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## Two seek auditor nomination

*(Editor's note: This is part of a series of election-related stories that will run prior to early voting beginning Tuesday.)*

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Two Portland residents are vying for the county auditor position.

Republicans Emily Franks and Kristi Morningstar will face off in the May primary for their party's nomination for Jay County Auditor.

Franks, who has worked in the auditor's office for about eight years, was selected early this month to fill out former auditor Anna Culy's term

### Franks and Morningstar will meet in GOP primary

through the end of the year. Culy resigned March 4 to pursue a career at Indiana Department of Local Government Finance. Franks, a 2009 Jay County High School graduate, was the only applicant for the position.

She earned her bachelor's

degree in political science and experience design from the University of Indianapolis. While in college, she worked part-time in the university's accounting office.

A 2006 graduate of Jay County High School, Morningstar moved to Richmond to pursue

nursing school and graduated with an associate's degree in nursing from ITT Technical Institute. She returned to Portland to live with her fiancé, Ryan Sheffer.

Morningstar started working for Bowen Center — it's a mobile treatment center for mental and physical health conditions — in 2019. She worked with patients ranging from 4 years old to 70 years old.

"I've definitely experienced different ways to assist people," she said.

Franks started as a part-time employee in the auditor's office in 2008 and continued

working part-time for the county — she worked in the auditor's office, Jay County Sheriff's Office and Jay County Purdue Extension Office — through her summer breaks. Since April 2014, she's been working full-time as general ledger and bookkeeper for the auditor's office.

"It just kind of seemed like a natural progression," said Franks of running for county auditor. "I've just continued to learn more and more in the office ... this kind of just seemed like the natural next step."

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### Special grin

Randy Lucas, center, passes the ball to Martha Loper while Portland Police officers John "Brandon" Hankins, at right, and Mitchel Rigby guard during a Special Olympics basketball game Tuesday at Jay Community Center. Local law enforcement and emergency responders are planning to host a basketball tournament with the group May 12. Freewill donations for Special Olympics will be accepted at the door.

## 'All clear' given on flu outbreak

By MIKE GRANT

Washington Times Herald

A sigh of relief is moving through farms this week as the Indiana Board of Animal Health has given the "all clear" after an outbreak of Avian flu in southwestern Indiana.

"Absolutely a feeling of relief," said Nathan Wagler, a turkey producer in the Montgomery area. "When this happens you just don't know how bad, bad can get. You cross your fingers and keep moving on with hope. It's been the same thing for the last six weeks. We've been covering our bases and just hope it gets better. Good news is that it sounds like it is getting better."

The Indiana Board of Animal Health has been monitoring six farms, four in Dubois and two in Greene County. The first outbreak was in early February. Now, officials have released the quarantine areas that had extended to 6.2 miles around the infected locations. In total 171,224 birds were euthanized in the fight against the flu.

For farmers in between those two counties, the time has been difficult, and has led to some ramped up biosecurity.

"After the outbreak in 2015 we got used to a newer concept. So, with what happened the last few weeks it was not hard to adapt to the rules because for the most part we were already doing them," said Wagler. "Avian flu is scary for turkey producers. It is like a bad dream and it is good to wake up."

With the cases being in Greene and Dubois counties the belief is that the problems were brought in by migratory birds.

"That is a head scratching situation," said Wagler. "Among the farmers the theory is that it was the result of migrating birds. You have the Goose Pond in Greene County and Patoka Lake in Dubois County. The migratory birds do seem to be the culprit."

National turkey officials agree that the problem appeared to have come in on birds returning north for the summer.

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## Shelling tempers optimism

### Russia continues to attack in areas where it vowed to scale back

By NEBI QENA and YURAS KARMANAU

Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian forces pounded areas around Ukraine's capital and another city overnight, regional leaders said today, just hours after Moscow pledged to scale back military operations in those places. The shelling further tempered optimism about any progress in talks aimed at ending the punishing war.

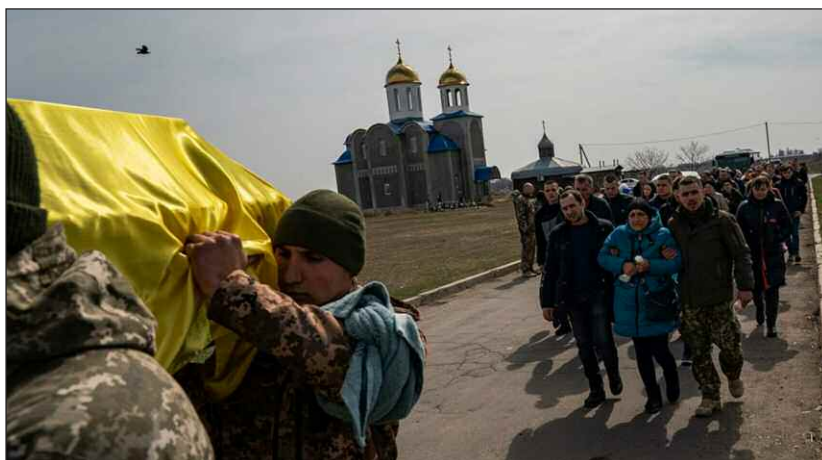
Russia did not spell out what exactly it planned to do differently, and while the promise initially raised hopes that a path toward peace was coming into view, Ukraine's president and others cautioned that the remarks could merely be bluster.

Ukrainian officials said Russian shelling hit homes, shops, libraries and other "civilian infrastructure" in the northern city of Chernihiv and on the outskirts of the capital, Kyiv.

The barrages came as Britain's Defense Ministry warned that while heavy losses have forced some Russian units to return to Belarus and Russia, Moscow would likely compensate for any reduction in ground maneuvers by using mass artillery and missile strikes. The Ukrainian military, meanwhile, said Russian troops were intensifying their attacks around the eastern city of Izyum and the eastern Donetsk region, after redeploying some units from other areas.

Moscow, meanwhile, reacted coolly to Kyiv's proposed framework for a peace deal, with Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov saying it was a "positive factor" that Ukraine has submitted its written proposals but that he saw no breakthrough.

As the war unleashed five weeks ago by Moscow ground on, so, too, did the fallout beyond Ukraine's borders. The United Nations said the number of



The Washington Post/Salwan Georges

The family of Ivan Lipskiy walks behind his casket, being carried by Ukrainian soldiers, on the way to the cemetery Tuesday. Ukrainian negotiators in Turkey said they had offered a detailed peace proposal to their Russian counterparts, exchanging military neutrality for security guarantees, as Moscow said it would "drastically reduce" military activity near the Ukrainian cities of Kyiv and Chernihiv.

refugees fleeing the country has now surpassed a staggering 4 million, while European industrial powerhouse Germany issued a warning over its natural gas supplies amid concerns that

Russia could cut off deliveries unless it is paid in rubles. Poland announced steps to end all Russian oil imports by the end of 2022.

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#### Deaths

Mark Stump, 82, rural Portland  
Christian Crossland, 5, Portland  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 43 degrees Tuesday. The low was 37.  
Showers are expected tonight with a thunderstorm possible and winds gusting to 40 miles per hour. More rainy and windy conditions are expected Thursday.  
See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

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

#### Coming up

Thursday — Another story in our series of election previews ahead of early voting.

Friday — Results from the FRHS baseball team's game against Mississinawa Valley.



# Obituaries

## Mark Stump

Nov. 23, 1939-March 28, 2022  
Mark Stump, age 82, of rural Portland passed away Monday, March 28, 2022, at his residence.  
Born in Portland on Nov. 23, 1939, he was the son of Harry and Hazel Marie (Perdieu) Stump. He was married on Sept. 3, 1970, to Janet Hough who survives.  
Mark was retired as an industrial arts teacher and coach with Jay School Corporation. He was a Portland High School and Ball State Universi-

ty graduate. He was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene.  
Mark enjoyed woodworking, the harmonica, sports, gardening and camping with family and friends. He was also a ventriloquist with his friend Corky.  
Surviving are his wife Janet; one son, Neil Rinker II (companion: Amanda Moore) of Portland; four daughters, Cindy Bales (companion: Clark Christian) of Berne, Margaret "Meg"



Stump

Chaney (husband: Randy) of Fortville, Carla Rinker (companion: Steven McCollum) of Pennville and Michele Colburn of Bonita Springs, Florida; 10 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren and two great-grandchildren on the way.  
He was preceded in death by a son, Mark Alan Stump; daughter Melinda Hopton; granddaughter Debbie LeMaster; great-grandson Garry Gadberrry III; sister Geraldine Vaughan; and brother Charles Stump.  
Funeral services will be Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 11 a.m. in the First Church of the

Nazarene with Pastor Steven Cecil presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home and one hour prior to the services at the church.  
Memorials can be made to the First Church of the Nazarene.  
The family would like to thank Everheart Hospice, First Church of the Nazarene and IU Health Cancer Center for all they have done.  
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

**Christian Crossland**, Portland, July 12, 2016-March 24, 2022. Private services will be held at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.  
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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.*

## CR almanac

Thursday 3/31	Friday 4/1	Saturday 4/2	Sunday 4/3	Monday 4/4
<b>50/32</b>	<b>45/29</b>	<b>53/37</b>	<b>54/38</b>	<b>57/42</b>
Shows are likely Thursday with a 60% chance of rain. Wind gusts may reach 40 mph.	Friday's weather looks to be partly sunny with wind gusts as high as 25 mph.	There's a 30% chance of rain after 3 p.m. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high near 53.	Sunday's forecast shows partly sunny skies with a low around 38.	Monday has a 30% chance of rain. Otherwise, partly sunny with a low around 42.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$206 million	Quick Draw: 6-17-18-20-22-23-24-29-31-32-35-40-41-44-50-55-57-64-74-75 Cash 5: 14-24-25-36-37 Estimated jackpot: \$215,500
<b>Mega Millions</b> 7-22-36-45-47 Mega Ball: 12 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$70 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 3-4-8 Pick 4: 6-3-3-6 Pick 5: 5-9-6-5-1 Evening Pick 3: 3-5-4 Pick 4: 6-3-9-8 Pick 5: 3-0-8-4-0 Rolling Cash: 21-27-29-33-35 Estimated jackpot: \$197,000
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 4-3-0 Daily Four: 5-2-8-2 Quick Draw: 3-4-7-9-13-19-20-22-28-34-39-42-50-57-59-63-66-67-68-69 Evening Daily Three: 0-1-6 Daily Four: 5-2-7-0	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.27 April corn.....7.27 Wheat.....8.22	Wheat.....9.41 April wheat.....
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.32 April corn.....7.32 May corn.....7.37	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.10 April corn.....7.10 Beans.....16.47 April beans.....16.47 Wheat.....9.34
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.98 April corn.....6.98 Beans.....16.52 April beans.....16.52	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.08 April corn.....7.08 Beans.....16.13 April beans.....16.13 Wheat.....9.24

## Today in history

**On March 30, 1981**, President Ronald Reagan was shot and seriously injured outside a Washington, D.C., hotel by John W. Hinckley Jr.; also wounded were White House press secretary James Brady, Secret Service agent Timothy McCarthy and a District of Columbia police officer, Thomas Delahanty.  
**In 1842**, Dr. Crawford W. Long of Jefferson, Georgia, first used ether as an anesthetic during an operation to remove a patient's neck tumor.  
**In 1867**, U.S. Secretary of State William H. Seward reached agreement with Russia to purchase the territory of Alaska for \$7.2 million, a deal ridiculed by critics as "Seward's Folly."  
**In 1870**, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which prohibited denying citizens the right to vote and hold office on the basis of race, was declared in effect by Secretary of State Hamilton Fish.  
**In 1972**, a shotgun blast struck the radiator of deputy Gene Dorman's car when it was sitting near New Mount Pleasant Church, according to a report from Jay County Sheriff Harold Loy.  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.	4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, School-house Community Center.
<b>Tuesday</b> 4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	

# Holcomb visited refugee camp

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indiana's state government is selling off nearly \$150 million of Russian-related investments as the governor said he's looking at ways the state could help Ukrainian refugees fleeing from the Russian invasion of their country.  
The divestment announcement came with Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb on Monday visiting a refugee camp for hundreds of Ukrainians in Slovakia as he started a weeklong trade mission trip to that European NATO country and Israel.  
Holcomb said he would talk with Slovakian officials about what assistance Indiana could provide. He said he's open to Ukrainian refugees com-

ing to Indiana, but federal leaders will decide whether to relocate Ukrainians to the United States.  
"You have the whole world saying, 'We want to help.' And sometimes that can be overwhelming in and of itself," Holcomb told The (Northwest Indiana) Times in an online interview. "We've got to be focused on the need that's right now and that's on the ground, and that's where we can help."  
The state's divestment action comes after Holcomb ordered a review of state financial ties to Russia following last month's invasion, with numerous states looking to take similar actions. The \$147 million in Russian-linked investments is a

small fraction of the \$55 billion of investments overseen by the Indiana Public Retirement System.  
The Republican governor earlier this month also signed into law a bill approved by state lawmakers blocking Russian-controlled businesses from acquiring property in Indiana for one year.  
Holcomb said the U.S. and its allies must stand with Ukraine against Russian President Vladimir Putin.  
"I think the sooner he leaves the international stage the better for humanity, and if he wants to put his people first he would do just that," Holcomb said. "I don't think we can believe anything Putin says. His actions prove he's not trustworthy."

# Auditor ...

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When the coronavirus pandemic started in March 2020, Morningstar decided to stay at home with her daughter. She said she's always wanted to join local politics, and she enjoys working with numbers. She said she's a detailed-oriented person who often used calculations to figure out medication dosage amounts for patients while in nursing school. She also helps her fiancé with finances for

his business, Sheffer Property Maintenance.  
Franks noted her job has included handling part of the local budget and property tax deductions, along with claims, payroll and other county finances.  
"I just feel like, whether people realize it or not, we're probably handling some sort of their business," she said.  
Although she hasn't worked in the auditor's office before, Morningstar

is optimistic about picking up the role.  
"It's going to be definitely a learning process for me, but I'm willing to dive in and learn," she said.  
Morningstar said she's "dependable, reliable (and) a team player," and she's hopeful that she will be elected.  
"I love our community," said Morningstar. "I think that being able to serve in our community would be awesome and ... ensure that local spend-

ing continues to go smoothly as it has (been) in the office."  
Franks advocates for herself as the candidate with the most background in her field.  
"I think I have the experience, (and) I think I have the knowledge. I care. I think the big part (is) that I do care," Franks said. "To have someone who doesn't know what they're doing could just be so disastrous ... the learning curve is a steep one."

# Flu ...

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"This case is clearly the result of migratory birds," said president of the National Turkey Federation Joel Brandenberger. "The federal government surveils migratory birds and they are looking at the Mississippi valley flyway which covers Indiana. We have seen an increase in wild birds. The number of isolated cases pretty much confirms this was being brought in by migratory birds where we have limited and isolated transmission."  
Those limited cases though still had a big impact on southwestern Indiana. The state tested 1,561 com-

mercial flocks in the region and an additional 452 backyard flocks.  
"The industry in southern Indiana and the state government have shown themselves to be very good with swift responses that help contain things," said Brandenberger. "There is nothing absolute but all of the ingredients are in place to keep this at a small contained event."  
While the all-clear has been announced there are still a few specific things that need to be wrapped up at the farms that were hit by the avian flu. The Indiana Board of Animal Health reports the Dubois County farms still are under quar-

antine until the final steps are completed. Remaining growers are expected to remain on the lookout as the migratory season continues in the Mississippi flyway.  
"We are going to have to keep a wary eye out for other potential threats from migratory birds," said Wagler. "This will keep on until the weather warms up to around 70 to 75 degrees. We will run a little bit of a tight rope for a while."  
Indiana is the third largest turkey producer in the nation.  
"Avian influenza is something the entire industry worries about always and takes precautions against always," said Brandenberger.

# Capsule Reports

**Backing accident**  
A Dunkirk woman backed her vehicle into a Portland woman's car in the Portland Walmart parking lot about 6:26 p.m. Tuesday.  
Valerie L. Ridgway, 62, was backing her 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan out of a parking spot at 950 W. Votaw St. She didn't notice a 2021 Honda Accord, driven by 39-year-old Jennifer R. Randall of Portland, had backed into the lane and crashed her vehicle into it.  
Damage is estimated

between \$1,000 and \$2,500.  
**Deer hit**  
A Winchester man's

vehicle struck a deer on U.S. 27 in Jay County about 9:42 p.m. Tuesday.  
Scott E. Antras, 57, was driving south on the high-

way when a deer entered the road. His 2019 Ram 1500 hit the animal, causing between \$10,000 and \$25,000 in damage.

### SERVICES

**Wednesday**  
**Smith**, Beth: 3 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Thursday**  
**Shawver**, Maxine: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Saturday**  
**Stump**, Mark: 11 a.m., First Church of the Nazarene, 920 S. Shank St., Portland.

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# Season change comes quickly

By KWAME DAWES

Here in the Midwest, on the cusps of spring, on days when I wonder when winter will truly end, I welcome this deftly shaped reminder by David Baker of the season that has just passed.

He dramatizes beautifully the coming of winter and the way it takes hold of us.

Baker's title "Quicker"

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suggests movement and not stasis, something hopeful, even, in the promise that comes with the changing seasons.

### Quicker

the season quicker now  
the darkening—

no longer the leaves  
fluttering down

but the whole shadowed earth  
reaching up, taking hold

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## Academic team competes

Jay County High School Academic Team participated with 15 other schools in the Eastern Indiana Academic League's Conference Meet on February 28. The science team won first place, the math and interdisciplinary team placed third, the fine arts team placed fourth, the english team placed fifth and the social Studies team finished sixth. Academic team members pictured in the front row are Raine Keen and Brooke Stauffer; in the second row are Hannah Boggs, Tessa Miller and Isaac Braun; and standing from left to right are Dartaven Fosnaugh, Ella Stockton, Lucas Lyons, Trenten Hamilton, Syeda Aneesa, James Larrowe, Aaron Witwer, Emma LeMaster, Alex Ardizzone, Lainey Reynolds and Mackenzie Brown.

# Stepmom learns about teen's online activity

DEAR ABBY: I have been married to my husband for a little over three years. I have two teen girls, and he has one. They get along for the most part, but lately my 18-year-old, "Lindsay," and his 17-year-old, "Taylor," have been clashing.

They were brought up very differently, and sometimes it causes waves because I expect more from my girls than he does his daughter. To be fair, my stepdaughter's mother has had some serious issues and has never been a role model.

During one of these clashes, Lindsay told me Taylor has been doing some very explicit and dangerous things online. This was confirmed by her boyfriend. Lindsay, of course, told me hoping to get Taylor in

### Dear Abby



gated this and found it to be true, talk to Taylor. Point out that images she has posted online do not age out and disappear. They can linger forever, which could have serious consequences when she is older and looking at college, getting into the workforce, etc. While she can't change what she has already done, she can wise up and quit what she has been doing NOW.

DEAR ABBY: A close friend has just announced — out of the blue — that she's running for a prominent public office. It's going to be a contentious race, and it's likely to get ugly for whomever runs. She sent out messages this week assum-

ing her friends will be supporting her through our social networks, door knocking, hosting fundraising events and whatever else she needs. She said she's looking forward to working with us.

Abby, the way her announcements are worded, I can tell she's going to be blindsided when I decline her "request." She assumes that because we are friends, I would want her in office. However, in my opinion, she's not the best person for the job, and I have other civic engagements I'm already committed to this year. I also feel that maybe she should have actually asked. Is there any way I can maintain the friendship without supporting the candidate? I don't see what the grace-

ful way out is, and her conversation is already oriented toward "us" vs. "them." — HIDING UNTIL THE PRIMARIES

DEAR HIDING: Explain to your friend that you are already committed to other "civic engagements" this year and, because of time constraints, you can't back out of them. Then wish her luck and send her a small financial contribution for her campaign "in the name of friendship."

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](http://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](mailto:news@thecr.com).

**Today**  
AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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

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

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

**Thursday**  
PTSD SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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

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

call (260) 766-2006.

**Friday**  
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.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, April 1, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

**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](http://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.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.

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.

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Tuesday's Solution

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

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



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# The light sources are everywhere

By JACK RONALD

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It's almost as if we're constantly waiting for a power outage at our house.

I have always had a thing for flashlights and lanterns. As a kid, it was always cool to sit in a darkened room and play the light across the ceiling.

Back in the days when my father was plant manager at the Jay Garment Company, the Talon Zipper Company had a habit of distributing gimmicky, sometimes silly promotional items. When I was about 8, Dad brought home a bright red lantern with some Talon ad

## Back in the Saddle



copy imprinted on it. I thought it was the coolest thing ever.

Trouble was, the lantern used kerosene and my mother didn't want the tank filled. In the long run, that didn't matter because the lantern was simply an object for daydreams on the part of an 8-year-old boy.

Oddly enough, she wasn't uncomfortable with our rather scary Coleman camping lantern, the kind that used its own special fuel and had a pump on the side and made odd noises as it burned the mesh fabric "mantel" that provided light.

I was happier with flashlights and was in hog heaven when I won a gift certificate for an area hardware store as a door prize. I used the certificate to get one of those huge Maglite flashlights that look like you could kill zombies with it. Having it under the front seat of the car was like

carrying a concealed weapon.

Most of its life was spent amidst a pile of stuff beside an easy chair in the family room.

And then the inevitable happened. The batteries not only died but leaked. I'd failed flashlight maintenance 101.

The same fate was true for half a dozen other flashlights stored in the hall closet over the years.

Meanwhile, for my wife it is candles.

There are currently two on the kitchen table, never lit. Three in the family room. And one in the front hall.

Batteries, of course, are not

a problem. But on more than one occasion we've come home on a hot afternoon to find the candles on the kitchen table drooping sadly.

By now, you would think both of us would learn. But no.

Just about the first of the month, I took delivery of an extremely well-designed little flashlight.

It's about the size of a big cigar, and the controls are arranged in such a way that it can be operated with one hand. I love it.

Now if I can just remember to change the batteries on time.

## Hoosiers for Good could set example

Indianapolis Business Journal

Less than a year after the NCAA agreed to let student athletes profit off their name, image and likeness — by endorsing products, promoting brands on social media, charging for autographs, etc. — the benefits and pitfalls of the change are becoming obvious.

Across the country, student athletes have been able to sign with agents or school-endorsed agencies to earn money from their talents in ways that, previously, only their universities, conferences and the NCAA were able to do. We think that is generally a positive.

But, as expected, there are concerns as well — big ones.

Consider that The Athletic, a sports news website, has reported that a top recruit in the class of 2023 has signed an agreement with a school's NIL collective that will be worth \$8 million. The Athletic didn't name the recruit or the school.

Or that an organization of University of Texas supporters has raised a \$10 million fund to provide contracts to Longhorn players. In fact, the group already has launched a program called The Pancake Factory that will offer \$50,000 contracts to members of the Texas offensive line to endorse charitable efforts.

Keep in mind that NCAA rules still prohibit schools — or outside companies or organizations — from paying students to attend a specific university or play a sport. Student athletes can be paid only for their work endorsing products or brands or for allowing their name or image to be used for endorsements.

And it's not clear yet how the Indianapolis-based NCAA will react to some of these moves, which seem like clear violations of the spirit of NIL rules.

But some organizations — including one organized by Cook Group President Pete Yonkman — are taking a different tack.

Hoosiers for Good is raising money with the goal of paying Indiana University athletes to represent charitable organizations. But there's no plan to offer blanket contracts to athletes in key positions on IU teams.

Instead, Hoosiers for Good wants to work with student athletes individually to identify their passions and then match them with causes or organizations they can authentical-

## Hoosier Editorial

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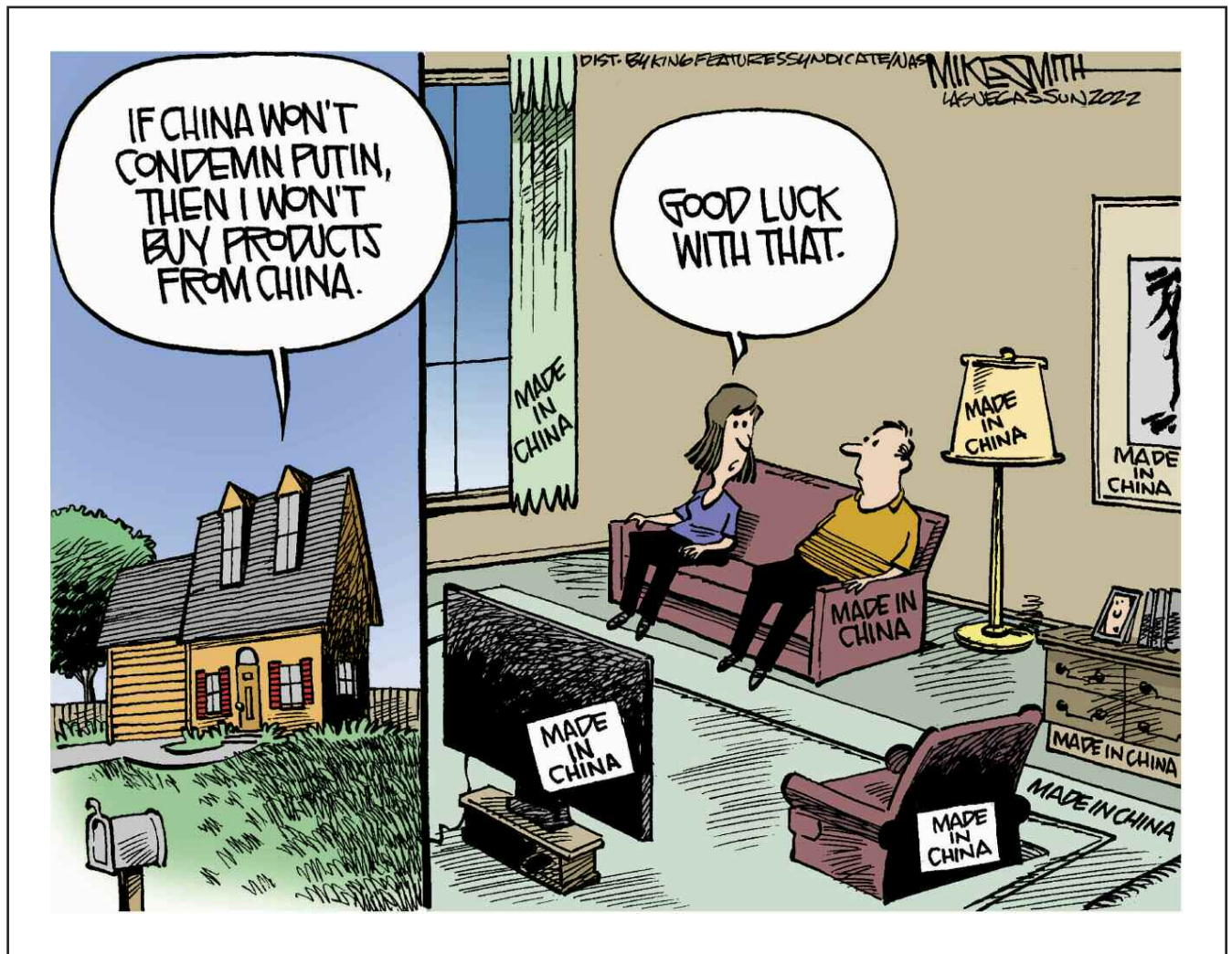
ly represent. And Yonkman seems at least as interested in what the arrangements could do for the organizations as he does with what they mean for student athletes or IU.

On the latest episode of the IJB Podcast, Yonkman said not-for-profits do great work "without the limelight. They do it without the spotlight being shined on them. And they often-times are doing it on very, very small budgets. And what we've seen is that, when you add a little spotlight and you add some resources, folks can achieve even bigger things."

He drew a distinction between the organizations and NIL deals that are being offered elsewhere. That's just not "the Indiana way," he said.

"A lot of schools are running around doing things that we would just not want to be anywhere near," he said. "They're on their face, kind of violating the rules."

We don't disagree. And we're eager to see if Hoosiers for Good can set a different kind of example, one that helps students gain a better appreciation for community involvement and helps not-for-profits thrive.



## Let's ask better questions

By RADLEY BALKO

The Washington Post

The hearings for Supreme Court nominee Ketanji Brown Jackson were, again, a hyperpartisan farce. Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee preened, postured and hurled red meat at their supporters, but there was little discussion of the problems facing the courts that lie well outside the culture wars.

It doesn't have to be this way. Here are eight nonpartisan questions I'd like to see posed to future Supreme Court nominees:

1. In recent years, legal scholars and court watchers have pointed out that Supreme Court justices have gotten important facts wrong in critical cases - such as the accuracy of drug-sniffing dogs, the recidivism rate of sex offenders and the pervasiveness of voting-rights violations. The problem is that there's no mechanism for the court to correct itself, which means these rulings persist as controlling case law despite obvious mistakes. So what should the Supreme Court do when it becomes apparent the facts undergirding a majority opinion were clearly in error? What would you do if you discovered you had written an opinion — especially a majority opinion — that turned on facts you later discovered to be false?

2. This brings up a larger issue with courts in general: an unwillingness to admit their own mistakes. One good example is forensics. Despite numerous scientific studies showing that several fields of forensic analysis accepted by the courts for decades have no basis in science, the courts have been extremely reluctant to admit they were wrong and revisit convictions involving those fields, even at the expense of justice. So how can we encourage the courts to act with more humility? How can we encourage them to correct their mistakes?

3. When the Supreme Court is asked to interpret a law, it often looks

## Radley Balko



to the intent of lawmakers. But as a number of congressional hearings on tech policy have demonstrated, the members of Congress who write and vote on our laws often don't fully grasp (to put it mildly) the subject matter those laws address. Can you envision a scenario in which you would need to consider that possibility when evaluating a statute?

4. On a range of issues, from qualified immunity for police and other government officials to absolute immunity for prosecutors to federal habeas corpus petitions, we've often seen the argument that to recognize and enforce certain rights would overwhelm the courts with lawsuits and petitions. But there is no disclaimer in the Bill of Rights that our rights are only guaranteed if there are sufficient resources to enforce them. When, if ever, do you think the potential burden on courts should be a factor when deciding whether to recognize or enforce a particular right?

5. Similarly, courts have considered the burden on governments when deciding defendants' rights to confront prosecutors' forensic experts, as well as the aforementioned issues of absolute and qualified immunity and federal habeas rights. Should the burden on state, local, or federal governments ever be a factor when deciding whether to recognize or enforce a particular right?

6. Speaking of burdens, legal scholars warn that the federal courts are overworked, mostly because Congress has failed to create new federal judgeships to keep up with increases in population and the increasing com-

plexity of federal law. Do we need more federal judges?

7. Most people think that when an issue comes before a criminal court, the prosecution makes its arguments, the defense makes its arguments, and the judge then carefully considers both, reaches a decision, and writes an opinion explaining his or her decision. But in numerous cases in some parts of the country, instead of writing their own opinions, judges simply have put their name on the prosecution's brief and adopt it as their opinion, verbatim. Some judges have done this before the defense has even filed its own brief on the matter, which of course means they never bothered to consider the opposing side. Under current law, there is little the federal courts can do about this. Does this seem fair or just to you?

8. Federal judges are appointed for life. This is to insulate them from political pressure. But life tenure comes with its own set of problems, including the possibility that a judge or justice may refuse to step down despite being mentally or intellectually unfit for the bench. Currently, it is basically left to the justices themselves to decide when they should retire. Congress could presumably impeach, but that seems unlikely to ever happen. Should there be a process by which some body or even other justices could deem a Supreme Court justice mentally unfit for the bench? Is such a process even possible?

These questions aren't about culture war issues, and aren't amenable to posturing and demagoguery. But they might elicit answers that tell us something substantive about how a nominee would approach the job.

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## Astronaut finishes record 355 days

By **MARCIA DUNN**  
AP Aerospace Writer

A NASA astronaut caught a Russian ride back to Earth today after a U.S. record 355 days at the International Space Station, returning with two cosmonauts to a world torn apart by war.

Mark Vande Hei landed in a Soyuz capsule in Kazakhstan alongside the Russian Space Agency's Pyotr Dubrov, who also spent the past year in space, and Anton Shkaplerov. Wind blew the capsule onto its side following touchdown, and the trio emerged into the late afternoon sun one by one.

Vande Hei, the last one out, grinned and waved as he was carried to a reclining chair out in the open Kazakh steppes.

"It's beautiful out here," said Vande Hei, putting on a face mask and ballcap.

Despite escalating tensions between the U.S. and Russia over Vladimir Putin's war with Ukraine, Vande Hei's return followed customary procedures. A small NASA team of doctors and other staff was on hand for the touchdown and planned to return immediately to Houston with the 55-year-old astronaut.

Even before Russia's Feb. 24 invasion of Ukraine, Vande Hei said he was avoiding the subject with his two Russian crewmates. Despite getting along "fantastically ... I'm not sure we really want to go there," he said.

It was the first taste of gravity for Vande Hei and Dubrov since their Soyuz launch on April 9 last year. Shkaplerov joined them at the orbiting lab in October, escorting a Russian film crew up for a brief stay.



The Washington Post/Jabin Botsford

## Till bill signed

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., signs the Emmett Till Antilynching Act, which designates lynching as a hate crime under federal law, on March 16 in Washington, D.C. Earlier this month, more than three years after its introduction, the Senate passed the Emmett Till Antilynching Act unanimously. President Joe Biden signed it into law Tuesday. The new law amends the U.S. Code to designate lynching a hate crime punishable by up to 30 years in prison.

## Shelling ...

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy reacted with skepticism to Russia's announcement amid talks in Istanbul on Tuesday that it would reduce military activity near the capital and Chernihiv.

"We can call those signals that we hear at the negotiations positive," he said in his nightly video address to the Ukrainian people. "But those signals don't silence the explosions of Russian shells."

That skepticism only gained ground this morning.

"The so-called reduction of activity in the Chernihiv region, was demonstrated by the enemy

strikes including air strikes on Nizhyn, and all night long they were shelling Chernihiv," said the regional governor, Viacheslav Chaus. "Civilian infrastructure facilities, libraries, shopping centers, many houses were destroyed in Chernihiv."

Oleksandr Pavliuk, the head of the Kyiv region military administration, said today that Russian shells targeted residential areas and civilian infrastructure in the Bucha, Brovary and Vyshhorod regions around the capital.

They weren't the only attacks by Russian President Vladimir Putin's forces.

Russian Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said today that the military targeted fuel depots in two towns in central Ukraine with air-launched long-range cruise missiles. Russian forces also hit a Ukrainian special forces headquarters in the southern Mykolaiv region, he said, and two ammunition depots in the eastern Donetsk region.

The General Staff of Ukraine's armed forces noted intensified shelling and attacks in the Donetsk area, where it says Russian forces were focused on trying to win control over the

besieged city of Mariupol and other cities.

Donetsk is in the eastern industrial heartland of Donbas, where the Russian military says it has shifted its attention. Top Russian military officials have said twice in recent days that their main goal now is the "liberation" of Donbas, where Moscow-backed rebels have been battling Ukrainian forces since 2014.

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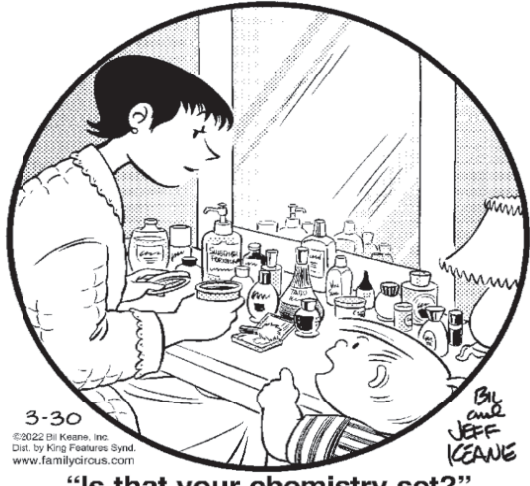
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er's best course of action. South is in four hearts, and West leads a spade, taken by South with the ace. How should he proceed? In the great majority of hands where declarer is missing the A-K of trump, his first step should be to eliminate the opposing trumps as quickly as possible. But that would be suicidal in the actual case. If South leads a trump at trick two, he is virtually certain to lose four tricks and go down one.

Let's say East wins the first heart. He returns a second spade, establishing a spade trick for the defense. No matter how declarer continues from here, he must lose two trumps, a diamond and a spade.

South's only real hope is to somehow avoid the spade loser. To do this, he must immediately establish an extra diamond trick in dummy. Accordingly, he should lead the queen of diamonds at trick two.

West does best to duck the first diamond, but he is fighting a losing battle. After taking the second diamond with the ace, he returns a spade to declarer's king, but South is now in full control.

He leads the jack of clubs to dummy's queen and deposits his losing spade on the king of diamonds. The trumps can then be drawn in comfort, and South finishes with 10 tricks.

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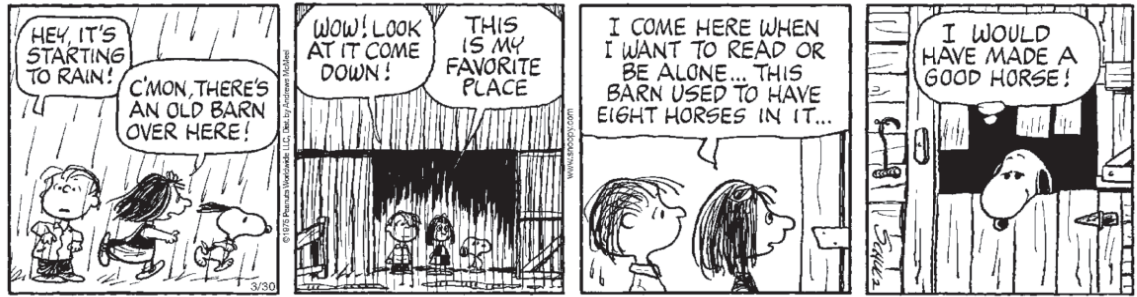
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Opening lead — jack of spades. The question of whether or not to draw trump immediately has no pat answer. The solution depends entirely on what declarer needs to do to eliminate his excess losers.

In general, if declarer has enough tricks in the side suits to assure his contract, trumps should be drawn at once. But if declarer plans to trump his losers, or if extracting the missing trumps will give the defense a leg up in the timing, it may be best to delay drawing them.

Today's hand illustrates the type of thinking that determines declar-

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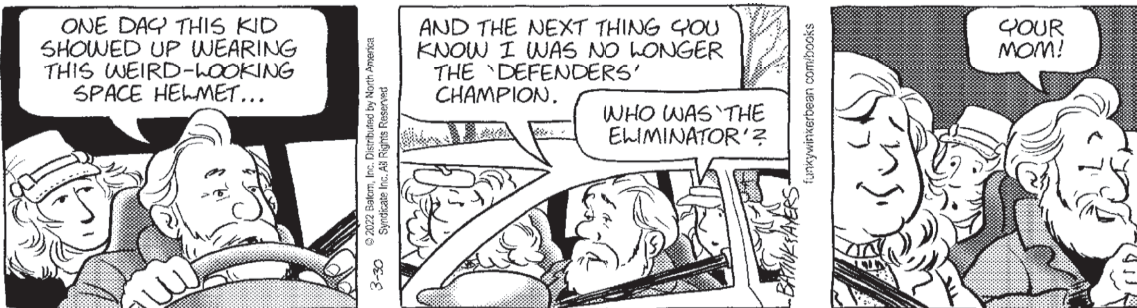
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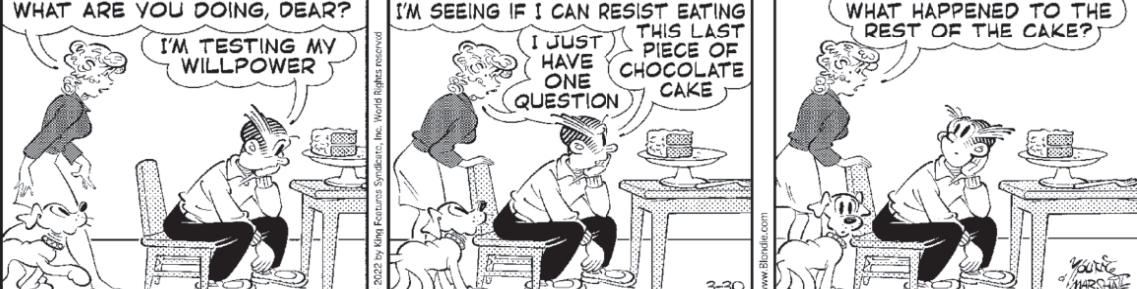
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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# Record breaker

*Pearson extends long jump mark in first meet of the season*

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — Mara Pearson had a breakout year as a freshman.

The youngster became the school's best in the long jump.

One meet into her sophomore season, she's already extending her mark.

Pearson, a Fort Recovery High School sophomore, broke her own school record for one of her two wins Tuesday as the Indian track teams kicked off their season in a quad meet at Marion Local.

Team scores were not provided for the meet that included Midwest Athletic Conference rivals Coldwater Cavaliers, New Knoxville Rangers and the host Flyers.

Pearson, who qualified for the state finals in long jump last season, won the competition Tuesday with her leap of 17 feet, 6 inches.

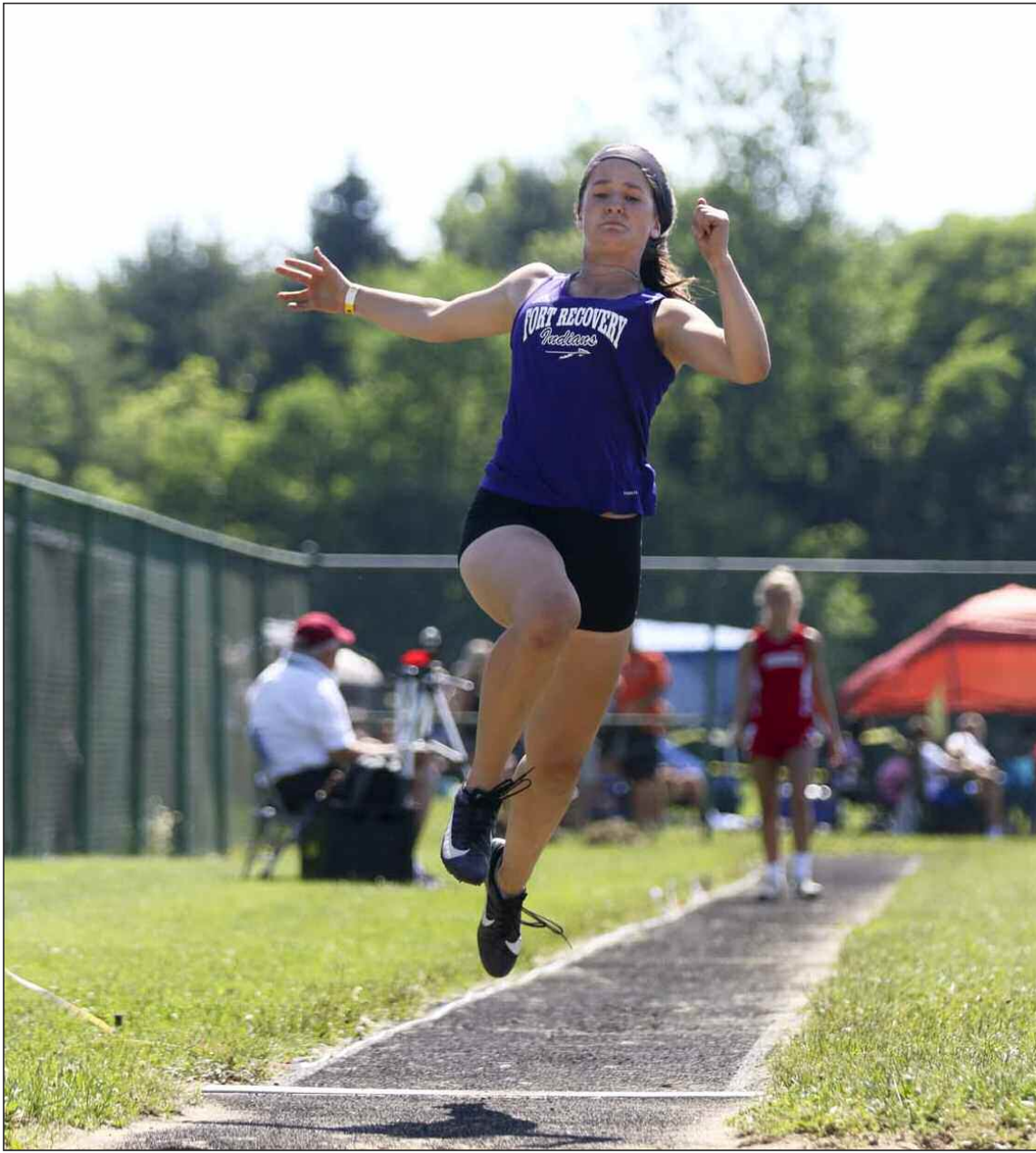
She also claimed first in the 200-meter dash with a time of 28.37 seconds.

Senior Abbie Francis sprinted to a time of 13.26 seconds to win the 100 dash in giving the Tribe a sweep of the short sprint races.

Natalie Brunswick and Ellie Will gave the Tribe a sweep in the distance events. Brunswick won the 1,600 run in 5 minutes, 51.42 seconds, while Will ended the 3,200 run in 13:25.84.

Brunswick and Will teamed with Megan Diller and Joelle Kaup to win the 4x800 relay in 10:36.53.

Trevor Heitkamp had the lone win for the FRHS boys. His time of 10:36.53 was first in the 3,200 run.



The Commercial Review/Chris Schanz

In this June 5 photo, Mara Pearson competes in the preliminaries of the long jump during the OHSAA Division III Girls Track and Field State Finals at Westerville North. Pearson, who finished ninth in the state as a freshman, broke her own school record with a jump of 17 feet, 6 inches, in the season-opening meet Tuesday at Marion Local.

# Indy lands swim trials

By PAUL NEWBERRY  
AP Sports Writer

The next U.S. Olympic swimming team will be decided in a football stadium.

USA Swimming announced Tuesday that its trials for the 2024 Paris Games will be held at Lucas Oil Stadium, the massive home of the NFL's Indianapolis Colts.

The decision marks the end of Omaha's long run as host of the event. The last four U.S. trials, beginning in 2008, were held in the Nebraska city's downtown arena, which seated about 14,500 after the temporary pool was installed.

USA Swimming is going for a much bigger show in Indianapolis. Local organizers have proposed a seating arrangement that would allow up to 35,000 fans — by far the largest ever for the trials.

American swimming star Ryan Murphy, a four-time Olympic gold medalist, joked about having to compete in a rival stadium of his favorite NFL team, the Jacksonville Jaguars. Murphy grew up in the Florida city and still considers it home.

"While it pains me to swim in the stadium of the Jacksonville Jaguars' divisional rival, this will be great for the sport of swimming," Murphy told The Associated Press.

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