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Trial moved to July

Portland woman charged with killing, neglecting son

The trial for a Portland woman charged with the death of her son has been moved again.

Chelsea L. Crossland, 27, is charged in Jay Circuit Court with murder, along with a Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death and a Level 1 felony for child molestation. Her trial has been rescheduled for July 17 through July 25. Her original trial date in September was pushed to the end of this month, but after a pre-trial Friday it was bumped again.

Chelsea was charged in March for allegedly neglecting and killing her 5-year-old son, Christian Crossland, as well as molesting her 9-year-old daughter.

Police found Christian dead March 24 in his home at 689 S. Western Ave., Portland. Chelsea told police he fell and became unresponsive.

According to a probable cause affidavit filed in connection to the case, Christian was "severely malnourished, had numerous bruises and contusions on his body and had abrasions and injuries to his face." The condition of their home was listed as "unkept and filthy."

An autopsy indicated Christian suffered blunt force trauma to the head and mouth, and it found evidence he "failed to thrive," meaning he was malnourished and dehydrated.

Chelsea's 9-year-old daughter told police her mother beat, spanked and choked Christian with her hands and other objects, according to the affidavit. She said Chelsea punished Christian by withholding food from him for days at a time. The daughter also told police Chelsea didn't immediately call emergency services after Christian's death and talked about disposing of his body.

Nicholas Riddle, the boy's father, said during a police interview that Chelsea had said before she wished Christian were dead.

Chelsea's daughter also said she sexually abused her for two years, according to the affidavit.

In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years.

A Level 1 felony for neglect of a dependent resulting in death and a Level 1 felony for child molestation when the person is at least 21 years old each carry a sentence of 20 to 40 years with an advisory sentence of 30 years.

Fuqua Chrysler Dodge Jeep & RAM of Dunkirk will be known as Glass Capital Chrysler Dodge Jeep & RAM (Glass Capital Motors) following its sale to Scott Nuttle and Rob Bechtel, owners of St. Mary's Chrysler Dodge Jeep & RAM in Ohio. The sale was announced Wednesday and is expected to be complete next week.

Dealership sold

St. Marys owners buy Dunkirk's Fuqua

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

A local car dealership is being sold.

Rock Fuqua and Scott Manwaring this week announced the sale of Fuqua Chrysler Dodge Jeep & RAM to Scott Nuttle and Rob Bechtel, who own and operate St. Marys Chrysler Dodge Jeep & RAM in Ohio. The dealership will now be known as Glass Capital Motors.

"It was just a great opportunity that presented itself," said Fuqua general manager Scott

Manwaring, who owned a small stake in the dealership alongside Rock and his wife Kathy. "They were the right people. They understand small towns. ... It was just the right fit."

"Rock and I were comfortable letting go to them."

The sale was announced in a press release Wednesday. It is expected to be finalized next week.

Manwaring said the transaction came about organically.

"We were not actively

out there marketing and trying to sell the dealership," he said. "And in the same instance, they were not looking to buy. ..."

"But when we met and the more we talked, it just became apparent that this was a good thing for the future of the dealership in Jay County."

The release indicates that the staff in Dunkirk will remain in place, with Manwaring continuing as general manager.

He said there are plans to increase. He also expressed excitement about the possibility of

exploring new marketing opportunities.

"I think you will see more inventory at this small, little dealership than you have ever seen," Manwaring added.

That opportunity comes from being part of an organization that has multiple dealerships.

The dealership had been in the Fuqua family for 53 years, with Lowell Fuqua purchasing it in 1969. His son Rock began working with him soon after, purchased the dealership in 1998 and has been owner and operator

ever since. It is the only new car dealership in Jay County.

According to the press release, Fuqua, who was unavailable for comment this week, will retire from the auto sales business but plans to remain involved in the revitalization of Dunkirk through various small businesses and the Dunkirk Investment Group (DIG).

"Everybody here is very excited," said Manwaring. "Everybody is on board with the plans for growth. And we wish Rock and Kathy the best."

Retrospect

Ice storm led to various issues

Thirty years ago this week, the community was dealing with the effects of an ice storm.

The Feb. 12, 1993, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of the storm that resulted in schools being closed and Portland residents advised to boil drinking water for the second time in less than 10 days.

An ice storm the previous day resulted in electricity being out for 530 customers, including all of Bryant and Jay School Corporation canceling classes.

Portland water department superintendent Doug Jackson called for the boil order after a 12-inch water main break left some residents with no water or extremely low pressure. The break was in the south 100 block of Wayne Street, about a half block away from a break that had occurred the previous week at the intersection of Wayne and Main streets.

The main had a crack about 8 feet long and was replaced

with a new 20-foot section of pipe.

The situation with the water lines caused a run on bottled water at local stores — assistant manager Andy Holloway of Marsh supermarket said it sold about 110 gallons of water on the morning of the break — and forced some high-capacity users to find other sources.

"We had one guy come in this morning and (he) bought 30 gallons right off the bat," Holloway added.

A Portland Fire Department truck hauled a load of water to JCI Inc., said human resources manager Cline Bryan. He added that disruptions in the water supply had a "terrible" impact on the factory that had about 500 employees.

"This is not a subject that we are pleased about in Portland," he said. "We have too many people and too many obligations to our customers to shut down (the factory)."

Jay County hospital brought in about 100 gallons of drinking water.



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Portland Water Department superintendent Doug Jackson and city employee Donny Myers pause Feb. 12, 1993, at the hole over a crack 12-inch water main on Wayne Street between Main and Water streets in Portland. The break disrupted service, leading to an order for residents to boil their drinking water.

Deaths

John Confer, 62, Portland
Jamie Kelsey, 31, Dunkirk
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 43 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for a high of 43 today under sunny skies. Sunday and Monday will also be mostly sunny with highs in the upper 40s. Lows will be in the 20s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

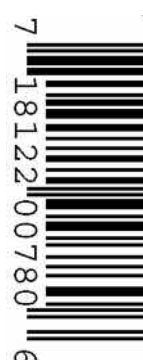
In review

The Jay County High School Band will hold its winter pops concert at 2 p.m. Sunday in the auditorium at JCHS. The show will feature music paying tribute to movies, theater and stage performances.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from today's wrestling semi-state tournament.

Wednesday — Jay County Fair Board announces entertainment for fair.



Obituaries

John Confer

March 15, 1960-Feb. 8, 2023
John Confer, age 62, of Portland passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2023, in IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

He was born in Portland on March 15, 1960, the son of Ralph and Annafaye (Sells) Confer. He was retired from Red Gold in Geneva and was a 1978 Jay County High School graduate.

John had enjoyed working on and racing go karts and working on old cars. Surviving are one son Kameron Confer of Portland, three daughters



Confer

Nicole Fear (husband Shawn) of Berne, Indiana, Brittany Fisher (husband Brad) of Bryant, Indiana, and Stephanie Crouch (husband Rob) of Celina, Ohio, step-daughter Kayla Dobbles of Albany, Indiana, one brother Dave Confer (wife Janet) of Redkey, Indiana, three sisters Virginia Jensen (husband Pat) of Indianapolis, Indiana, Helen Weirich of Cincinnati, Ohio, and Mary Hamilton (husband Dan) of Winchester, Indiana, and thirteen grandchildren.

Funeral services will be Monday, Feb. 13, 2023, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with burial in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Memorials can be directed to the family.

Condolences may be expressed online at bairdfreeman.com.

Jamie Kelsey

Jan. 28, 1992-Feb. 6, 2023
Jamie Kelsey, 31, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away unexpectedly, Monday, Feb. 6, 2023. She was born Jan. 28, 1992, in Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Kenneth Douglas Kelsey Jr. and Sylvia Dawn Miskinis Witt. She attended Jay County schools.

She enjoyed spending her leisure time going to antique stores with her aunt Georgina, rummage sales and the dollar stores. She most enjoyed her time with her children.

She leaves to cherish her memory her parents, Kenneth (wife,

Tandy), and Dawn; grandparents, Jim and Connie Miskinis, and Edith Sue Kelsey; children, Emma and Jameson Wilson; sisters, Chelsea Burress, Nikki Kelsey, Breanna Kelsey; a brother, Doug Kelsey; step siblings, Alexa Dolbee and Dawson Fields (wife, Miranda); and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her grandfather, Kenneth Douglas Kelsey and uncle, Edward Kelsey.

A memorial service to celebrate Jamie's life will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2023, at Wilson Shook Funeral Home,



Kelsey

Dunkirk Memorial Chapel of Dunkirk, Indiana. Family and friends may gather from 2 p.m. to service time on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Brianna's Hope, 115 E. Water St., Portland, Indiana 47371, or at aablh.org. Condolences may be online expressed at wilsonshookfh.com.

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

Sunday 2/11	Monday 2/12	Tuesday 2/13	Wednesday 2/14	Thursday 2/15
48/30	49/28	51/44	64/51	61/23
Sunny, with a low near freezing in the low 30s. The high may hit 48 degrees.	Monday looks to be mostly sunny throughout the day with a low of 28 at night.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a 60% chance of showers late.	There's a chance of rain throughout the day. Otherwise, partly sunny.	Thursday has a 70% chance of showers with snow possible at night.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 5-7-3 Daily Four: 4-8-3-2 Quick Draw: 4-6-8-11-18-21-23-31-34-39-42-44-45-52-54-57-64-73-74-77	Pick 4: 7-9-3-2 Pick 5: 9-3-9-9-2
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 2-7-5	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$34 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....6.91 March corn.....6.91 Wheat7.71	Wheat 7.26 July wheat 7.74
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.92 March corn6.95 April corn7.00	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.79 Late Feb. corn.....6.79 Beans15.30 Late Feb. beans15.33 Wheat7.74
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.86 March corn6.86 Beans15.28 March beans15.38	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.50 March corn6.55 Beans15.05 March beans15.10 Wheat7.41

Today in history

In 1753, Pennsylvania Hospital became the first operational hospital in the United States. Benjamin Franklin co-founded the practice.

In 1818, Chile declared independence from Spain. Its official independence came in April after the Battle of Mainpu.

In 1847, inventor Thomas Edison was born. Edison helped introduce the modern age of electricity, holding a record 1,093 patents on his inventions.

In 1940, William Hanna and Joseph Barbera's MGM cartoon "Tom and Jerry" debuted for the first time.

In 1942, Glenn Miller was awarded the first Gold Record after selling 1 million copies of "Chattanooga Choo Choo."

In 1969, Jennifer Aniston was born in Los Angeles, California. Aniston's fame started with her role as Rachel Green in the TV sitcom, "Friends," which aired from 1994 to 2004. Aniston won a Primetime Emmy, Golden Globe and Screen Actors Guild awards for her performance on the show.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County 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 Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.	7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
Tuesday 7 a.m. — Portland Fireman's Pension Board, Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.	
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	

Object downed over Alaska

By JORDAN FABIAN, IAIN MARLOW and JENNY LEONARD

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

President Joe Biden ordered the Pentagon to shoot down an object spotted at 40,000 feet over Alaska, less than a week after fighter jets targeted an alleged Chinese surveillance balloon that had crossed the U.S. and provoked a national uproar.

The unidentified object, which was about the size of a car and didn't have the ability to maneuver, "posed a reasonable threat to the safety of civilian flight," the White House said. The nature of the craft was unknown though National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said it was far smaller than the Chinese balloon downed off the coast of South Carolina last Saturday.

The Pentagon has deployed planes and helicopters to recover the object, which fell onto ice.

The object was downed off northeastern Alaska, near the border with Canada, in Arctic Ocean waters after being identified overnight. The president was then briefed. F-22 fighter jets flew by to observe it Thursday night and again Friday before it was shot down with a Sidewinder missile — the same type used to bring down the balloon off South Carolina.

The U.S. Federal Aviation Administration imposed temporary restrictions near Deadhorse, Alaska, as part of the shoot-down, barring pilots from a "national defense airspace" stretching from ground level up to 60,000 feet — an altitude far higher than flown by private jets and airliners.

U.S. officials said there had been no outreach to China about the latest object. There is nothing yet to indicate what it was or where it came from, and no evidence it came from China.

Its presence will, however, raise questions of whether there is any link to the Chinese balloon that was identified early last week and which the U.S. argues was part of military-led espionage program in some 40 countries. U.S. crews are working to recover the wreckage of that balloon.

In a separate briefing, Pentagon spokesman Brig. Gen. Pat Ryder said the search crews had located a significant amount of debris from the Chinese balloon, though he said bad weather was keeping them from bringing most of it up from the ocean floor.

He said there was no indication that the two episodes were connected while acknowledging the apparent similarities.

"I think we are all, to include the media and the public, very attuned to balloons at the moment," Ryder said.

The latest drama will only prolong the balloon episode, which has gripped U.S. and global attention since last Wednesday when residents in Montana spotted a white object high above in the sky. The U.S. has since argued that the Chinese balloon was sent deliberately by China to surveil the U.S. and was a violation of U.S. airspace.

Chinese officials have insisted the balloon that was shot down last week was a weather-monitoring device that blew off course. Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Mao Ning said Friday that the balloon was a civilian craft and its transit across the US last week was an "isolated, unexpected incident."

Biden has said the alleged espionage incident didn't seriously hurt U.S.-China relations, even though it forced Secretary of State Antony Blinken to cancel a planned trip and led to an increasingly heated series of accusations from both

sides. Biden has also come under fire from Republican lawmakers who said the balloon should have never been allowed to traverse the continental U.S. for a week before it was shot down.

As the U.S. measures its response, the Biden administration named six Chinese companies to an export blacklist over what it argues are links to the military-backed espionage program. The companies had links to military programs "including airships and balloons and related materials and components," the Commerce Department said.

It said the Chinese military is using high-altitude balloons "for intelligence and reconnaissance activities" that go against US national-security interests.

ABC News reported Friday that the balloon's main undercarriage has been located underwater and is largely intact. The report, which cited U.S. officials who weren't identified, said the equipment had yet to be retrieved.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation released photographs that showed agents examining the balloon's white canopy and helping direct vessels across the water in search of new material. On a call Thursday, FBI officials told reporters the bureau had yet to access the balloon's main payload.

In a series of briefings and hearings with lawmakers on Thursday, U.S. officials argued there was no doubt that the balloon was a surveillance device used under a program run by China's People's Liberation Army. They said it was carrying equipment with sensors designed to pick up communications signals and pointed to the fact that it had hovered over sensitive US military sites during its transit across the U.S.

Teen charged as adult in shooting

By ROSEMARY SOBOL and SHANZEH AHMAD

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — A 16-year-old boy has been charged in the deadly December shooting at Benito Juarez Community Academy,

officials announced Friday afternoon.

The suspect, whose name was not released, was charged as an adult with two counts of murder and two counts of attempted murder, according to Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, who addressed reporters during a late afternoon news conference at Chicago police headquarters.

Additionally, the boy, who was in possession of a stolen vehicle and charged with misdemeanor criminal trespass to a vehicle, was charged with aggravated discharge of a firearm at a school, and multiple counts of unlawful use of a weapon, police said.

Chicago police Superintendent David Brown called the attack "senseless," adding that he has "no clear idea" about motive, but it could involve gang activity, and more details may be disclosed during the boy's bond hearing, slated for Saturday.

SERVICES

Monday
Brelsford, Kim: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Confer, John: 2 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday
Kelsey, Jamie: 3 p.m., Wilson-Shook Funeral Home, Dunkirk Memorial Chapel, 317 N. Main St., Dunkirk.

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Character counts

East Elementary School students were recently honored for demonstrating fairness. Pictured above, front row from left, are second graders Ariel Schlosser, Hazel Skirvin, Owen Michael and Gabe Lutes. Back row are Mercy Brunswick, Anthony Ford, Scarlett Rogers and Pailyn Vance, who was honored for demonstrating responsibility last semester.

Son's situation is troublesome

Dear Abby



DEAR ABBY: My 44-year-old son is a long-haul driver. His girlfriend has 14-year-old and 17-year-old daughters, who are both high-functioning autistic. My son thinks they should have chores because they need to learn to live independently. This is the biggest argument they have.

He says that they should be on the internet for only four hours per day, and that once they graduate, they will have to be on their own. They do nothing around the house — they don't clean their room or pick up after themselves. My son has told his girlfriend that if they don't learn how to do it now, they won't know once they move out. His girlfriend tells him he is right when he says, "You need to find another place to live." But she goes right back to doing nothing to help her girls learn to become independent. She receives child support for the girls and works part time. She doesn't think she should help pay for things "because he makes good money." But these girls are not his. They agreed when she moved in that she would pay half the expenses. What do you think of this situation? — DISGUSTED IN MINNESOTA

DEAR DISGUSTED: Your son's girlfriend promised before she moved in that she would pay half the expenses. She has reneged on her promise, and your son has allowed it. This woman is not only irresponsible, she's a terrible parent by fostering her daughters' dependence. When the girls turn 18 nothing will change, and he should expect to support the three of them until he finally has had enough of this arrangement. If you have shared your feelings with him and he has chosen to tolerate the status quo, then quit wasting your breath. It is his life and HIS CHOICE.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 40-year-old

wife and mother, married for 23 years. I have never been unfaithful. I never even thought of another man until a few months ago. Then, boom! It happened. I have fallen in love with my boss, "Tony." He is four years younger than my husband, and he's married. When I told him how I feel, at first he was shocked and not very interested. Now he's had time to think about it, and he's starting to show some interest.

I am afraid of what may happen if he asks me out. What should I do? Should I go out with him? Is it possible to love one man and also be in love with another? I'm so crazy about Tony that it hurts. I think about him all the time and even dream about him. (I have been known to talk in my sleep.) When I'm making love to my husband, Tony's on my mind. Please tell me what to do. — MISERABLY IN LOVE IN MISSOURI

DEAR MISERABLY IN LOVE: Gladly! Lady, you are playing with fire. Recognize that if you follow through with starting an affair with your boss, it's likely to end up hurting four people, including you. The odds are that your marriage will be history, and Tony could be in for a very expensive divorce. Whether you continue for years as Tony's side piece, or he figures out that a dalliance with an employee is too dangerous, the person most likely to lose out, emotionally and financially, is you. If you're unable to regain your emotional balance, quit your job. If you're lucky, Tony may give you a good reference.

Students honored for grades

Fort Recovery recently named several students to its honor roll for making all A's and B's.

Making the list were seniors Lydia Brunswick, Audra Bubp, Chloe Coleman, Alix Englehardt, Allysen Fullenkamp, Maddie Guggenbiller, Jacob Hartke, Paul Homan, Brooke Jutte, Makensie Kaffenberger, Grace Klingshirm, Parker Klingshirm, Pete Klingshirm, Isaac LeFevre, Derek Lennartz, Luke McCain, Daniel Patch, Ross Pearson, Landon Post, Ava Schoen, Zane Shauver, Carson Sieftring, Amy Stammes, Bo Thien, Isaac Timmerman, Caitlin Weitzel, Lindsey Wendel, Alaina Will and Taylor Will.

Also juniors Lucas Acheson, Wes Bechtol, Arwyn Beitler, Myah Breen, Katie Bruns, Kensey Clark, Kenadie Ervin, Alex Evers, Reece Evers, Kensey Gaerke, Reece Guggenbiller, Jenna Hart, Autumn Jutte, Lydia Kahlig, Allison Knapke, Drew Langenkamp, Joscelyn LeFevre, Rex Leverette, Christian Marchal, Kiana Garland, Matthew Romer, Libby Schlarman, Cole Shoemaker, Riggs Tobe, Cali Wendel, Sage Wendel and Ella Westgerdes.

Also sophomores Layla Bihn, Madison Bihn, Samantha Brackman, Tucker Brockman, Calleigh Crabtree, Evan Evers, Gavin

Evers, Sarah Fritz, Caden Grisez, Brooke Hart, Gabe Knapke, Norah Meyer, Keegan Muhlenkamp, Aleigha Overman, Kylie Post, Olivia Rammel, Zach Schoenlein and Bella Taft.

Also freshmen Ella Bechtol, Douglas Bihn, Aiden Brunswick, Kyla Dues, Zoe Dues, Zach Ervin, Josh Evers, Mallory Evers, Luke Fortkamp, Carson Fullenkamp, Lillie Heitkamp, Jenna Homan, Maleiah Kaffenberger, Dylan Klenke, Reece LeFevre, Autumn Leuthold, Luke Lochtefeld, Anthony Roessner, Dani Schmitt, AJ Sieftring, Jesse Springer, Reece Wendel and Tyler Wendel.

Community Calendar

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

Today

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.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-

FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30

p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 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.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

Sudoku

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5	2							
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	9							
		4	6					5
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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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For Jay County Schools February 13-17

Monday:	Main Entrees: Creamy alfredo sauce with diced chicken, whole grain rotini	Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing	Sides for all meals: Steamed broccoli florets
Tuesday:	Main Entrees: Breaded chicken drumstick, mashed potatoes, chicken gravy	Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing	Sides for all meals: Seasoned corn
Wednesday:	Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat	Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing	Sides for all meals: Tater tots
Thursday:	Main Entrees: Soft beef whole grain tacos, shredded lettuce, shredded cheese	Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing	Sides for all meals: Seasoned black beans
Friday:	Main Entrees: Classic pepperoni pizza	Alternate Entrees: Build your own pizza fun lunch, chicken and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing	Sides for all meals: Savory green beans

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Refugees need what economy wants

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

With a total of 517,000 new jobs created last month and total employment estimates revised up, the country now has the lowest unemployment rate in more than half a century.

The numbers cooled recession fears, and while some economists and policymakers fret that the robust labor gains are going to send us into an inflationary tailspin, inflation indicators have actually been trending positively even as hiring has remained robust. Per-

Guest Editorial

haps some of the conventional wisdom about the need to bludgeon wage and job gains to suppress inflation isn't so common sense after all.

What is common sense is using a pool of available, ready and willing workers to fill a

strong labor need. Thousands of asylum-seekers are waiting a statutorily required six months between when they make their applications and when they can be issued work authorization, languishing even as they beg for the opportunity to fill available jobs and support themselves as they wait for their proceedings to play out.

More broadly, hundreds of thousands of refugees around the world want nothing more than to come to the United States and reestablish lives

here through hard work and entrepreneurship, both filling and creating jobs and growing the economy into a more prosperous one for the country as a whole. Yet a general lack of urgency from the Biden administration has left admissions low and left people in harm's way instead of the relative safety and prosperity of the U.S.

There are some recent positive signs, like the State Department's launch of a program allowing groups of private citizens to directly spon-

sor refugees. This should be just one of many initiatives to get the refugee pipeline reestablished. On some matters, it must be Congress to intervene, including undoing the silly wait time for asylum-seekers to receive work authorization and perhaps, at long last, moving to reform employment immigration pathways.

We can do the right thing by those fleeing violence and persecution, and do right by our economy. Win-wins are rare in public policy, and this is one worth taking.

Without a bill, deaths are in vain

By LEONARD GREENE

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

You would think that after what happened in Memphis, legislators would be tripping over themselves to get to the House floor to pass a new law that promises real police reform.

Let's recap: A motorist was brutally beaten to death last month by a group of rogue cops who blatantly abandoned their pledge to protect and serve.

They punched Tyre Nichols. They kicked him. They shot Tasers at him. They pumped pepper spray in his face, and they cursed him.

They had body cameras on, and didn't stop. They stood under a marked surveillance camera, and took turns slugging him in the face while he begged them to stop, and called out for his mother.

And when they were done kicking and punching, and pepper spraying and cursing, they dragged Nichols along the cold, hard sidewalk, propped him against a parked car, and did nothing to ease his pain.

That's what Congress is doing right now.

Every day that goes by without passage of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act is like having members of Congress shamelessly standing under the clearly marked surveillance camera at Castlegate Lane and doing nothing.

"We need to take some action because there should be no other child that should suffer the way my son did and all the other parents here who've lost their children," Nichols' mother, RowVaughn Wells, said at her son's funeral last week.

"We need to get that bill passed because if we don't, that blood — the next child that dies — that blood is going to be on their hands."

The bill, which addresses racial profiling and use of deadly police force, was passed by the Democratic-controlled House in 2021 but stalled in the Senate over the issue of qualified immunity for cops, as if the general public doesn't qualify for being immune from being abused by police officers.

The proposed law would also ban no-knock warrants in federal drug cases. Police used a no-knock warrant in 2020 when they forced their way into a home in Louisville, Kentucky, and killed Breonna Taylor.

Leonard Greene



'We need to take some action because there should be no other child that should suffer the way my son did and all the other parents here who've lost their children.'

—Vaughn Wells

"We demand that Congress pass the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act," Vice President Kamala Harris said at Nichols' funeral. "Joe Biden will sign it. We should not delay, and we shall not be denied. It is non-negotiable."

President Joe Biden met with members of the Congressional Black Caucus to assure them he hasn't given up on the fight.

To illustrate his commitment, Biden invited Nichols' mother and stepfather to Washington, D.C., for his State of the Union speech on Tuesday.

The president said his hope was that "this dark memory spurs some action that we've all been fighting for."

But some legislators aren't so optimistic.

"I think the president is missing the opportunity to be a historic president when it comes to the social issues that continue to plague our country," said Rep. Jamaal Bowman, D-New York. "That's what we need."

"The solution," Bowman said, is not "thoughts and prayers, come to the State of the Union after your kid gets killed."

The whole point of naming the bill after George Floyd, who mercilessly died under the knee of a Minnesota cop in 2020, sparking a social justice reckoning across America, was so that Floyd's death would not be in vain.

So far, it has been.



It's time to review tax system

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

The legislature is poised to commence a two-year study of our tax system.

There are many fine reasons to launch this process. While Indiana's tax system is generally sound, there are numerous small matters that require improvement.

Overall, tax revenue growth doesn't keep pace with the growth of the economy or the demands of public services. Our income tax is remarkably complex and our sales tax base is narrow and shrinking.

We simply do not tax the fastest growing areas of household consumption. Our property tax system is unnecessarily difficult to decipher and our corporate tax base shrinks as firms change their business structure. There are other problems as well.

We are not alone in any of these problems, and I can point to 30 or more states with similar or worse systems. Still, it is wise to address these glitches, and fixing them entails a broad effort. The coming retirement of public pension debt offers Indiana a chance for bold, comprehensive examination of our taxes. Now is an opportune moment to begin a deliberate and thoughtful assessment of taxation in Indiana.

Any study of taxation will require extensive discussion of the major issues surrounding taxation. That includes how much we tax each of the major sources: property, income and consumption. We'll have to spend ample time understanding how those taxes affect each part of our economy, and how we use these tax systems in a complementary way.

For example, we use exemptions on each tax to insulate the poor from many taxes. Changing one aspect of the tax system affects that balance. We also use the tax system to encourage favored activities, from business relocation to

Michael J. Hicks



saving for college. We also use our tax system to disincentive activities like smoking and gambling. Any change to one part of the tax system affects nearly every business and household. So we'll have to understand what those changes might bring.

Any such study must face questions about the level and quality of public services the state now provides. This is always and everywhere a difficult discussion, which means it must be focused on data and analytics, not emotion and guesswork. There will also be an opportunity to review what we do, and do not know about the effect of taxes and spending on business and household location decisions. This will astonish many Hoosiers.

One motivation for the study is for the elimination of the state income tax. It is too early to comment on the efficacy of that idea. But, a little tax math does offer insight into just how ambitious Indiana can be with state taxes.

Indiana's personal income taxes collected about \$7.5 billion in 2021, according to the National Association of State Budget Officers. That's just under 2% of state personal income. This is lower than the statutory rate of nearly 3.1%, because of many exemptions to income. Likewise, the state's sales tax collects roughly \$9.1 billion, or 3.1% of personal consumption expenditures. This is lower than the statutory rate of 7%, since the state exempts most transactions from sales tax.

All told, about one third of per-

sonal income and more than 55% of household consumption spending are exempted from taxes. This provides insight into ways to make significant changes in taxes. By eliminating the broad food and services exemptions to sales tax, we could more than double the revenue. This would permit us to eliminate state income taxes, and even grow state tax revenue by nearly \$3.8 billion annually.

Of course, this presents other problems especially that of making Indiana's tax very regressive. But, the reverse also works. We could eliminate the sales tax entirely, by eliminating all income tax exemptions and create a flat income tax of roughly 4.3%. This too creates other challenges, most particularly creating a tax that is very volatile over the business cycle.

Changes to Indiana taxes must also consider local taxation. Every county currently collects local income taxes, ranging from a low of 0.6% to 3.15%. With property tax caps enshrined in the state constitution, eliminating local income taxes will require large and administratively challenging local option sales taxes. But, it is not impossible.

A comprehensive review of taxes is welcomed. Of course, this will be a boon to lobbyists, since every discrete change will have financial winners and losers. Still, Hoosiers should welcome a lengthy, frank and thoughtful analysis of government spending, how we gather tax revenue, and how both affect our economy.

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UTPPTJ? MQLC'FL QBX OHLJMC
TG QLBX IQTMI.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: THIN, DRIED MEAT STRIPS HAVING SOME CAFFEINE ADDED FOR A LOVELY JOLT OF ENERGY: PERKY JERKY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals C

CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to infants. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = A)

A. 25 18 9 21 20 21 11 22
Clue: Keeps child calm

B. 19 5 18 23 1 11 26
Clue: Provides warmth

C. 9 22 18 14 5 11
Clue: Sleeping spot

D. 19 21 19
Clue: Protects clothes

Answers: A. pacifier B. blanket C. cradle D. bib

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to babies.

FITNAN

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Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Mississippi on February 11, 1979. I grew up in a family of musicians. My younger brother is a performer as well. I gained fame on a hit TV series in the 1990s.

Answer: Justin Bieber

2-13 CRYPTOQUIP

KPSC XM ROYH EBYZMBI NOMNQO
SAX CPMIO KZCP EZASAJZSQ
XOVC PSRO ZA JMLLMA?
CPOH VMCP IOO YOX.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHAT DO FASHION MODELS AND SOCCER PLAYERS HAVE IN COMMON? THEY'VE HAD PLENTY OF HEAD SHOTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals P

Creative Coloring

Celebrate Valentine's Day. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.



THIS DAY IN...



HISTORY

- 1812: THE STRONGEST IN A SERIES OF EARTHQUAKES STRIKES NEW MADRID, MISSOURI.
- 1979: PLUTO MOVES INSIDE NEPTUNE'S ORBIT FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE IT WAS DISCOVERED.
- 1990: THE SOVIET UNION IS DISSOLVED, AND THE SOVIET COMMUNIST PARTY AGREES TO GIVE UP ITS MONOPOLY ON POWER.

New Word

CRUSH

someone who is the object of infatuation

ALL ABOUT BABY WORD SEARCH

I E J R S E L T T O B N C H P E I B C J
I C L C N C G J N G I O Y A J U T U T R
C U O D O S T R O L L E R M O L T R N C
D E B C D A S C N M E L I B O M C C P H
H T I Y N A C A R R I A G E M J Y I U N
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U U M M L A M E G S L N J N R W T M D Y G
N N D W U W O M P U R I G U G P Y P S Y

WORDS

BABY
BASSINET
BATH
BOTTLES
BOUNCER
BURP CLOTH
CARRIAGE
CARRIER
CAR SEAT
CRIB
DIAPERS
HAT
MOBILE MONITOR
ONESIE
PAJAMAS
RATTLE
SLING
SPIT
SPOONS
STROLLER
SWADDLE
SWING
TOYS

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.



EACH YEAR, A WHOPPING 145 MILLION OF THESE ARE BOUGHT TO CELEBRATE VALENTINE'S DAY.

ANSWER: GREENING CARDS

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Rose
SPANISH: Rosa
ITALIAN: Rosa
FRENCH: Rose
GERMAN: Rose



RED ROSES SYMBOLIZE FEELINGS OF LOVE. THAT IS WHY THEY ARE OFTEN GIFTED ON VALENTINE'S DAY.



Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: CHOCOLATE-COVERED STRAWBERRY

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Belgian port
6 Blokes
11 Strong-arm
12 Mexican state
14 Scan again
15 Mosaicists
16 Oklahoma tribe
17 "Do, — ..."
19 Part of UCLA
20 Caprice
22 Since Jan. 1
23 "Legally Blonde" role
24 Classic record label
26 Back fish fins
28 Free (of)
30 Snitch
31 Peru neighbor
35 Corolla component

DOWN
1 "Faust" dramatist
2 Brave
3 Before
4 March Madness
5 Lingerie item
6 Department in eastern France
7 Tresses
8 Rocker
9 Spanish dish
10 Piece of parchment
11 Throng
13 Ninnies

18 Takeoff stat
21 Jazz singer
23 Perfume Carmen
25 Succor pound
27 Knock
29 Roof windows
31 Poet's muse
32 Fruit category
33 Maximum
34 Stimp's pal
36 River of Iraq
37 Current measure
38 Starring roles
41 Jeremy of "Law & Order"
44 Abbr. on a phone
45 Wild guess
48 Actress Hagen
50 Chest-beating beast

Solution time: 26 mins.

M	A	M	M	A	S	A	D	A	D	S		
T	R	U	E	D	A	L	E	B	R	O		
V	I	S	T	A	L	O	V	E	Y	O		
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B	R	U	I	S	E	O	L	E	O	L		
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B	L	I	M	P	R	E	S	L	B	O		
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Yesterday's answer 2-11

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Voyage of discovery

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A Q 4
♥ J 6 4
♠ A 8 2
♣ J 9 7 2

WEST
♦ 8 6 5 2
♥ J 10 9 7 4 3
♠ 6 5 3

EAST
♦ 9
♥ A K Q 10 9 7 2
♠ Q 5
♣ K 10 8

SOUTH
♦ K J 10 7 3
♥ 8 5 3
♠ K 6
♣ A Q 4

The bidding:
South 1♠ Pass
West 2♣ Pass
North 2♦ Pass
East 4♥ Pass

Opening lead — jack of diamonds.

Assume you're in four spades and West leads a diamond. The obvious losers are three hearts and a club, so all your thoughts should be devoted to trying to escape one of them. In line with this, you begin a campaign to learn everything you can about how the unseen cards are divided.

You have a good start in this direction, because it seems certain — judging from the bidding and the opening lead — that West didn't have a heart to lead. So East has all seven missing hearts.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K J 8 7 6 5
♥ 10 3
♠ K J 3 2
♣ A

WEST
♦ 10 3
♥ K 8 6
♠ 10 9 8 4
♣ 7 5 4 2

EAST
♦ 4 2
♥ Q 9 7 5 2
♠ 7
♣ K J 9 6 3

SOUTH
♦ A Q 9
♥ A J 4
♠ A Q 6 5
♣ Q 10 8

The bidding:
West 1♠ Pass
North 4♠ Pass
East 5♠ Pass
South 6♠ Pass

Opening lead — ten of diamonds. In general, a partnership generally does best to select the suit that contains the greatest number of cards in the two combined hands as the trump suit. It follows that they would normally choose an eight-card fit rather than a seven-card fit, or a nine-card fit rather than an eight-card fit, or 10 over nine, and so on.

However, the rule has its exceptions. There are times when an eight-card suit, divided 4-4, serves

as a better trump suit than a nine-card suit. This deal from the 1966 U.S. Team Trials provides a case in point.

If the hand is played in spades or notrump, declarer makes 12 tricks, period. At one table, North-South got to seven spades, down one, and at six other tables, the final contract was either six spades or six notrump.

At only two tables was the excellent contract of seven diamonds reached. With diamonds as trump, the grand slam was foolproof. All South had to do was to ruff a club in dummy to produce a 13th trick. This extra trick was not available in any contract but diamonds.

The advantage of playing the 4-4 fit rather than the 6-3 fit is that declarer makes an extra trump trick. With diamonds as the trump suit, he scores five diamonds and six spades, but with spades as trump, he scores only four diamonds and six spades. The eight-card suit thus serves more effectively than the nine-card suit.

Note that North never rebid his spades, despite holding six of them, and that South never supported spades with the A-Q-9. Both players realized that the more evenly divided diamond suit would produce an extra trick or two that could not be scored if spades were trump.

Tomorrow: Look before you leap.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Avril follower
4 Conditions (out)
7 Scratched (out)
11 Pinnacle
13 Hearty quaff
14 Ginormous
15 Grand — (four-run homer)
16 Promptly
17 Rocker — Pop
18 North African capital
20 Knitting stitch
22 Napkin's place
24 Check cashers
28 Best
32 La Scala city
33 — avis
34 Witty one
36 "A Doll's House" heroine
37 Knee support
39 Talking nonstop
41 Fashions
43 Arthur of "Maude"

44 Soon, poetically
46 Group of three
50 Blacken on a grill
53 Triathlon segment
55 Not busy
56 "No harm done"
57 Capote nickname
58 Fly like a hawk
59 Only
60 Egos' counterparts
61 — -Manuel Miranda

2 Rights advocacy org.
3 One-named supermodel
4 Author Fleming
5 Broadway failure
6 Clinch
7 Netflix series starring Lily Collins
8 Beer barrel
9 Omelet need
10 24 hours
12 "Game of Thrones" actress

19 America's uncle
21 Hit hard
23 Dog's foot
25 "The Time Machine" people
26 Deserve
27 Hitch
28 Spheres
29 Fraction
30 Serving aid
31 Non-clerical
35 Prattle
38 Poetic dust
40 Favorite
42 Longtime Chicago maestro
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47 Teen fave
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50 Prefix with gender
51 Med. plan option
52 "You've got mail" ISP
54 Gloomy guy

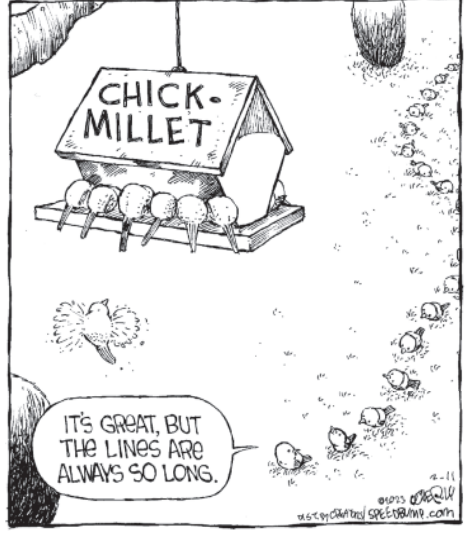
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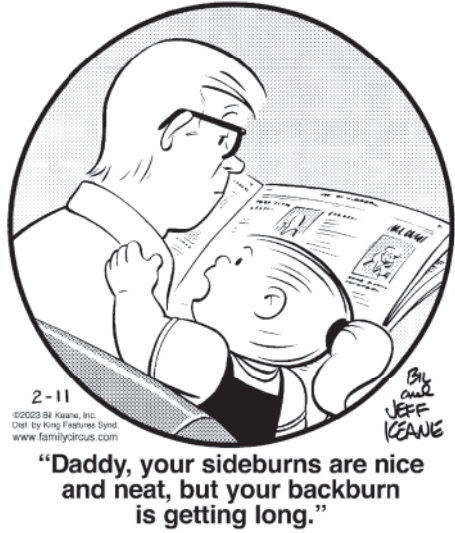
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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



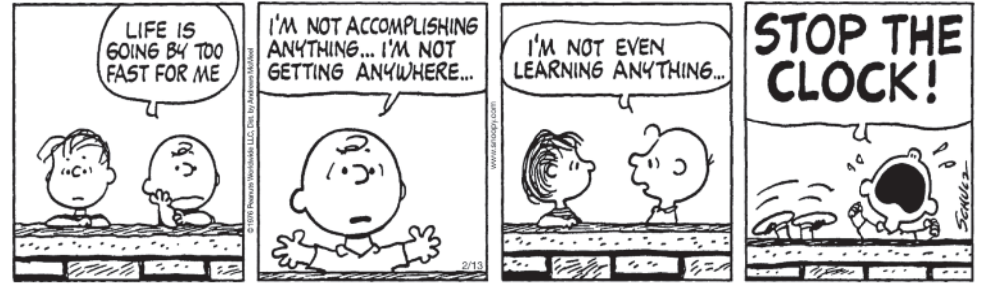
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Peanuts



Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



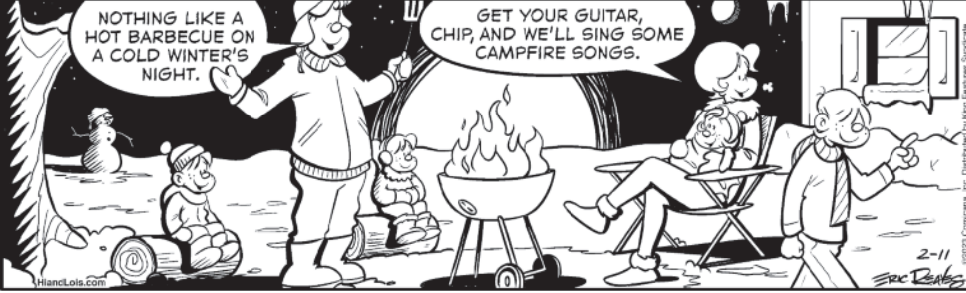
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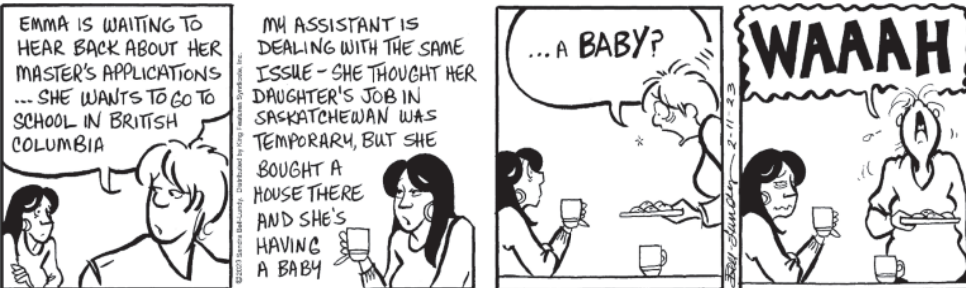
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Hi and Lois



Between Friends



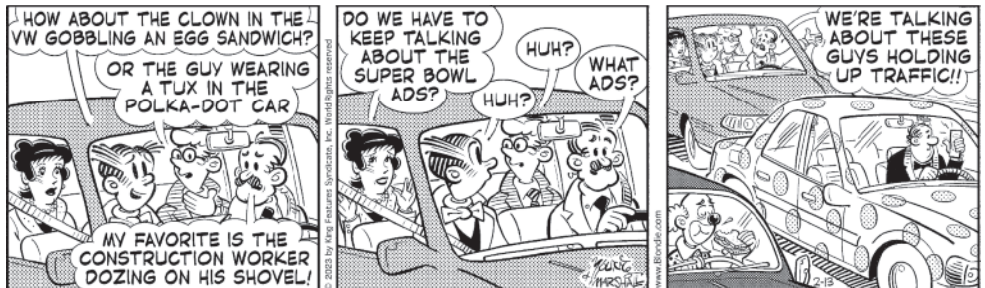
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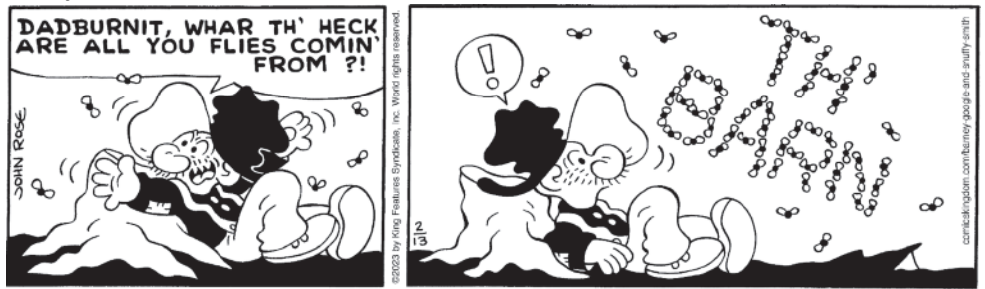
Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



We Deliver

Laughter

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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Lot 52 in South Portland addition to the town, now city of Portland, Jay County, Indiana.

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Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be made without relief from valuation or appraisal laws.

Larry R. Newton, Jr. Jay County Sheriff
BRYAN K. REDMOND, Plaintiff Attorney
Attorney# 22108-29

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TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES SHERIFF'S SALE NOTICE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of Jay Circuit Court of Jay County, Indiana, in Cause No. 38COI-2210-MF-000020 wherein Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. was Plaintiff, and Jason D. Madara and City of Dunkirk were Defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and cost, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder on March 9, 2023 at the hour of 10:00 AM, or as soon thereafter as is possible, at the Jay County Courthouse at 120 N Court Street, Portland, IN 47371 the fee simple of the whole body of Real Estate in Jay County, Indiana.

The East Half of Lot Number Two (2) in Block Number Seven (7) in the town, now City of Dunkirk, Indiana.
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Governmental Activities					
01	Township General Fund	\$11,761.99	\$77,422.43	\$34,178.43	\$55,005.99
11	Firefighting Fund	\$93,509.55	\$21,053.06	\$14,200.00	\$100,362.61
81	Township Assistance Fund	\$16,804.55	\$11,305.45	\$4,061.93	\$24,048.07
91	Levy Excess Fund	\$307.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$307.00
95	Payroll Withholdings Fund	-\$2,842.91	\$0.00	\$529.66	-\$3,372.57
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SS: Jay County
I, Crystal Laux, Trustee of Bearcreek Township, Jay County, Indiana, do solemnly affirm under the penalty of perjury that the preceding report is complete, true and correct; that the sum with which I am charged in this report are all of the sums received by me; and that the various items of expenditures credited have been fully paid in the sums stated; that such payments were made without express or implied agreement that any portion thereof shall be retained by or repaid to me or any other person. I further affirm that a complete and detailed annual report, together with all accompanying vouchers showing the names of persons having been paid money by the township, have been filed as required by law in the office of the County Auditor, and that copies of such annual report are in custody of the Township Board and the State Board of Accounts. Said report is subject to inspection by any taxpayer of the township.
Crystal Laux, Bearcreek Township Trustee
Telephone: 260-997-4023

Date this report was to be published 2/11/2023
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me, the Chairman of the Township Board of Bearcreek Township at its annual meeting this 7th day of February, 2023
Jim Haffner, Township Board Chairman

This report was received, accepted, and approved by the Township Board at its annual meeting, this 7th day of February, 2023.

Bearcreek Township Board:
Shelli Rigsbee
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Patriot payback

JC avenges one-point loss on Bogenschutz bucket

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The visiting Patriots drove the baseline and got a 3-pointer from the left corner to take the lead with 7.9 seconds left.

Host Patriot fans couldn't help but feel some déjà vu from exactly one month earlier, when a late 3-pointer put their team out of the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament in the opening round.

Jay County High School coach Jerry Bomholt says that wasn't on his mind.

"When it went in, my only thoughts ... were let's get a basket to win it," Bomholt said.

They did.

Blake Bogenschutz's put back of a Josh Dowlen miss with 1.4 seconds left lifted the Jay County Patriots to a 45-44 victory over the visiting Heritage Patriots in the second one-point game the two teams have played this season.

"It was just a surreal moment," said Bogenschutz, who let out a roar as he was mobbed by his teammates after hitting the game-winner. "I mean, to win the conference championship on that bucket, it's going to be a moment I'm going to remember my whole life."

The victory earned Jay County a share of the ACAC regular-season title with a 5-1 record, tied with Adams Central, while Heritage dipped to 4-2.

In another back-and-forth game between the two sets of Patriots, JCHS trailed by one at halftime, pushed to an eight-point advantage in the third quarter, fell behind early in the fourth and then took a 43-41 lead when Abraham Dirksen split a pair of free throws with 35.2 seconds remaining.

Heritage (10-9) worked for an open look on the opposite end, with Kobe Meyer — the hero of the first meeting — getting the ball in the right corner.

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Jay County High School senior Blake Bogenschutz (right) celebrates with classmate Josh Dowlen after making the game-winning shot against the visiting Heritage Patriots with 1.4 seconds left Friday. The hoop lifted JCHS to a 45-44 victory over the team that had knocked it out of the Allen County Athletic Conference Tournament by one point exactly one month earlier.

FRHS defense keeps Rangers in check

Indians win preview of Division IV sectional opener

FORT RECOVERY — If it wasn't in the form of 3-pointers — specifically from Troy Dwenger — New Knoxville struggled to find points against the Indians.

Fort Recovery High School's boys basketball team took a double-digit lead in the opening quarter and rolled Friday to a 56-29 Midwest Athletic Conference victory over the New Knoxville Rangers.

The Indians (12-8, 4-4 MAC) ran out to a 17-6 lead in the first quarter in which all of New Knoxville's points came from long distance. They pushed the lead to 20 points at halftime and pulled away in the fourth quarter.

Cale Rammel added another 20-point game to his resume, single-handedly outscoring the Rangers in the first quarter en route to his game-high 20 points. Rex Leverette joined him in double figures with 14 points and Alex Dues added eight.

Eighteen of the 29 points for the Rangers (2-16, 0-8 MAC) came from long distance. Dwenger, a junior, hit four of his team's six 3-pointers and finished with a team high 15 points.

The game bodes well for the Indians, who will meet New Knoxville again in the opening round of the Division IV sectional tournament at St. Marys on Feb. 21. Before that, they will visit Newton Local tonight and then host New Bremen in the regular-season finale Friday.

Fort Recovery's defense in the junior varsity game, which was limited to two quarters, was even more dominant as it won 27-2. Briggs Overman led the Indians with nine points and Gavin Evers added eight.

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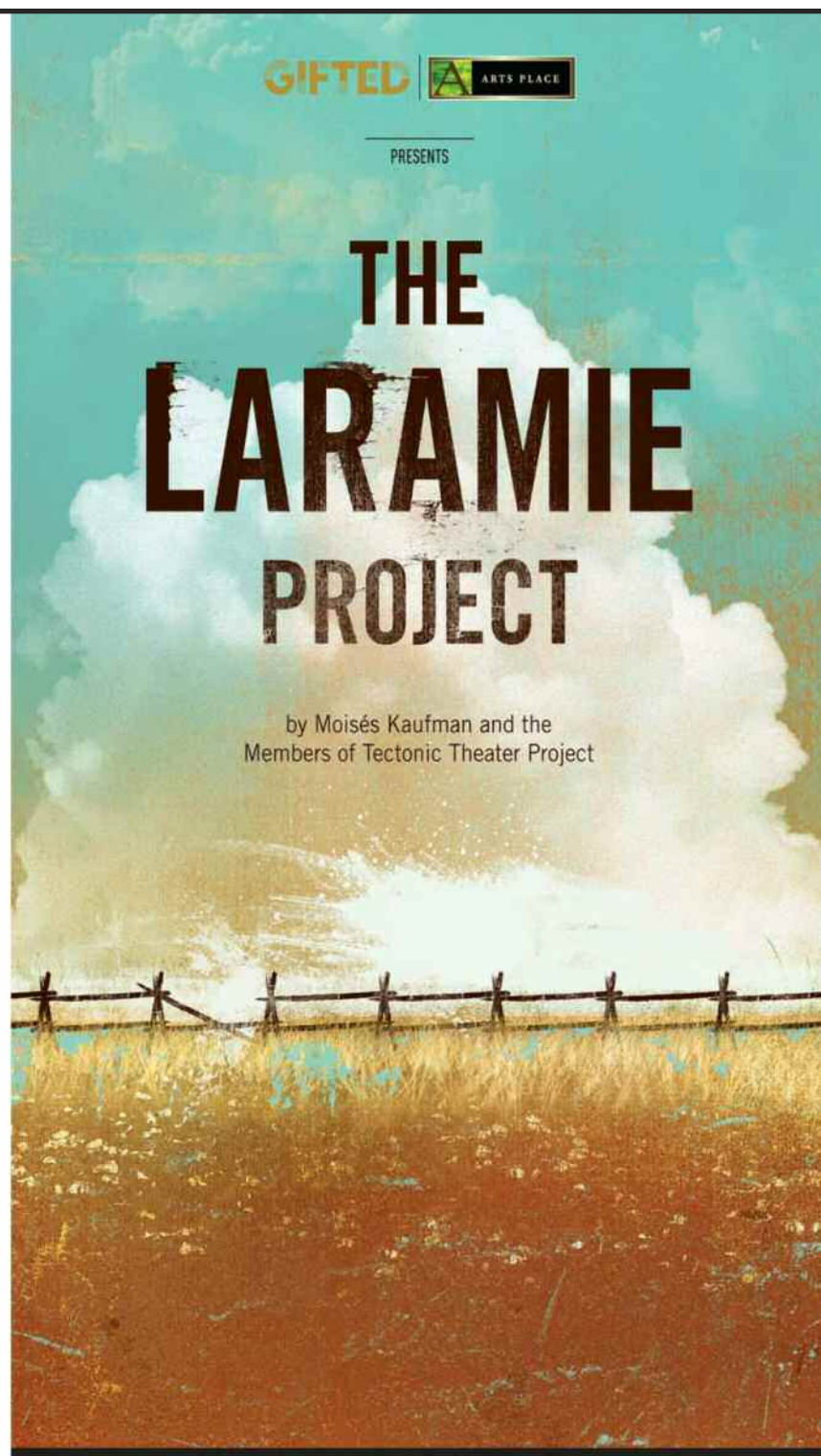
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Senior Mara Bader of Jay County High School swims the 100-yard breaststroke during the sectional Feb. 4. She competed in the event at the IHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving State Finals on Friday night, placing 27th. She was also 31st in the 200 individual medley.

Finishing strong

INDIANAPOLIS — Mara Bader just wanted to have a strong finish to her career.

She was able to walk away happy from her final meet.

Bader, a Jay County High School senior, improved on her sectional times in both events Friday night, including a 27th-place finish in the 100-yard breaststroke, as she capped her career in the preliminaries of the IHSAA Girls Swimming and Diving State Finals at Indiana University Natatorium.

It was the 16th consecutive year in which the Patriot girls had at least one swimmer at the state finals.

Bader turned in her best career finish at the state finals in her last race. She had been 28th in the 100 breaststroke last season, and though her time wasn't quite as fast as a year ago, her 1 minute,

Bader posts career-best time, finish in last trip to state finals

8.54 seconds, was good enough for 27th place this time around.

The time did, however, mark a 0.37-second improvement over her sectional championship time from a week earlier.

Katelyn Kertin of Hamilton Southeastern was 16th in 1:06.06. (The top 16 swimmers in each event advance to today's consolation and championship finals.)

Bader also bettered her sectional time in the 200 individual medley by a half second over the sectional

meet for a career-best time. She finished in 2:18.45 for 31st place, matching her seed going into the meet.

Peyton O'Connor of Carroll was the final qualifier for Saturday's consolation finals at 2:07.36.

Friday's effort capped a career in which Bader was a six-time state qualifier in individual events. She made it to the finals in the 200 individual medley in all four seasons and in the 100 breaststroke in her junior and senior years.

Payback ...

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This time he didn't shoot, instead driving the baseline and firing a pass to Landon Lybarger in the left corner.

The sophomore knocked down the triple for a one-point lead.

The ensuing play was set up for Jay County to get the ball to the speediest player on the team — Dowlen — let him push it up the floor and find Dusty Pearson in the paint. But when the ball got tipped away, it led to a mad scramble down the right sideline.

Dowlen still got control, but with D'Ontaye Washington in his face he was left to fling the ball in the general direction of the basket.

Bogenschutz was there. The senior snagged the ball out of the air and put it back up and in for the win.

"I knew they were all going to collapse on Josh if he got the ball," said Bogenschutz. "And I just went to the back side. I was going to be there if he missed it. ..."

"I looked at the clock when I was running down the court and it said about three and a half seconds. So when I caught the ball I just knew I had to get it up."

While the clock ran out after the shot, the officials put 1.4 seconds back on it.

Meyer threw a long pass in the direction of Washington on the final opportunity for Heritage, but Jay County's Bennett Weitzel was able to knock it away and time expired.

"We got them once. They got us once," said Heritage coach Adam Gray, a 2009 Jay County High School graduate whose team won the first meeting 29-28 on Jan. 10 when Meyer hit a couple of 3-pointers in the final minute to erase a five-

point deficit. "We've been on the fun side of this. Now we're on the not so fun side of it."

Jay County's late heroics this time overcame 10 Heritage 3-pointers, five of which came as part of Luke Saylor's 19-point effort.

Dowlen's 14 points paced the home team, while Bogenschutz's last shot gave him 12 and Pearson finished with 11. Pearson also grabbed seven rebounds, and Dowlen and Dirksen had five apiece.

The win was the sixth in the last seven games for JCHS and brought its record to .500 — 8-8 — for the first time since sitting at 1-1 in early December.

"The difference between this team and the team early in the season is now they think they can win," said Bomholt, whose team at one point lost four in a row. "And they may not win all the time, but they sure think they can."

Junior varsity

A dominant first quarter put Jay County in control and it pulled away from Heritage in the second half for a 59-34 victory.

The host Patriots rolled out to a 17-4 lead after the opening period. The advantage slipped slightly to 11 points at halftime, but JCHS outscored heritage 33-19 in the second half for the final margin.

Trevin Dunnington's dozen points led Jay County, with Wes Bihn and Levi Muhlenkamp also reaching double figures with 11 and 10 points, respectively. Parker Nichols added eight points, including a three-quarter court 3-pointer at the third-quarter buzzer.

Heritage got nine points apiece from Lantae Cassell and Noah Redman.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Wrestling semi-state at Allen County War Memorial Coliseum — 8:30 a.m.; Boys basketball (including freshmen) vs. Yorktown — 2:30 p.m.; Gymnastics vs. Muncie Central at Cole Academy — 2:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys basketball at Newton — 6 p.m. (freshman — 4:30 p.m.); Swimming sectional at Ayersville — 11 a.m.

Monday
Jay County — Junior high swimming vs. Adams Central — 6 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Junior high swimming at Muncie Southside — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling vs. Delta — 6 p.m.

Wednesday
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball sectional opening round vs. Coldwater at Lincolnview — 6 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Boys swimming hosts sectional preliminaries — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high wrestling at Muncie Southside — 5:30 p.m.

TV sports

Today
7:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Chelsea at West Ham United (USA)
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Wolverhampton at Southampton (USA)

Noon — Men's college basketball: Marquette at Georgetown (FS1); Providence at St. John's (FOX); North Carolina State at Boston College (Bally Indiana); Penn State at Maryland (BTN); Kentucky at Georgia (ESPN)

12:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. Bonaventure at Duquesne (USA)

12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Newcastle United at AFC Bournemouth (NBC)

1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Kansas at Oklahoma (CBS)

1 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Dallas Stars (ABC)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Louisiana Tech at FAU (Bally Indiana); Connecticut at Creighton (FOX); Rutgers at Illinois (FS1)

2:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Fordham at Davidson (USA)

3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Phoenix Open (CBS)

3:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Washington Capitals at Boston Bruins (ABC)

4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Duke at Virginia (ESPN); Baylor at TCU (ESPN2); UNLV at San Diego State (FOX); Wisconsin at Nebraska (BTN)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Michigan (ESPN)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Washington Wizards (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — Men's college hockey: Minnesota at Wisconsin (BTN)

8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Arizona at Stanford (ESPN2); Seton Hall at Villanova (FS1)

8:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Golden State Warriors (ABC)

10 p.m. — Mixed martial arts — Islam Makhachev vs. Alexander Volkov (ESPN)

10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Colorado at Utah (FS1); UCLA at Oregon (ESPN)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester United at Leeds United (USA)

11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Aston Villa at Manchester City (USA)

Noon — Men's college basketball: Temple at Memphis (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Iowa at Minnesota (FS1); Michigan State at Ohio State (CBS)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Purdue at Northwestern (BTN)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: LSU at South Carolina (ESPN); Houston at South Florida (ESPN2)

2 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Boston Celtics (ABC)

3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Rutgers at Iowa (FS1)

3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Phoenix Open (CBS)

4 p.m. — Men's college basketball: SMU at Wichita State (ESPN, ESPN2)

6:30 p.m. — NFL football: Super Bowl — Kansas City Chiefs vs. Philadelphia Eagles (FOX)

Monday
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Everton at Liverpool (USA)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Utah Jazz at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Miami at North Carolina (ESPN)

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9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Texas at Texas Tech (ESPN, ESPN2)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

Tuesday
3 p.m. — Soccer: Championship — Watford vs. Burnley (ESPN2); UEFA Champions League — Bayern Munchen at Paris Saint-Germain (CBS)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Creighton at Providence (FS1); Miami — Ohio at Toledo (ESPN)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)

8 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Nebraska at Rutgers (BTN)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: St. John's at DePaul (FS1)

10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Golden State Warriors at Los Angeles Clippers (TNT)

Wednesday
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League — Chelsea at Borussia Dortmund (CBS)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Minnesota at Michigan State (BTN)

7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Chicago Bulls at Indiana Pacers (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Toronto Maple Leafs (TNT)

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9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Indiana at Northwestern (BTN); Arkansas at Texas A&M (ESPN2)

9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Colorado Avalanche at Minnesota Wild (TNT)

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