/ Suite E, Portland, Indiana, 47371.
Public comments, in writing only, will be accepted by the Zoning Administrator for a period of 30 days from the date of this notice. Public comments may be sent or taken to the Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department.
John Hemmelgarn
Zoning Administrator/Director
Jay/Portland Building & Planning Department
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STATE OF INDIANA JAY COUNTY IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT 38C01-2203-EU-000011 IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDALL G. FENNIG, 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.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Portland, Indiana, this 15th day of March, 2022.
Jon Eads, Jay Circuit Court
Timothy K. Babcock
Attorney No. 21526-90
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Notice is hereby given that the Jay County Election Board will conduct a Public test of the Election automatic tabulating equipment in accordance with IC 3-11-14.5 at 10:00 a.m. local time on March 29, 2022.
All members of the public are invited to attend the test which will be held in the Election Room at the Jay County Courthouse, Portland, Indiana.
Jon Eads
Clerk, Jay Circuit Court
CR 3-25-2022 HSPAXLP

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Public Notice

STATE OF INDIANA COUNTY OF JAY, SS: IN THE JAY CIRCUIT COURT CAUSE NO. 38C01-2203-MI-7 IN RE: NAME CHANGE OF: 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.
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Notice of Public Hearing
Jay County Plan Commission Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing to be held by the Jay County Plan Commission on Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium, 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana 47371, to consider the following Petition:
Petition #SFES 2021-08-16/Amended, filed by Rose Gold Solar LLC, requests approval to amend the Development Plan #SFES2021-08-16 for the Rose Gold Solar Farm Project previously approved by the Plan Commission on September 9, 2021. Revisions to the Development Plan include minor panel layout adjustments, shifting the substations and O&M building 1/2 mile north, adding 4 parcels of land consisting of approximately 90 acres of agricultural land, and increasing the panel coverage by 50 acres.
The Rose Gold Solar SFES project proposed additional parcels are located in Southwestern Knox Township, northwest of S 1100 West and W 150 South, Township 23 North, Range 12 East, Sections 21 and 28.
A copy of the Development Plan Supplement Approval and all plans pertaining thereto are on file and may be examined prior to the Public Hearing from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except for holidays, in the Jay County Building & Planning Department Office, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian Street, Suite E, Portland, Indiana 47371. Interested parties may offer an oral opinion at the Hearing or may offer written comments in support of or in opposition to the Petition prior to or at the Hearing. Written comments prior to the Hearing may be filed with the Planning Director of the Jay County Building and Planning Department.
Andrew B. Buroker, Attorney for Rose Gold Solar, LLC
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Sports



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In this Dec. 6 photo, Jay County High School senior Ethan Dirksen attempts to shoot in front of Fort Recovery defenders Owen Schoen and Cale Rammel (right) during the first half against the Indians at Fort Site Fieldhouse. Dirksen, who helped the Patriots set the record for wins in a season, was named honorable mention All-State by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

One step closer

Portland's Williams has qualified for CrossFit quarterfinals

By CHRIS SCHANZ
The Commercial Review

A local competitor is one step closer to the national stage.

Portland resident Pazia Williams, a 2010 Jay County High School graduate, has qualified for the 2022 NoBull CrossFit Games quarterfinals.

"This past year I set a goal: make it to the quarterfinals in 2022," Williams said in a statement. "After being 1% short of the cutoff last year, I knew it was within reach if I put in the work."

"After a year of work I am extremely grateful to say I have reached my goal. I am headed to quarterfinal this weekend."

To qualify, the 30-year-old former Huntington University basketball standout had to place in the top 10% of female competitors in the 16-to-34 age group in North America by completing three workouts.

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Dirksen named All-State

Ethan Dirksen was one of the more prolific scorers the Patriots have had in quite some time.

He received state-wide recognition for his efforts on the hardwood.

Dirksen, a Jay County High School senior, was named senior All-State honorable mention Thursday by the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association.

The IBCA each season selects a Supreme 15 for both the senior and junior classes, as well as 15 players for both large and small school All-State teams.

Additionally, 90 seniors and

Senior who led Patriots to record for wins makes honorable mention list

90 juniors are given honorable mention.

Dirksen started all 26 games for the Patriots, who set a

school record for wins in a season with their 21-5 record.

(The previous mark was set by the 2005-06 state runner-up

team and then matched by the 2012-13 squad.)

The guard averaged nearly 16 points per game, including a career-high 33 points in a win against Southern Wells and 20 or more points on seven occasions.

He reached double figures in all but six games, and was the team's leading scorer in 20 contests.

Dirksen finished with 4.5 assists per game, which was tied for 43rd in the state according to MaxPreps.

His 5.8 rebounds per game ranked second on the team behind Dusty Pearson.

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