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## Artistic appreciation

Lauren Brewster, 17, smiles with her great-grandmother Barbara Smith while standing next to Brewster's artwork at Jay County Campus of Arts Place on Wednesday. Brewster depicted her great-grandmother in the piece she presented at the Regional Student Art Exhibit. Visual arts students from Jay Schools were awarded Wednesday for their efforts in this year's exhibit.

## COVID cases trend toward zero

*Jay County has recorded just two new cases in the last 17 days*

By **RAY COONEY**  
The Commercial Review

Cases of COVID-19 have virtually disappeared locally.

Jay County went the final 12 days of March without reporting a new case of the disease caused by COVID-19. And though there were two new cases reported April 1, there have been none since.

The local decline has coincided with a nationwide downturn for the coronavirus pandemic that has also seen Indiana State Department of Health make changes to its reporting procedures.

Last week, the state department of health announced it would be updating its dashboard three times a week instead of the previous five and that it will no longer use its county metric maps that showed ratings of blue (low risk), yellow (moderate), orange (high) and red (extreme). Instead, it will follow the community transmission measurements issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The state is also no longer tracking seven-day positivity rate, which had been one of the metrics it used to determine COVID risk. It is now using hospitalization rates as its top indicator of the impact of COVID-19.

"The increased use of at-home tests and other antigen tests that are never reported to the state has diluted the value of posting a daily positivity rate," said Dr. Lindsay Weaver, the state's chief medical officer, in a press release. "A better measurement is the impact that COVID-19 is having on our healthcare systems, and our dashboard revisions will make it much easier to see how hospitals are being impacted."

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## Missing couple found in desert

By **SCOTT SONNER**  
and **PAUL DAVENPORT**  
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — A single, desperate cry for help went through to family members too late to save a woman's husband after the Indiana couple had been lost in Nevada's high-desert wilderness for more than a week.

"37.757753, -117.809568. Help." It was a delayed text with GPS coordinates from Beverly Barker, 69, who survived the ordeal and was reported in good shape at a Reno hospital Wednesday, the day after rescuers found her and the body of her husband, Ronnie, 72.

### *Woman survived ordeal that took husband's life*

Their nephew, Travis Peters, said in a Wednesday Facebook post that he can only assume that as his aunt was being airlifted to the hospital — or perhaps her belongings were being brought down the mountain —

her phone came into cell range and the message was sent late Tuesday.

"Now we know it arrived too late," wrote Peters, who has been highly critical of law enforcement for what he says

was too little too late in terms of a search for the Barkers.

The couple was found Tuesday in the mountainous, forested high-desert in the remote Silver Peak area of Esmeralda County about 177 miles northwest of Las Vegas, west of Goldfield and east of the California line.

Both were with the Kia passenger car they had been towing behind a 32-foot motor home before the RV got stuck in mud. They apparently decided to try to continue on in the car before it too got stuck.

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## Trial is suspended

By **AYSE WIETING**  
and **SUZAN FRASER**  
Associated Press

ISTANBUL — A Turkish court ruled today to suspend the trial in absentia of 26 Saudis accused in the gruesome killing of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi and for the case to be transferred to Saudi Arabia, raising fears of impunity for a crime that sparked international outrage.

Khashoggi, a United States resident who wrote critically about Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, was killed on Oct. 2, 2018, at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. He had gone into the consulate for an appointment to collect documents required for him to marry his Turkish fiancée, Hatice Cengiz.

### *Case regarding killing of Post journalist will be transferred to Saudi Arabia*

He never emerged from the building.

Turkish officials alleged that Khashoggi was killed and then dismembered with a bone saw inside the consulate by a team of Saudi agents sent to Istanbul. The group included a forensic doctor, intelligence and security officers and individuals who worked for the crown prince's office. His remains have not been found.

The Istanbul court's

decision comes despite warnings from human rights groups that turning the case over to the kingdom would lead to a cover up of the killing, which has cast suspicion on the crown prince.

It also comes as Turkey, which is in a deep economic downturn, has been trying to repair its troubled relationship with Saudi Arabia and an array of other countries in its region.

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For The Washington Post/Elijah Nouvelage

## Storm clean-up

Harry Bostick and his fiancée, Ashley Jackson, gather belongings salvaged from their home that was destroyed by a tornado as they prepare to leave ahead of another storm on Wednesday in Pembroke, Georgia. More than 38 tornadoes were reported Tuesday, with particularly destructive twisters hitting Georgia and South Carolina.

### Weather

The temperature in Jay County hovered between 46 and 54 degrees Wednesday.

Tonight's low will be in the upper 30s with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. There is a

chance of rain after midnight and then a slight chance of rain and snow showers through noon Friday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

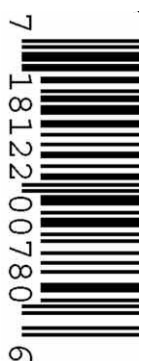
### In review

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

**Friday** — Results from tonight's JCHS girls tennis match against Belmont.

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



# COVID ...

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According to the CDC — it rates transmission risk as green (low), yellow (medium) and high (orange) — all counties in Indiana and Ohio are currently rated low risk. (The ratings are based on hospital beds being used for COVID-19 patients, COVID-19 hospital admissions and the number of new cases.) Illinois has one county at low risk while Kentucky has six and Michigan has nine.  
Jay County had been at low risk for the spread of coron-

avirus in each of the five March updates in Indiana's rankings. The pandemic has been in drastic decline since hitting its peak for cases in late January. Jay County racked up a pandemic high 906 cases of COVID-19 in January, an average of 29.2 per day. It had just nine cases — total — in March.  
Over the course of the pandemic, there have been 4,837 cases of COVID-19 reported in Jay County. The disease has resulted in 71 deaths.  
It's seven-day positivity rate, which had been above 30% in

early February, was down to less than 2% in the last three reports from the state department of health.  
Hospitalizations for COVID-19 are also down drastically. The total in District 6, which includes Jay County, was down to 18 this week after hitting a high of 380 in December.  
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention continues to indicate that vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Boosters are recommended for everyone 12 and older. Last week, the

CDC expanded eligibility for those 50 and older or who are immunocompromised to receive an additional booster shot.  
Jay County continues to rank sixth-lowest in vaccination rate among Indiana's 92 counties. Its rate is just under 40.2%.  
Marion County is highest in the state at 79.4%.  
At-home COVID-19 tests are available for free from the federal government. They can be ordered online from covidtests.gov. (Those who have already received at-home tests

from the government are now eligible to order again.)  
Coronavirus is mainly spread through droplets or particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing.  
The virus causes a range of symptoms, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure.

## CR almanac

Friday 4/8	Saturday 4/9	Sunday 4/10	Monday 4/11	Tuesday 4/12
<b>45/33</b>	<b>43/31</b>	<b>55/41</b>	<b>68/49</b>	<b>66/56</b>
There's an 80% chance of rain and snow on Friday, with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	Mostly cloudy skies with a chance of rain and snow. Wind gusts may again reach 20 mph.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday, with a chance of showers after 2 a.m.	Rain may continue into Monday under mostly cloudy skies.	More rain is possible Tuesday. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a low around 56.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> 6-42-45-47-64 Power Ball: 2 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$268 million	Hoosier Lotto: 3-4-19-20-26-39 Estimated jackpot: \$9.8 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$94 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 3-4-2 Pick 4: 4-5-6-9 Pick 5: 9-0-0-5-2 Evening Pick 3: 7-3-4 Pick 4: 0-0-3-3 Pick 5: 2-0-6-8-3 Rolling Cash: 4-6-26-29-36
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 3-9-6 Daily Four: 6-3-8-9 Evening Daily Three: 5-2-5 Daily Four: 0-4-8-0 Quick Draw: 4-7-13-15-16-19-27-32-33-45-46-56-57-63-67-68-69-75-78 Cash 5: 2-8-17-32-42	Classic Lotto: 2-7-13-22-29-31 Kicker: 2-6-2-9-5-3 Estimated jackpot: \$25.2 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.45 May corn.....7.48 Wheat.....8.38	Wheat.....9.41 May wheat.....9.41
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.49 May corn.....7.59 June corn.....7.64	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.30 Late April corn.....7.33 Beans.....16.19 Late April beans.....16.19 Wheat.....9.75
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.33 May corn.....7.33 Beans.....16.16 May beans.....16.16	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.33 May corn.....7.33 Beans.....16.00 May beans.....16.00 Wheat.....9.27

## Today in history

**On April 7, 1984**, the Census Bureau reported Los Angeles had overtaken Chicago as the nation's "second city" in terms of population.  
**In 1862**, Union forces led by Gen. Ulysses S. Grant and Maj. Gen. Don Carlos Buell defeated the Confederates at the Battle of Shiloh in Tennessee.  
**In 1915**, jazz singer-songwriter Billie Holiday, also known as "Lady Day," was born in Philadelphia.  
**In 1972**, Redkey High School's annual athletic banquet featured Ball State University assistant men's basketball coach Tom Dobbs as the guest speaker.  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

**Today**  
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.  
5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.  
**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
4 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners special meeting, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.  
5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Jay County commissioners and council joint session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., 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.

## Found ...

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Because of rough roads in the area, authorities opted to have Beverly Barker airlifted to a Reno hospital to be checked out, Mineral County Undersheriff Bill Ferguson told The Associated Press.  
She had melted snow for water and the car provided shelter from temperatures that dipped into the 30s at night, he said Wednesday. "She would get out and go for little walks."  
Family members who reported the Barkers missing have said in numerous social media posts they left on a cross-country trip last month and were expected to return this week to their home in Indianapolis. They said the couple departed Albany, Oregon, on

March 27 and planned to meet with friends in Tucson, Arizona, on March 29.  
One of four aircraft that had been searching for the couple with the Civilian Air Patrol spotted the RV from the air about midday on Tuesday.  
"Due to the remote area where the motorhome was located it took several hours for (search and rescue) teams to reach it," the Esmeralda County sheriff's office said in a statement Wednesday.  
"After a search of the motorhome, it was determined foul play was not involved," it said. It said the teams then found tire tracks they were able to follow to the Kia about 2 miles away.  
Esmeralda County sheriff's offi-

cials haven't responded to requests for additional information.  
Ferguson said he has no idea how the couple ended up where they did.  
"What led them down that path, I don't know. I don't know if it was GPS or Google. I don't know why they were there," Ferguson said.  
"It was just one bad decision after another," he said. "At some point I would have thought they would have stopped sooner and disconnected the car. They probably lost their direction, took a wrong turn and then the car became stuck."  
Ferguson said the couple had video that indicated they were in the Silver Peak area since March 27, but he didn't have information on when Ronnie Barker died or the cause of his death.

## Suspended ...

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Some media reports have claimed that Riyadh has made improved relations conditional on Turkey dropping the case, which had inflamed tensions between two countries.  
The move would pave the way to a resolution of disputes between the two regional heavyweights since the 2011 Arab Spring, including Turkey's support for Islamist movements like the Muslim Brotherhood, which Riyadh considers a terrorist group.  
Turkey also sided with Qatar in a diplomatic dispute that saw Doha boycotted by Bahrain, Egypt,

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.  
Last week, the prosecutor in the case recommended that it be transferred to the kingdom, arguing that the trial in Turkey would remain inconclusive.  
Turkey's justice minister supported the recommendation, adding that the trial in Turkey would resume if the Turkish court is not satisfied with the outcome of proceedings in the kingdom.  
It was not clear, however, if Saudi Arabia, which has already put some of the defendants on trial behind closed doors, would open a new trial.

## Delaware County officer was fired

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — A correctional officer at the Delaware County jail has been fired after allegedly firing a PepperBall into a cellblock, striking a prisoner with the projectile, authorities said Wednesday.  
The officer "discharged a PepperBall launcher with inert powder from the jail's control room into one of the cellblocks," Jeff Stanley, chief deputy of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office, said in a news release.  
"One inmate was struck in the back by one of the projectiles which resulted in minor bruising but didn't require medical attention," Stanley said.  
"The Delaware County Sheriff's Office in no way condones unlawful or punitive uses of force by deputies or correctional staff," the release said.  
PepperBalls are projectiles that break on impact and disperse an irritating powder.  
The name of the jail officer hasn't been released.  
Indiana State Police have been asked to conduct an independent investigation of the incident.

### SERVICES

**Today**  
**Gaunt**, Audrey: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

**Friday**  
**Franklin**, Gregory: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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## Journalist will speak in Muncie

An award-winning broadcast journalist and author will be visiting Muncie on Monday.

John Quiñones, an award-winning broadcast journalist and author, will be speaking at Ball State University as a part of the college's David Letterman Distinguished Professional Lecture and Workshop Series.

Quiñones' career extends 33 years at ABC News, which includes anchoring TV News magazines "20/20" and "Primetime," hosting "What Would You Do?" and writing his latest book, "What Would You Do? Words Of Wisdom About Doing The Right Thing." He has won seven Emmy awards for reporting, along with a Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Hispanic Media Coalition, and a Guerra Lifetime Achievement Award from the San Antonio Association of Hispanic Journalists.

His lecture, "From the Barrio to Network Television: The Power of Never Taking 'No' for an Answer," begins at 7 p.m. Monday in Pruis Hall. The event is free to the public, but tickets are

### Taking Note

required for entry. Tickets may be purchased from Emens Auditorium box office or by calling (765) 285-1539.

More information is available on Ball State University's online event calendar at [bsu.edu/calendar](http://bsu.edu/calendar).

### Good Friday service

A Good Friday service for the community is set for next week in Fort Recovery.

The service will begin at 7 p.m. April 15 in Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Wayne St. WPGW radio will also have a live broadcast of the event.

Offerings will be collected during the service for assisting individuals and families in the Fort Recovery community and for scholarships for Fort Recovery High School graduates. Three scholarships will be awarded this year.

For more information, call the church at (419) 375-4498.

## Man wishes for male friends

DEAR ABBY: I am a 47-year-old gay man. I'm well-educated, but there's something I can't figure out. Why do straight guys NOT want to be friends? I never hit on them, I enjoy a lot of the same pastimes like games, working on cars, etc. I want to be transparent, but when I tell them upfront, they disappear.

Sometimes it gets back to me that they thought I was asking them on a date if I invited someone to go to a ballgame, for example. I have plenty of female friends, but what I really want is a male best friend or, hell, just a male friend, period.

Of course, everyone has their own opinions on what I should do — "join a meeting, a group, social activities and blah blah." I have done all of those things, and I can't figure out what's wrong. I have now learned to just keep my mouth shut and not invite anyone to do anything.

Any suggestions would be welcomed, but I have pretty much tried everything, including seeing a counselor. — CURIOUS IN OKLAHOMA

**DEAR CURIOUS: The problem you're having with straight men may be that they are nervous about being perceived as "gay by association" if they are friendly with you. Some may also find the concept of being friends with a gay man to be threat-**

### Dear Abby



**ening. Taking part in group activities and outings is certainly a way to connect with others regardless of sexual orientation.**

**Eventually, you'll meet people and form friendships. In the meantime, appreciate those female friends of yours and ask them for some input, too.**

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DEAR ABBY: This has been a rough pandemic for all of us. We have all experienced the constant fear of disease, job loss and the pressure to react to those stresses in prescribed ways that aren't always easy. For those of us who deal with mental health issues on the best of days, it has become a real struggle.

I have a group of friends who have not managed to do well through it all. Previous issues multiplied, and their lives have become pitiable messes. Early on in the pandemic, we attempted to keep moods up with weekly Zoom hangouts. It helped a little, but because my mental status has always been a little bet-

ter than theirs, I was never a focus of support. As the world has begun to open up, we have been able to see each other in person, and it has become obvious to me that I need to distance myself from them to protect what I have worked so hard to maintain. Do I owe them an explanation about why I cannot be with them? I worry that pointing out that things are not good would drag them down further.

These are people I have known for decades, but I don't have the energy to act as emotional support for them anymore. I'd like to leave them in the best shape I can. What should I say to them? — CARING FRIEND IN THE EAST

**DEAR CARING FRIEND: Be less available when you are contacted. When you do, your excuse should be truthful. Say you need time to yourself to work on your own mental health issues and therefore will be less available.**

**You do not have to apologize for it, nor should you feel guilty for taking care of yourself.**

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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.

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

## 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

**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 - BRIANNA'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.

**PORTLAND LIONS CLUB** — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at

Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

**FORGET-ME-NOT** — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

### Saturday

**JAY COUNTY REPUBLICANS** — Will host a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at Richards Restaurant in Portland. State Rep. Matt Lehman of Berne will be the guest speaker.

### 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 West 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.

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

**JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION** — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

**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.

**REDISCOVERING JOY** — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email [rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com).

# Find Local Businesses & Services

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<b>Home Idea Center</b> 901 Industrial Dr. Ft. Recovery, OH 419-375-4951 <a href="http://www.ehomeidea.com">www.ehomeidea.com</a>		

# Maybe a new industry can bloom

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Kevin of Kokomo is not known in economic development circles, but he is a titan among the state's fashion designers.

During the coronavirus pandemic, when we all had to remain at a distance from others, Kevin clothed models in sandpaper impregnated with camphor. It was most effective.

Well, Kevin sends me an email a few days ago and says our general assembly and governor blessed Hoosiers with a boost in an emerging niche industry. You know how we've tried to get ahead of the curve on medical technology, pharmaceuticals, electric vehicles and tomato paste.

Kevin says the new law —

## Eye on the Pie



actually not new, but new to Indiana — lets folks carry handguns where and when and how they so choose, without a license. It's just the economic boost we've got to take advantage of before we are aced out by other fashion-conscious states.

Most of the attention during the debate over this law — such debate as there was because the legislators didn't have much say about the inherent wisdom of

the act — well, that debate imagined overweight men with vests and skinny men with cowboy boots as the ones carrying guns. They forgot all about the other folks over age 18 who would take advantage of their new freedom.

If you remember, a few years back, there were TV stories about women who had clothes specially designed for the gun-carrying gal. And it wasn't just purses, jeans and petite holsters.

Kevin says the market could be phenomenal with young adults as well as geriatric gun owners nationwide. To beat the competition, we must prepare to export Hoosier-designed and Hoosier-fabricated clothes to freedom-loving people all over the globe.

There may be big money already going in this direction with assistance from the Indiana Economic Development Whatever and a bunch of insiders. But folks in Kentland, Grabbill, Lexington and Haubstadt shouldn't be denied this opportunity for a resurgence of "cottage industries."

What consumers will demand falls into several major groups. Most people carrying guns will want their weapons visible, demonstrating their concern for the safety of others. Alternatively, another market segment seeks to disguise their explosive possessions until they can effect a rapid and startling unveiling before commencing fire.

Defensive attire will be immensely popular. Our north-

ern counties can make lightweight steel armor, in riotous colors, in a multitude of traditional and contemporary styles. These protective garments should hit the market as quickly as possible before the effective date of the law — July 1. Kevin claims he's already designed a very sleek head covering from Kevlar suitable for any occasion.

The time has come to establish Indiana as the premier state for free-range gun owners and their targeted victims to enjoy Hoosier-designed and Hoosier-made garments.

Let's get with it.  
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# Walker, Wooden both made history

Terre Haute Tribune-Star

Every NCAA basketball tournament makes some sort of history. America and much of the world stays glued to their TV — and digital screens, these days — to watch it happen.

This year's tournament has attracted an average of 9 million viewers per game, according to CBS. The annual win-or-go-home competition is aptly known as "March Madness."

Yet, another college basketball postseason tournament made history before the NCAA or the National Invitation Tournament.

College hoops' most groundbreaking moment belonged to Clarence Walker, a sophomore reserve guard from Indiana State Teachers College (which became Indiana State University), playing in the National Association of Intercollegiate Basketball tournament for small colleges.

John Wooden, Indiana State's legend-in-the-making coach, sent Walker into the Sycamores' first-round game of the 32-team tournament against Saint Francis University.

That move was more than just a routine substitution. Walker became the first Black player to compete in a postseason college basketball tournament that day in March 1948. He and his Sycamore teammates went on to finish runners-up in the NAIB tourney, losing only the title game to Louisville University.

Seventy-four years later, Walker was posthumously inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame. Walker's family and a teammate, Terre Haute legend Duane Klueh, were among those attending the ceremony on March 23 in Indianapolis. Walker, who died at age 60 in 1989, was joined in the Hall of Fame's Class of 2022 by 1980s ISU great John Sherman Williams.

Walker's landmark achievement did not come easily.

He came to Indiana State from East Chicago, the same town in which Wooden previously coached on the high school level. Integrated college basketball teams were rare in 1946, when Walker arrived on the Terre Haute campus. He had joined a talented team, guided by a coach who would later win a record 10 NCAA Division I

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championships at UCLA. Walker landed at Indiana State at a historic time — his first two seasons as a Sycamore were the only two Wooden spent there. Wooden left for UCLA in the spring of 1948. Walker and his teammates won 44 games in those two seasons.

It was not all glory for Walker, though. He experienced Jim Crow-era racism throughout his college years.

A restaurant owner refused to serve Walker when the Sycamores walked into eatery during a road trip. Wooden walked out with his players. When the team traveled to Missouri, a hotel allowed Walker to stay, but forced him to sleep on a cot in the building's smelly basement.

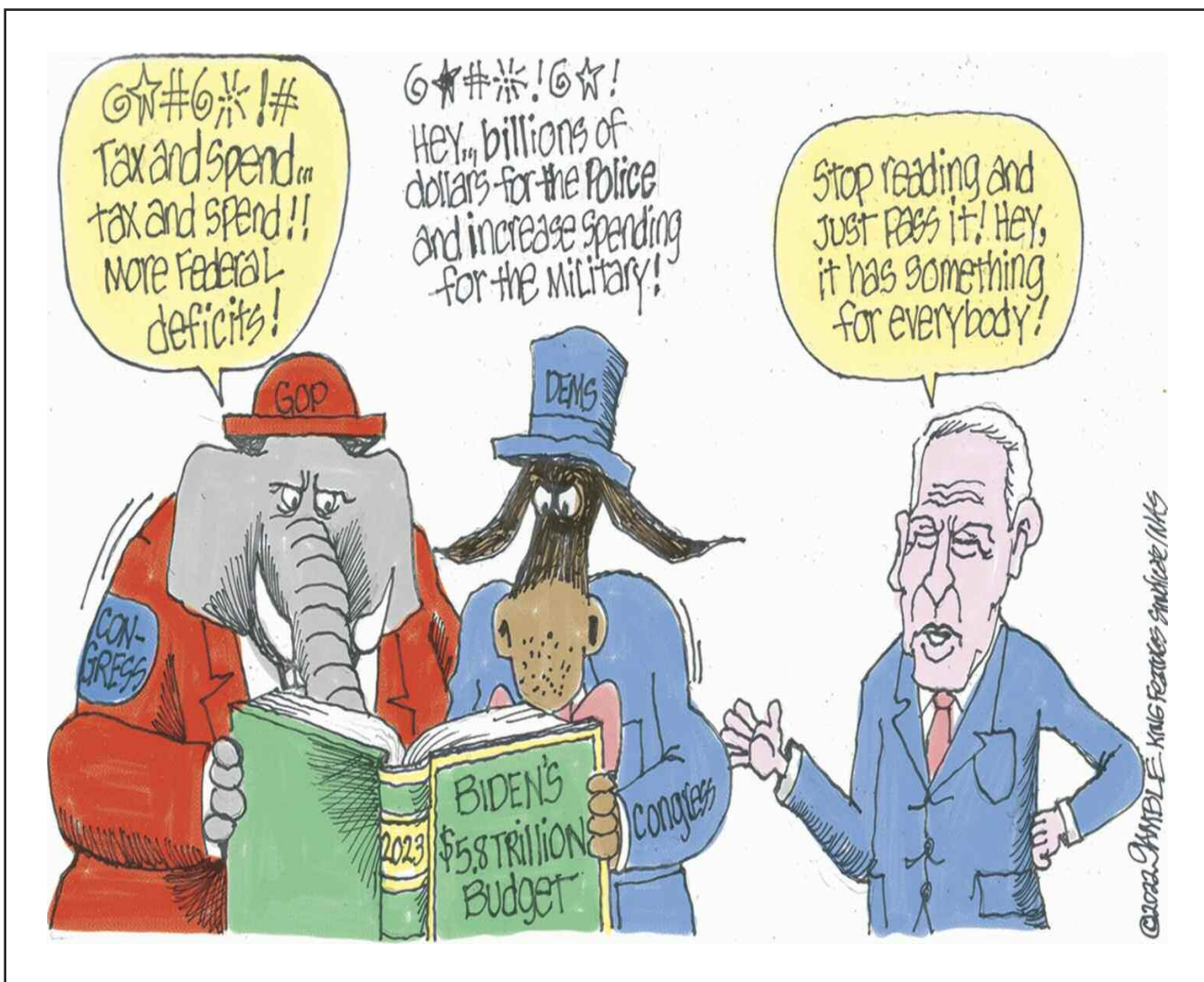
In March 1947, the NAIB invited Indiana State to compete in its postseason event, but the tournament had a whites-only rule. Wooden rejected the invitation. A year later, the NAIB abandoned its racist barrier, and the Sycamores made the trip to Kansas City, setting up Walker's breakthrough performance.

"From there, the floodgates opened," said author Barb Morrow, who wrote the book, "Hardwood Glory: A Life of John Wooden."

The larger NCAA and NIT tournaments did not integrate until two years after Walker played in the NAIB. Decades later, Black athletes make up 55.9% of men's Division I college basketball players, according to a 2018 University of Southern California study.

Walker's achievements did not end with that single postseason basketball tournament. He played throughout his college years at Indiana State and was a starting guard for the Sycamores' 1950 NAIB national championship squad. He earned a Purple Heart for his service in the Korean War, and served as a teacher, counselor and administrator for the Gary schools for 35 years.

Indeed, Clarence Walker opened doors for many others in his life.



# Renewables effort must be tripled

By ANTONIO GUTERRES

Special To The Washington Post

A report released Monday by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change is a litany of broken climate promises. Together with the IPCC's previous two reports on physical science and adaptation in the past year, it reveals the yawning gap between climate pledges and reality. And the reality is that we are speeding toward disastrous global warming of more than double the limit of 1.5 degrees Celsius by 2100, as cited in the Paris agreement of 2016.

In concrete terms, this means major cities under water, unprecedented heat waves, terrifying storms, widespread water shortages, and the extinction of 1 million species of plants and animals.

So far, high-emitting governments and corporations are not just turning a blind eye; they are adding fuel to the flames by continuing to invest in climate-choking industries. Scientists warn that we are already perilously close to tipping points that could lead to cascading and irreversible climate effects.

The new IPCC report arrives in a period of extraordinary global political and economic turbulence that has further jeopardized efforts to address climate change. Energy prices spiked after Russia's invasion of Ukraine, prompting several nations to increase fossil-fuel production. In the long run, that will only make matters worse.

Leaders who claim to be protecting their people by doubling down on fossil fuels are doing the exact opposite: throwing their people to the wolves of energy insecurity, price volatility and climate chaos.

The IPCC report lays out a saner, safer approach, one that would get the world back on track by using

## Antonio Guterres



renewable solutions that provide green jobs, energy security and greater price stability.

This report is a blueprint to bring us back to the 1.5-degree pledge that nearly 200 nations made in Paris and renewed at the COP26 gathering in Glasgow, Scotland, in November.

We left Scotland with a naive optimism, based on new promises and commitments. But the main problem — the enormous, growing emissions gap — was all but ignored.

The science is clear: To keep the 1.5-degree limit within reach, we need to cut global emissions by 45% this decade. But current climate pledges would mean a 14% increase in emissions. And most major emitters are not taking the steps needed to fulfill even these inadequate promises.

That is why this latest IPCC report is focused on mitigation — cutting emissions. It sets out viable, financially sound options in every sector.

First and foremost, we must triple the speed of the shift to renewable energy.

That means moving investments and subsidies from fossil fuels to renewables, now. In most cases, renewables are already cheaper.

It means governments ending the funding of coal, not just abroad, but at home: Stop financing all forms of coal extraction, production and power generation everywhere, including in the form of subsidies. To support major emerging economies

in making this shift, I have been advocating for climate coalitions, made up of developing and developed countries, multilateral development banks, private financial institutions and corporations with the technical know-how to help.

All of us have a role to play in the shift to green energy. Young people, civil society and Indigenous communities are among those who have already stepped up, sounding the alarm and holding leaders accountable. We now need to build on their work to create a worldwide grassroots movement that no one can ignore.

I hereby appeal directly to everyone with an interest in our planet and our future: Make your voice heard, wherever decisions are taken — in political debates, local authorities, boardrooms and at the ballot box.

Demand an end to coal-fired power. Call for renewable energy to be deployed rapidly and widely.

I will be following up on net-zero pledges by private finance later this year. Promises to phase out coal must be backed up by comprehensive plans, without exceptions or loopholes, and with action.

The decisions governments make today will determine the future of achieving the 1.5-degree limit.

A shift to renewables will mend our broken global energy mix and offer hope to millions of people already suffering from the impact of climate change.

Climate promises and plans must be turned into reality and action, now. It is time to stop burning our planet and start investing in the abundant renewable energy all around us.

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A hairsplitting decision

East dealer. East-West vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
 ♠9 4 3  
 ♥A 7  
 ♦Q J 10 8 5  
 ♣6 5 3

**WEST**  
 ♠Q J 10 8 2  
 ♥9 6 5 2  
 ♦6 4 3  
 ♣J

**EAST**  
 ♠A  
 ♥K 10 8  
 ♦A 7 2  
 ♣Q 10 8 7 4 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠K 7 6 5  
 ♥Q J 4 3  
 ♦K 9  
 ♣A K 9

The bidding:  
 East South West North  
 1♣ Dble 1♠ 2♦  
 Pass 2NT

Opening lead — queen of spades.

But the king-of-hearts return put an end to this threat, holding declarer to one diamond trick instead of four.

Declarer took the heart king with dummy's ace, then led a low diamond to the king and a second diamond to dummy's ten. West following with the three and four. Had East made the mistake of ducking the ten, South would have had his eighth trick. But East took the ace of diamonds and returned the ten of hearts, and South could score only seven tricks.

West's play of the three followed by the four indicated that he had started with exactly three diamonds. East therefore had no problem winning the second diamond because he knew South had only two cards in the suit.

Had West been dealt the doubleton 4-3 of diamonds, he would have played the four first and the three next. In that case, East would then have ducked the second round of diamonds, knowing that South had the remaining diamond.

Whether one plays first the three and then the four, or the four and then the three, might seem like splitting hairs, but the fact is that hair-splitting often makes the critical difference in the delicate art of defense.

Let's suppose East had returned a club, which seems the natural thing to do. South would take the ace, establish dummy's diamonds and score eight tricks consisting of four diamonds, two clubs, a spade and a

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 Today's Cryptoquip Clue: B equals E

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

40 Shoe width  
 42 Jolts  
 5 Gratuity  
 8 Notion  
 12 Choir voices  
 13 Old French coin  
 14 Barracks beds  
 15 Gloomy  
 16 Pirates' drink  
 17 Hearty quaffs  
 18 Prom attendee  
 20 Stickler  
 22 Financial pro  
 23 Fanatic  
 24 Slimming surgery, briefly  
 27 Open car  
 32 First lady?

**DOWN**

4 NBC sports-caster Mike  
 5 Plant enclosures  
 6 Hosp. area  
 7 Shoe style  
 8 He flew too close to the sun  
 9 Fictional "Doctor"  
 10 Summers in Paris  
 11 Celeb's aide  
 19 Photo- (media event)  
 21 Bonn conjunction  
 3 Dazzle

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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# Sports



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## Lindy leads

Jay County High School senior Lindy Wood's ponytail flies as she rolls to a dominating win in the 3,200-meter run during the Patriot girls track team's season opener Tuesday against Blackford. Wood's winning time of 13 minutes, 7 seconds, was 34 seconds faster than runner-up Chloe Wicker of the Bruins.

## Ceremonial shots open Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Gary Player, Jack Nicklaus and newcomer Tom Watson have played their ceremonial tee shots and opened this year's Masters.

And they brought a bit of humor to the proceedings.

Player, the three-time Masters champion who has long been an advocate of physical fitness, was first to play. And Watson, part of the ceremony for the first time, couldn't resist having a little fun with Player as he headed to the tee.

"Is he going to do a push-up?" Watson asked. Player responded: "I did while you were asleep this morning."

Nicklaus, the six-time champion, was next to play, quipping that he would be surprised if he could put the tee in the ground without falling over. "Yes! It was success-

ful," he said, drawing more laughter.

And then the stage was set for Watson, who won the first of his two green jackets 45 years ago. He tipped his cap when his introduction from Augusta National chairman Fred Ridley was complete, then asked if he could say a few words.

"I would like to say how honored I am to be with Gary and Jack," Watson said. "I've watched this ceremony many times in the past ... and to be a part of this thing, I'm truly humbled."

Watson is now the 11th person to have served as an honorary starter at the Masters. After he swung away, he joined Nicklaus and Player for an embrace.

"Ladies and gentlemen, the 86th Masters Tournament is officially underway," Ridley said. "Enjoy the tournament."

## FR grad sets career marks

Audrey Guggenbiller ran in two races Saturday. She set new career marks in both.

Guggenbiller, a 2019 Fort Recovery High School graduate, had one top-10 finish and two career-best times for the Tiffin University women's track and field team as it competed in the Tiffenberg Open hosted by Heidelberg University.

The former Indian was ninth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1 minute, 9.21 seconds. It was her first time running the event. Teammate Ines Macadam was the race winner in 58.83 seconds.

In the 1,500 run, Guggenbiller was 16th with a new career-best time of 5:34.49, an improvement of more than 16 seconds from the previous mark she set in May 2021.

Classmate Chloe Will, another 2019 FRHS graduate, also ran for the Dragons in the meet. She was seventh in the 1,500 in 5:13.03. Tiffin's Greta Macadam won in 4:48.03.

### Robby LeFevre Fort Recovery - 2019

Ran for the Fordham University men's track team as it competed in the Colonial Relays on Friday and Saturday at William & Mary.

Individually, LeFevre was 38th in the 100-meter dash with his time of 11.18 seconds. Glenmo Leonard-Osbourne of Marist won in 10.5 seconds.

LeFevre joined Manu Guzman, Jace Krug and Thomas Lewis to place 11th in the 1,600 sprint medley.

### Collegiate Check-up

He was also part of a 4x100 relay that was disqualified for being out of the exchange zone.

### Max Moser Jay County - 2018

Played in a pinch-hit role for the Huntington University baseball team as it swept a doubleheader against the Marian Knights on Saturday.

Moser drew a walk in game one, a 10-6 victory, then had a walk and an RBI in a 14-12 game two victory.

Moser has reached base in each of his last four games. He's batting .333 with one home run, 11 RBIs and five runs in 17 games for the Foresters (14-12, 12-6 Crossroads League).

### Noah Arbuckle Jay County - 2020

Pitched in both games for the Huntington University baseball team as it swept the Marian Knights in a doubleheader Saturday.

In the first game, Arbuckle allowed two earned runs on three hits with one strikeout over two innings. He did not factor into the decision.

He surrendered one earned run on three hits with four strikeouts and two walks in three innings of relief. He was credited with the win in the Foresters' 14-12 triumph.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Softball at Delta — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Bellmont — 5 p.m.; Track at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Baseball at Elwood — 5:30 p.m.; JV softball at Delta — 6:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Delphos St. John's — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Delphos St. John's — 5:30 p.m.

**Friday**  
Fort Recovery — Track at Celina Relays — 4:45 p.m.; Baseball vs. Houston — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.

**Saturday**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Yorktown Invitational — 9 a.m.; Girls tennis vs. Hagerstown — 10 a.m.; Baseball vs. Mississinewa — 10 a.m.; JV baseball vs. Mississinewa — noon  
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Ansonia — 11 a.m.; Softball at Franklin-Monroe — 3 p.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Richmond — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Softball at Huntington North — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Tri-Village — 5 p.m.; Softball at St. Marys Memorial — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Versailles — 4:30 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: The Masters — Round 1 (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — Martinsville qualifying (FS1)  
5 p.m. — Men's college hockey: NCAA

Tournament Frozen Four — Denver vs. Michigan (ESPN2)  
5:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Xfinity Series — Call 811 Before You Dig 250 qualifying (FS1)  
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)  
8 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — Martinsville (FS1)  
8:08 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves (ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

**Friday**  
2 a.m. — Formula 1 racing: Australian Grand Prix — Second practice (ESPN2)  
1:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Detroit Tigers (FOX)  
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: The Masters Tournament — Round 2 (ESPN)  
3:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Oakland Athletics at Philadelphia Phillies (NBC)  
4 p.m. — College baseball: Indiana at Purdue (BTN)  
4:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Cup Series — Pain Relief 400 qualifying (FS1)  
7:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves (BALLY)  
7:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Xfinity Series — Call 811 Before You Dig 250 (FS1)

**Saturday**  
2 a.m. — Formula 1 racing: Australian Grand Prix — Qualification (ESPN2)  
Noon — College football: Purdue spring game (BTN)  
12:30 p.m. — English Premier League Soccer: Tottenham Hotspur vs. Aston Villa (NBC)  
1 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Philadelphia 76ers (BALLY)



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