

New preserve



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The Natural Resource Commission this week approved the dedication of Limberlost Swamp Nature Preserve in northern Jay and southern Adams county. The preserve, which has a parking area and access to nature trails on the county line just west of U.S. 27, will become the 298th in the state.

Limberlost OK'd for dedication

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

"The Limberlost is life." Following a decision this week, it will remain so. The Natural Resources Commission on Tuesday approved the dedication of Limberlost Swamp Nature Preserve, located in northern Jay County and southern Adams County.

Through the 1967 Nature Preserves Act, areas dedicated are considered "living museums, natural resources which contain a record of Indiana's original natural character." In the case of the newest nature pre-

serve, the dedication marks continued progress toward bringing back the natural character chronicled by naturalist and author Gene Stratton-Porter — she is quoted above from her book "A Girl of the Limberlost" — before it was drained for agricultural purposes at the turn of the 20th century.

"It means permanent protection," said east central regional ecologist Ryan Smith, who works out of Limberlost State Historic Site in Geneva and covers a 14-county area that includes Jay County. "The dedi-

cation as a nature preserve puts down some extra stipulations as to how it can and cannot be used and that it will remain a natural area."

The process of dedicating a nature preserve can be pursued by a state agency that has jurisdiction, another unit of government or a private land owner. Those interested in receiving that designation must lay out articles designating management, use, development, transfer, public access and other details regarding how the property will be managed. The Limberlost Swamp

Nature Preserve covers nearly 720 acres in Jay and Adams counties with a small parking area for access to 3 miles of walking trails on the county line just west of U.S. 27. It features "early successional emergent wetlands with upland and floodplain forest. Also present are tree plantings and shrublands that provide mid-successional habitat."

"Now is a pretty timely time to recognize this area, because it is supporting a large number of migrating waterfowl coming through," said Smith.

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Proposed change could be boost for Purdue

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle
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Purdue University's online Concord Law School could get a boost under a proposed rule change being considered by the Indiana Supreme Court.

The state's highest court is now accepting comments on an amendment that would allow graduates of the Concord Law School at Purdue University Global to take the Indiana bar exam.

Currently in Indiana, only students from schools that are eligible for American Bar Association accreditation can take the Indiana bar exam.

Although Concord is accredited by the State Bar of California, it is not eligible for ABA accreditation because it is a completely online law school.

Purdue drafted a change to the Rules of Admission and Discipline that will allow graduates of non-ABA accredited, Indiana-based online law schools approved by a state, regional, or national accrediting agency to sit for the Indiana bar exam.

Concord is currently the only law school that falls within this category, according to a working group that evaluated the matter.

Purdue contends that Indiana will create more opportunities for Hoosiers who do not live near nor have the flexibility to attend a campus-based, part-time law school. Purdue also argues that expanding legal-education opportunities may increase the availability of legal services in underserved communities throughout the state.

The 10-member working group included judges, professors, lawyers and was chaired by Indiana Court of Appeals Judge Nancy H. Vaidik.

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U.S. strikes Syria

By JOHN HARNEY
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Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

The U.S. military carried out airstrikes in Syria after an American contractor was killed and five service members wounded when a drone it said was of Iranian origin crashed into a coalition base.

The targets of the airstrikes, according to Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin, were "facilities used by groups affiliated with Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps," in comments late Thursday.

The strikes comes as diplomacy intensifies over Syria's war, which has entered its 12th year and has drawn in Russia, Iran, the U.S. and Turkey.

Traditional U.S. allies in the Middle East like Saudi Arabia and the

Action came in response to drone attack on Americans

United Arab Emirates are going their own way in de-escalating with Iran and restoring ties with Syrian President Bashar al-Assad. He's backed by Tehran and Moscow and remains under Western sanctions.

"The airstrikes were conducted in response to today's attack as well as a series of recent attacks against Coalition forces in Syria by groups affiliated with the IRGC," Austin said in a Pentagon statement, adding that Presi-

dent Joe Biden had authorized the action.

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby said Friday that Biden had a discussion with his national security team on his way to Ottawa Thursday and received recommendations on potential response options.

"He made the decision very, very shortly in that discussion to authorize these strikes against these particular targets," Kirby told CNN.

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Candy choices

Seven-year-old Audriana Gaucin spoons toppings into her bowl Wednesday at Jay County Public Library during the Cupcake Wars decorating contest.



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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 62 degrees Thursday. The low was 46.

Showers are expected tonight with a low in the upper 30s and winds gusting to 30 miles per

hour. Expect more rain Saturday morning with continued windy conditions and a high around 50.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

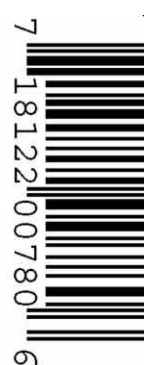
In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available Saturday. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Saturday — FRHS preparing to celebrate new baseball/softball complex.

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



Purdue ...

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“After hours of witness testimony and debate, the Working Group was unable to reach consensus on Purdue’s proposal,” the report said.

But it did lay out a summary of pros and cons, as well as 16 recommended pre-conditions for approval.

Purdue agreed with the majority of the suggestions, such as requiring Concord Law School to change its name to Purdue University Global Law School. This change will maintain Purdue’s incentive to devote substantial resources to

the law school because its reputation for academic excellence will be on the line. And Concord would more visibly be seen as “part” of Purdue, the working group said.

Other accepted preconditions include initially limiting the number of students in a class and making continued approval of Concord Law School contingent upon a 75% bar passage rate for its graduates who sit for the Indiana bar exam within two years of graduation.

Purdue pushed back on two recommendations. The first would require students apply-

ing for admission to Concord to take the LSAT or another exam that is shown to predict whether a student will pass the bar.

Its response said Concord’s own admissions exam is nearly as accurate as the LSAT and more accurate than the GRE.

“If the Court requires that we mandate that students intending to practice in Indiana take the LSAT or GRE, we will of course abide by any such requirement. However, both Concord’s admissions exam and the exam prep materials it makes available are free for

prospective students, which is not the case for either the LSAT or GRE,” Purdue said.

Another suggestion was to require newly enrolled students who intend to sit for the Indiana bar exam to attend a one-week orientation or instructional session on campus at Purdue University-West Lafayette.

Purdue said it is concerned that this would be a burden for some students, including those who might currently be living elsewhere, have physical disabilities for whom travel is extremely challenging; or stu-

dents who simply can’t afford travel and hotel costs, missing work or childcare arrangements.

“We would suggest that Concord offer a weekend-long in-person orientation, and while we would strongly recommend that students attend in person, we would not want to penalize any student who was unable to do so by refusing to let them continue in the program,” Purdue said.

The deadline to submit feedback online to the Indiana Supreme Court is noon on April 21.

CR almanac

Saturday 3/25	Sunday 3/26	Monday 3/27	Tuesday 3/28	Wednesday 3/29
50/30	52/33	49/32	52/32	51/36
Saturday’s forecast shows a 60% chance of showers with up to 50 mph wind gusts.	Mostly sunny, with high in the low 50s. Otherwise, a 30% chance of rain.	There’s a 30% chance of rain Monday with a low around 32 degrees at night.	Tuesday has a 20% chance of showers, with a high in the low 50s.	Mostly sunny Wednesday, with a 20% chance of rain late.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$112 million	18-20-21-24-25-43-45-49-52-55-58-63-69-73-78-79 Cash 5: 4-8-17-27-29 Estimated jackpot: \$105,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$302 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 6-8-2 Pick 4: 5-6-2-8 Pick 5: 4-2-4-3-5 Evening Pick 3: 3-0-9 Pick 4: 9-7-2-5 Pick 5: 1-6-6-6-9 Rolling Cash: 4-14-21-26-38 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
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Markets

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POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....6.59 April corn.....6.61 May corn.....6.63	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.41 May corn.....6.45 Beans.....14.22 April beans.....14.24 Wheat.....6.82
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Today in history

In 1603, Scottish King James VI succeeded Elizabeth I of England, joining the two crowns.

In 1882, Robert Koch discovered the tuberculosis bacterium, a feat he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Medicine for in 1905. Koch discovered tiny organisms, bacteria. He was later named the title of “pioneer of microbiology.”

In 1896, the first radio transmission was conducted by Aleksander Popov, a Russian physicist. He transmitted the words “Heinrich Hertz” between buildings at St. Petersburg University.

In 1939, “Wuthering Heights,” a movie based on the novel by Emily Bronte, premiered in Los Angeles.

In 1965, spacecraft Ranger 9 crashed into the moon. The probe broadcast live pictures to Earth for millions of viewers

watching its approach and controlled crash.

In 1999, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization attacked a sovereign country for the first time, bombing Yugoslavia during the Kosovo War.

In 2009, Jay County Solid Waste District agreed to install a permanent recycling trailer at Bryant Community Center.

In 2018, Cameron Bancroft of the Australian cricket team was caught using sandpaper on the game ball during a Test in Cape Town, leading to a ball tampering scandal.

In 2020, the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games were postponed by Japan’s prime minister Shinzo Abe because of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. They were postponed to July 2021.

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Citizen’s calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Jay County EDIT Advisory Committee, Portland Fire Department, 1616 N.	Franklin St. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board, community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
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“At this time of year, it’s really invaluable for waterfowl and other birds that are migrating. ...

“I was actually out there this afternoon and saw a large flock of American white pelicans. They utilize the area as they migrate through.”

Other species commonly seen in the area include dabbling ducks, such as mallards and northern pintails. Bald eagles also live in the area.

While the property was already owned and managed by Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the designation as a nature preserve will draw some extra attention to the area. That includes placing it on the official map of 298 nature preserves in the state.

“For the Limberlost conservation area as a whole ... having two dedicated nature preserves, especially with the fame of the name Limberlost involved, I think it will attract more attention,” said naturalist Curt Brunette, referencing the nearby Loblolly Marsh Nature Preserve. “I think it’s a great, great thing, for sure.”

Limberlost — the state historic site indicates the area is named for “Limber Jim,” who got lost in the swamp — becomes the third dedicated nature preserve in Jay County along with Loblolly and Bell-Croft Woods Nature Preserve, which has an access road on county road 300 South about three quarters of a mile west of Indiana 67.

Two hundred years ago, the Limberlost Swamp was a dense area that covered about 13,000 acres in Jay and Adams counties. But upon the arrival of settlers, the area was cleared and drained to be used as farmland.

Starting in the early 1990s, local resident Ken Brunswick started a restoration effort that led to the formation of conservation groups Limberlost Swamp Remembered and Friends of the Limberlost. More than 1,000 acres had been acquired for restoration by 2002, with drainage



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Canada Geese congregate on the water in an area of the Limberlost Swamp on the south side of county road 900 North on Thursday afternoon. The wetland area in northern Jay and southern Adams counties provide a habitat for migrating birds.

tiles blocked or removed. And 10 years later, Loblolly Marsh — its 463 acres are accessible from county road 250 West in northern Jay County — was dedicated as the state’s 250th nature preserve.

The hope is that restoration of the Limberlost Swamp area will continue.

“Long-term, there is always a plan to acquire land and expand because this was historically a very large ... wetland,” said Smith. “And that has been mostly converted to agriculture. As we go forward, the goal is to expand this into other suitable habitats around the area and restore those wetlands.”

That includes the possibility of eventually connecting the Limberlost

and Loblolly nature preserves, which are currently separated by less than a mile and a half.

“While any restoration is important, habitat size, and the less fragmented a habitat is, the more valuable it is to birds, wildlife and other organisms,” Smith added.

The Natural Resources Commission is made up of the director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources, the chair of the DNR’s advisory council, the president of the Indiana Academy of Science, the heads of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Destination Development Corporation and Indiana Department of Transportation and six governor appointees.

Capsule Reports

Vehicle stuck

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000 after an Illinois man got stuck on along Indiana 18 and went into a ditch about 9:52 a.m. Thursday.

Eddie T. Bonds, 71, Gibson City, was driving a 2006 Volvo truck west on the highway when the semi got stuck on the shoulder on the north side of the road. Bonds told police he wasn’t able to get the vehicle away from the shoulder, instead losing control and having the truck fall into a nearby ditch. The truck also hit a utility pole.

The semi is registered to Kevin W. Lawrence of Fisher, Illinois.

SERVICES

Saturday
Ahlers, Viola: 10:30 a.m., St. Peter Catholic Church, 3512 St. Peter Road, Fort Recovery.

May 13
Warrick, Clarice: 11 a.m., West Richmond Friends Meeting, 609 W. Main St., Richmond.

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Apologize for badmouthing

By JANN BLACKSTONE
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Q. I was talking to my sister on the phone yesterday about how angry my children's mother makes me, when I peered around the bathroom door and there was my 7-year-old, with tears in her eyes, listening to every word. I was confident my children have never heard me talk about their mother in a negative way, but maybe they have, and what have I done? What's good ex-etiquette?

Good ex-etiquette is to never talk about your children's other parent in a negative way — and you can see from your daughter's reaction why this is so important.

Kids don't understand the ins and outs of their parents' disagreements. They don't understand why you are angry with each other or why you broke up. That's their mommy or daddy. They hear something like, "I'd like to kill that &^*!!!" and they think, "My mommy? You want to hurt my mommy?" It's no joke. It can set a child back and hurt them irrevocably.

Kids inherently know they are half mommy and half daddy. They personalize all the good things they hear, as well as all the bad things. "You have beautiful eyes, just like your mom." "You are so strong, just like your dad."

Ex-Etiquette



Their chest puffs out; they are in seventh heaven. They hear, "She is such a b****! She drives me crazy!" They think, "My dad thinks I'm like my mom, oh no."

And what if you openly tell them they are just like their other parent? Saying "You're just like your father!" in a derogatory way can really set them back.

We can psychologically analyze why kids feel the way they do after a breakup, but the bottom line is when a child overhears one parent badmouthing the other; it changes who they are. It undermines their self-esteem and makes them question their importance, all because they identify with both parents — not just you. They will find some reason to blame themselves with their little kid reasoning for not measuring up, all based on what their parents say or what they overhear.

So what do you do? Apologize. Explain you were

angry, but it was not right to talk about her mother like that and you will never do it again — and don't!

Acknowledge the other parent's importance, no matter how you feel personally. And, in the future, if you feel like venting, go to a friend's house or meet for coffee or a drink. If you see a therapist, since so many are online now, you may have to make appointments for when the kids are in school. Quite a few of my clients speak to me from their cars — even if they are parked in their garage. They tell me their cars are close to soundproof and the kids can't hear them.

All this may sound like overkill, but there is a reason why "No badmouthing" is Ex-etiquette for Parents Rule No. 3. Your children deserve to love and feel loved by both parents. That's good ex-etiquette.

Jann Blackstone is the author of "Ex-etiquette for Parents: Good Behavior After Divorce or Separation," and the founder of Bonus Families, bonusfamilies.com. Email her at the Ex-Etiquette website exetiquette.com at drjann@exetiquette.com.

Don't forget to file FAFSA

It's time to file the FAFSA.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is due April 15. High school seniors and returning college students are required to file the FAFSA in order to receive financial aid and maintain scholarships, including 21st Century scholars.

Completing the FAFSA unlocks opportunities within federal, state and some merit-based scholarships, according to a press release from the Indiana Commission for Higher Education. Still, \$70 million in federal Pell Grants were unclaimed in 2022 by Indiana residents because they didn't complete the FAFSA, according to information from the National College Attainment Network.

Students may file online at FAFSA.gov. For assistance, the United States Department of Education provides email and live chat help at (800) 4-FED-AID. Indiana resi-

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dents may also seek free help from investedindiana.com.

Senior learning

John Jay Center For Learning's next session in its senior learning series is slated for April 6.

Jay County Tourism's executive director, Mary Adair, will give a presentation following the lunch, which begins at 11:30 a.m. Reservations for lunch are \$5.

Hosting movies

Trinity United Methodist Church will host free movies at 6:30 p.m. March 31.

"Beauty and the Beast" and "VeggieTales" will be shown during the event. The church is located at 323 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Bedroom partner gets engaged

DEAR ABBY: I lost my husband of 20 years a little over two years ago. Last year, I moved to another state to be close to family. I rented an apartment, and my best friend moved with me. Shortly after, I met a much younger man. He was immediately interested in me. He's sweet, kind and very handsome. It took me months to realize that I'm also interested in him.

We began spending time together, including bedroom fun. He has told me at least twice he loves me, and I told him the same. His demeanor and expressions match his words, and we agreed for the time being to be friends with benefits.

Dear Abby



Three months ago, he met someone much closer to his age. But even in front of her he holds me close and tells me he loves me. She has now slapped a ring on his finger and is pushing him for marriage. He keeps saying he's not ready. We feel that until the day he says "I do," it's OK for us to continue our bedroom fun.

I'm new to the dating world, and he's my first since my husband passed. Am I doing the right thing? — LOVING THE FUN IN WASHINGTON

DEAR LOVING: It is extremely difficult to hit a moving target. No one "slaps a ring" on another person's finger unless that person holds still for it. You are NOT doing the right thing by continuing to sleep with this man. In fact, you may be heading for a painful fall. When he marries his fiancée, you will be history once she realizes you are more than a good friend he "loves" but also a former bed partner.

Community Calendar

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

Saturday

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

Sunday

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 Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early

for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST 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.

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.

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

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.

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.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS

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

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

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

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

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

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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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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Tackle maternal mortality crisis

New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

In 2023, in the richest and most powerful nation on Earth, it shouldn't be life-threatening to carry a child and give birth. Yet for years, mothers in these United States — Black mothers especially — have suffered from elevated mortality rates, rates that were only driven higher during COVID-19, as women of all ethnic backgrounds saw the sharpest-ever annual fatality spike.

New CDC numbers reveal that 1,205 women died of pregnancy-

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related causes in 2021, compared with 861 in 2020 and 754 in 2019. That represented a one-year jump of 38% and a two-year jump of 64%, to the highest maternal mortality rate on record since 1965. Egad. Much of the increase can be attributed to

COVID-19; the virus was a contributing factor in at least 400 maternal deaths, according to the Government Accountability Office.

Though that particular public health emergency has since abated (though not disappeared), there are two emergencies inside it that remain.

First, America's overall rate was and still is far higher than its peer countries, and remains high by international standards whether you're white, Latina or Black. Our maternal mortality is 54% higher than Russia's;

nearly double Canada's; more than double the U.K.'s, France's and Italy's, and five times Japan's and Germany's.

Second, race-based disparities here are especially egregious, and stubborn. Black women are 2.6 and 2.5 times likelier to die of maternity-related causes than white or Hispanic women.

There's no single, simple reason for that shameful fact. Research suggests economic disadvantages, discrimination by health care providers and chronic stress all add up to take their toll. And the problem

is inextricable from the fact that, even after the passage of Obamacare, too many Black Americans lack affordable access to quality medical treatment.

The Biden administration last year laid out a thoughtful blueprint to save mothers' lives; passage of sweeping federal legislation, a dozen bills collectively nicknamed the Momnibus, would go further.

Waste no time. American women are dying in numbers far too large. As long as they do, American values remain on life support.

Create a garden fit for a (queen) bee

By MELISSA RAE SANGER
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Tribune News Service

Last spring, I decided to let native wildflowers take over a small area of my lawn. I was giddy with excitement and hopeful that my little garden would be a haven for insects and other wildlife in a neighborhood where manicured lawns and landscape pavers are the norm.

I even painted a sign that said, "Pardon the weeds. We're feeding the bees."

One day, a neighbor approached me about my beloved bee garden. He said he would file a complaint with the city if I didn't remove the flowers. Worried I'd get in trouble, I went out and mowed everything, tears streaming down my face.

I've since learned that I was within my rights — and that although growing wildflowers may have annoyed one human neighbor, it was a lifeline to a multitude of wildlife neighbors who lived and fed in the foliage. This spring, I'm going to replant the flowers, and I encourage everyone else who can spare even a sliver of lawn to grow wildflowers, too.

Pollinators, including bees, birds, bats, butterflies, moths, wasps, beetles and lizards, are nature's life force — their fate is inseparable from our own. They affect 35% of the world's crop production through pollination, the quintessential synergy that enables the transfer of pollen so that plants can reproduce. They deserve a healthy, vibrant habitat in which to flourish for their own sake, and in doing so, they help us, too.

But these precious pollinators are struggling. Many factors are to blame, and one of the most pervasive problems is habitat loss. Although tidy, over-fertilized lawns appeal to some, it's time to reconsider the barren, lifeless lawns we've come to accept as standard.

Removing "unwanted" plants, such as dandelions and clover, also removes vital sources of shelter and food for insects and other animals. So what might look like a healthy lawn is devoid of the biodiversity that's necessary for the survival of wildlife. Plus, grass isn't really "green" if it's drenched in lawn chemicals and fertilizers and guzzling gallons of water all summer.

Growing wildflowers and other pollinator-friendly plants like basil, rosemary or sunflowers is better for the environment and will attract local and migratory butterflies,

Melissa Rae Sanger



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birds and bees. The secret is to provide a variety of native flowering plant species to create habitat, food and shelter for all.

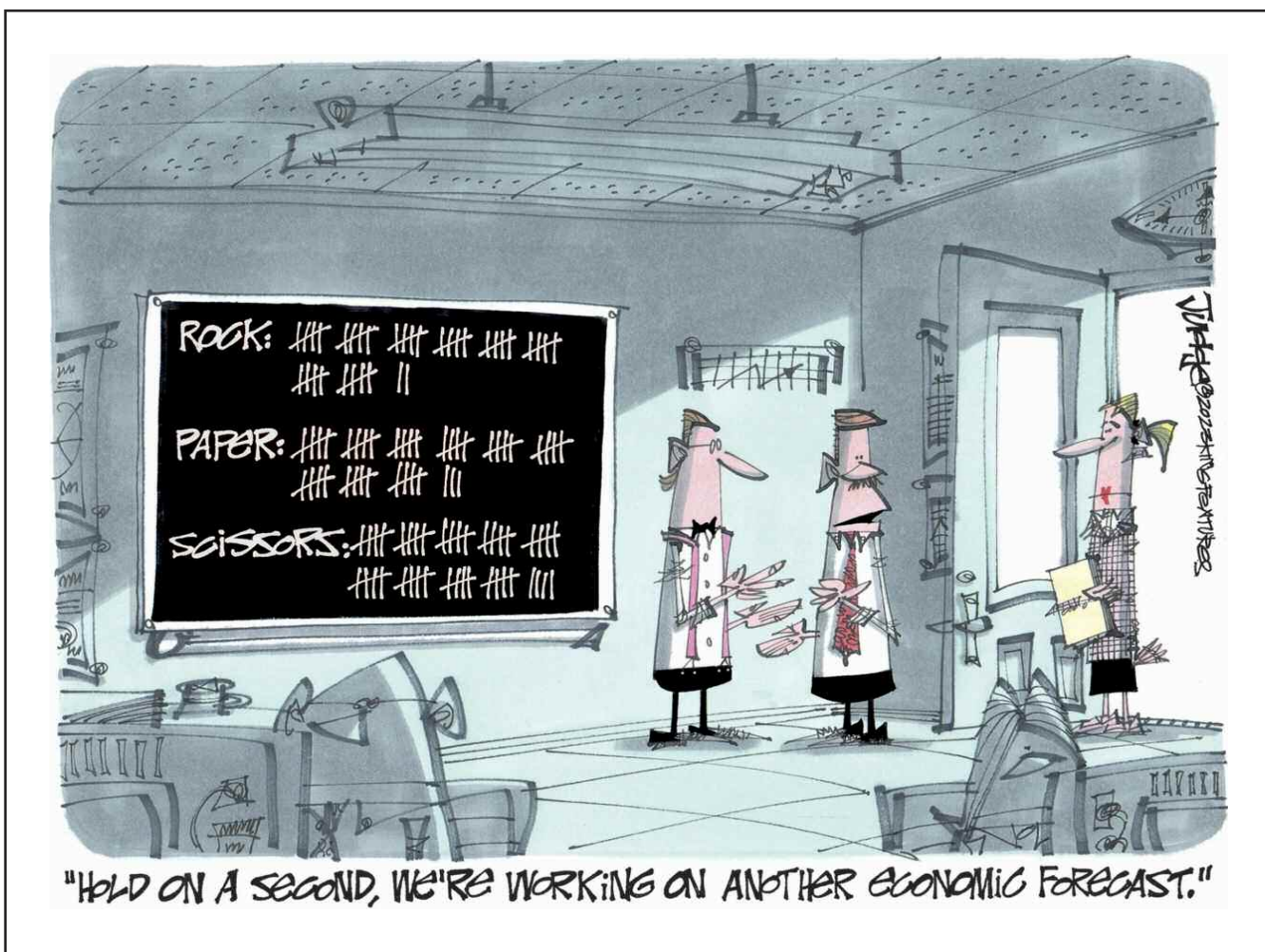
If you do choose to keep some grass, consider participating in "no mow May," which fosters habitat by allowing grass to grow for the entire month of May. Less frequent mowing also saves water by helping grass become more drought-resistant and decreases emissions from gas-powered equipment.

Should you find yourself with uninvited "guests" in your garden or home, there are many ways to deter them without harm. For example, you can fill your garden with plants such as bee balm and lavender, which act as natural rabbit repellents. Placing cinnamon sticks, coffee grinds, chili pepper, paprika, cloves or dried peppermint leaves will help send ants packing.

A growing number of cities and states are recognizing the need to protect wildlife with legislation that promotes pollinator-friendly landscaping. But bees and other wildlife can't wait — they need our help now, wherever we live. What we choose to do with our home's outdoor space has an enormous impact on animals who depend on it for life.

If my neighbor complains again this summer, I'll share the facts instead of reacting in fear. Who knows — maybe one day he, too, will see the beauty in bees and butterflies floating above a sea of purple coneflowers and black-eyed Susans and decide to transform his own yard.

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Remote work is here to stay

By MICHAEL J. HICKS
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It must be said again and again that 48.2% of college graduates in the U.S. were working remotely, according to the February 2023 Census survey. That number is up slightly from late 2021, suggesting that remote work is here to stay.

It is also important to connect the dots with job creation and remote work. Since 1992, 81% of all the net job growth has occurred among college graduates, with the remainder going to those with an associate's degree or some college training. This trend shows no likelihood of changing.

Combining these two facts means that something like 45% or more of all the jobs created in the coming years will be remote jobs. Even if the share of remote work peaks at its current level, we are in a world where remote work affects employers and employees around the country. It also affects all our economic development, tax increases, education and fiscal policy as well.

Over a short holiday, I stayed with a family with three granddaughters. These cousins, all from the Midwest, graduated college in the past decade. The youngest is 24; the oldest will soon turn 30. They are college graduates, each in different professions, who now live on both coasts.

The oldest has worked in a partially remote setting since graduation. At first, she commuted occasionally to work in a large eastern city. But, after a few months, she was able to perform most of her job at home, using the familiar technology of the computer, Zoom and a phone. Long before COVID, this woman and her husband both worked remotely, turning spare apartment bedrooms into separate offices.

Her work included both technical research and writing about the results of that research. The collecting, processing, analyzing and communicating of data is what about four in 10 American jobs do now to some degree or another. These types of tasks can readily be done remotely.

Michael J. Hicks



The couple mentioned above are now moving to be near family, but in a very expensive city, with good schools and an airport.

The youngest is a military officer in her first assignment. As is common in this profession, she spends about half her time traveling. That is a euphemism, for a variety of experiences that are not tourist-like, because she serves in a combat support unit. But, surprisingly as it may seem, her command offers remote work one day per week.

This might seem striking because most of her duties involve classified material that cannot be accessed at home. But, every job has administrative duties, un-classified or unsecured online training modules, and the like. She occasionally heads to the office on the remote work day, and of course a variety of duties may call her away.

Remote work in the military might seem a bit counterintuitive, but the armed forces compete for talent just like any business would. This necessitates innovation in the way work is organized. My hunch is that across every military career field, a third to half of jobs could have a substantial remote work component. Commanders will need to figure out how to accommodate this, or else struggle to retain the talented young people they need.

The third cousin works in finance and accounting at a large, privately held firm. She enjoys the position. It is exciting, fairly high-paced, and exposes her to a variety of business problems. It is in a great location, which meant she was willing to take a modestly smaller salary than elsewhere to relocate to the area.

They absolutely do not permit remote work. Not surprisingly, they have lost a number of employees to

firms that allow more flexibility. They have also failed to hire the replacement workers they need. There's growing doubt among the younger workers that they'll have successful hires for these positions, since nearly all the applicants expect some remote work options.

The experiences of these three women point to the difficult adjustment period we are in today. It is clear that remote work is a huge, popular and growing segment of employment. Some tasks cannot be performed remotely, while others are perfectly suited to it. Some firms might be willing to pay a premium for workers to be on site, or might offer faster promotions to those who occupy offices full time. But, the share of jobs that need to be performed in person are in long-term decline, while remote-compatible occupations grow.

I find the economic incentives pretty conclusively push in one direction — towards more remote work. In fact, I think the trend will be so inexorable that the really interesting research questions lie outside the workplace. Businesses, after all, will figure this out or fail. The exciting unanswered questions are elsewhere. How does remote work shift to outsourcing of jobs, here and abroad? What cities will become magnets for remote workers, and which will be remote work deserts? Will remote work make larger families easier to support, and employment more stable?

The experiences of these three young women offers insight into the modifications to work, home and family life that remote work now offers. This will be a key demographic to watch in the years ahead.

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European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen holds a news conference during a European Union summit, at the EU headquarters in Brussels on Thursday.

EU reaffirms support

By **CIARAN SUNDERLAND**
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BRUSSELS — E.U. leaders reaffirmed their support for Ukraine and opened the door to new sanctions in a pledge to step up pressure on Russia at a summit in Brussels on Thursday.

With “further restrictive measures” and more work to continue on a price cap on Russian oil, the European Union is ready to increase the pain on Russia for its invasion of Ukraine, a joint statement said.

Fitting out the E.U.’s economy to ensure long-term competitiveness and climate protection was the intended focus for leaders.

But their talks also veered both into wider affairs and more national concerns.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced an international campaign, at Poland’s initiative, to locate and return Ukrainian children deported to Russia.

Abducted children from Ukraine is a “horrible reminder of the darkest times” of Europe’s history, von der Leyen said in a press conference after the meeting.

Poland, Estonia and Lithuania also wanted to start work on lowering the Russian oil price cap to squeeze Russian revenues further. Estonian Prime

Minister Kaja Kallas pushed for a review on her arrival.

“We had an agreement in December that the oil price gap will be tied with the market price and will be 5% lower.

“We agreed that we will have a review in January, then in March, but we don’t have that review yet,” Kallas said.

E.U. leaders agreed to crack down on sanctions evasion, resolving to work closer together to enforce punitive measures and prevent circumvention in non-E.U. countries.

A deal to supply Ukraine with 1 million rounds of artillery ammunition in the next 12 months, and

missiles if requested, was also welcomed.

Von der Leyen said the commission would bring forward a proposal for the European defense industry to ramp up production of ammunition, referencing E.U. budget support.

In his address to E.U. leaders, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy praised the artillery plan and asked for Ukraine to receive “modern aircraft” after Poland and Slovakia’s decision to supply MiG-29s.

Zelenskyy also repeated his call for a Ukrainian peace summit to take place, offering to host the gathering in Kyiv or else for in another European capital for safety reasons.

Strikes ...

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He added that the U.S. does not seek war with Iran and is not looking for armed conflict but that the Biden administration would do what it must to defend its troops and facilities.

“And if we have to retaliate, like we did yesterday, we’ll do that.”

Three of the wounded military personnel and a second contractor who was wounded were evacuated to medical facilities in Iraq, according to the statement, which did not provide further details, including on how the drone attack unfolded.

There was no immediate reaction from Iran.

General Michael Kurilla, the leader of U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM), called the drone assault “another in a series of attacks on our troops and partner forces.”

“Our troops remain in Syria to

ensure the enduring defeat of ISIS, which benefits the security and stability of not only Syria, but the entire region,” he said in a statement.

Last August, U.S. helicopters hit Iranian-backed militants in Syria after rockets were fired at bases where Americans were stationed. In June 2021, Biden ordered airstrikes in Syria and Iraq against militias tied to Iran.

His first military action as president, in February 2021, involved raids in eastern Syria on sites connected to Iranian-backed groups following a series of rocket attacks on facilities in Iraq used by the U.S., including one that killed a contractor.

In testimony to Congress Thursday, General Mark Milley, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the U.S. had almost 1,000 troops in

Syria and that they had occasionally come under attack.

Russia has been pushing for the regional rehabilitation of Assad. Saudi Arabia is in discussions with Damascus to resume consular services between the two countries, according to an unnamed Saudi Foreign Ministry official cited by the state-owned Al-Ekhbariya TV channel.

That comes two weeks after Saudi Arabia accelerated rapprochement with Iran, signing an agreement to restore diplomatic ties with Tehran in a deal brokered by China.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Faisal bin Farhan, who previously said Syria’s isolation from the Arab world was “not workable,” spoke on Wednesday with his Iranian counterpart Hossein Amirabdollahian to discuss plans for an upcoming meeting.

TikTok clash is complicated

By **STEPHANIE YANG**
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The latest U.S.-China clash over the popular social media app TikTok is likely to worsen the already-deteriorating relationship between the two countries, as Beijing and Washington tussle over software bans, technology exports and concerns about espionage and national security.

Last week, the Biden administration renewed Trump-era efforts to ally security concerns about TikTok, created by Chinese tech giant Bytedance Ltd., by demanding that the wildly popular app be sold from Chinese ownership or face a possible ban in the U.S. On Thursday, TikTok CEO Shou Zi Chew underwent a bipartisan grilling by a House committee whose members asked pointed questions about data security, alleged racial bias toward content creators and the platform’s mental health effects.

The Chinese government, which is intent on turning homegrown tech companies into world champions, has said it would oppose any sale of TikTok.

Here’s where the dispute stands.

How is China responding?

Hours before Chew began his testimony before the congressional committee Thursday, Chinese Ministry of Commerce spokesperson Shu Jueting said China resolutely opposed demands from U.S. officials that TikTok be sold, adding that any change in ownership would need to comply with Chinese regulations.

A forced sale “will seriously damage the confidence of investors from all over the world, including China, in investing in the U.S.,” Shu said.

In Chinese state and social media, commentators criticized U.S. lawmakers for biased statements and questions at Chew’s hearing. Others dismissed the event as political theater, or accused the U.S. of trying to steal the technology that powers TikTok’s addictive short-video recommendations.

Last week, Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesperson Wang Wenbin said the U.S. has no evidence that TikTok is a threat to national security and should stop discriminating against foreign businesses.

“China has always maintained that the issue of data security should not be used as a tool for certain countries to generalize the concept of national security and abuse state power to suppress other countries’ companies unreasonably,” Wang said.

But some analysts question how far Beijing would go to protect TikTok. While the Chinese government has taken measures to prevent TikTok and its underlying technology from being sold without its approval, it’s less concerned about a U.S. ban on the app, said Angela Zhang, director of the Center for Chinese Law at the University of Hong Kong.

“The ban on TikTok can do little harm to China’s national core interest to become a technologically advanced country,” Zhang said. “TikTok will have to fight this battle on its own.”

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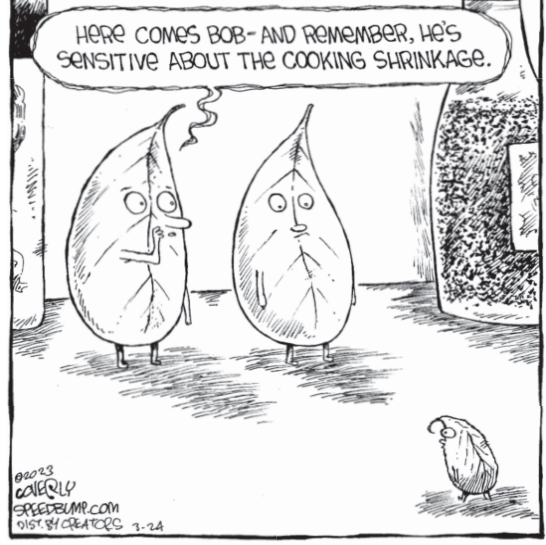
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Test your play

1. You are West, defending against Four Hearts after this sequence of bids: South West North East 2♠ Pass 2♣ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♠ Pass 4♥ Pass Pass Pass

trick two! Your only real hope to defeat the contract is that this extraordinary play will prevent South from reaching dummy to make use of the A-K-Q of spades. As it happens, this play strikes gold. Not surprisingly, South has:

WEST ♠64 ♥K10 ♦AJ1032 ♣AJ96

♠AQJ9832 ♥KQ ♦KQ ♣KQ105

2. You are declarer with the West hand at Six Notrump. North leads his fourth-best heart, the three. How would you play the hand?

and your trump shift (and subsequent trump continuation) sinks the contract. Had you continued with a diamond, declarer would win with the queen, lead the king of clubs and make the contract, losing only a trump, a diamond and a club after gaining entry to dummy with a third-round club ruff. The trump lead at trick two appears suicidal, but actually offers the best chance to defeat the contract.

WEST ♠64 ♥K10 ♦AJ1032 ♣AJ96

2. Win the heart lead with the queen and continue with the A-K-J, discarding two clubs from dummy. Then lead a club and finesse the nine. If South wins with either the queen or king, he is end-played in three suits and must hand you your 12th trick regardless of which suit he returns. This approach makes the contract a 100% certainty. Any other line of play might offer a high probability of success, but you might get unlucky and go down.

1. It is obvious from the bidding, and from seeing dummy, that you have no chance to stop the contract unless declarer has no spades. Acting on this assumption, you should therefore lead the ten of hearts at

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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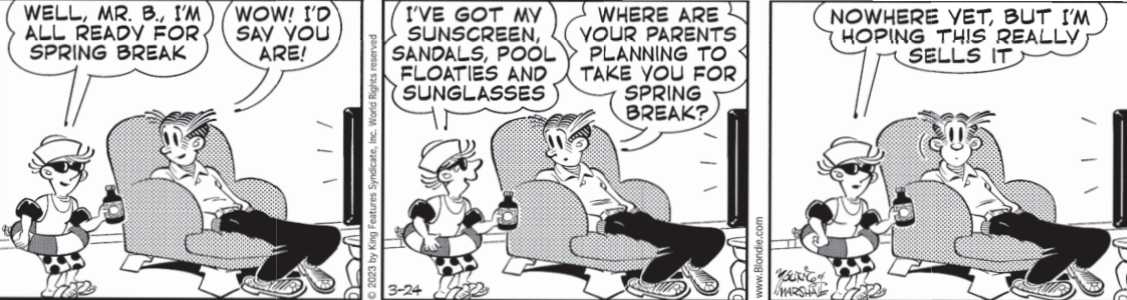
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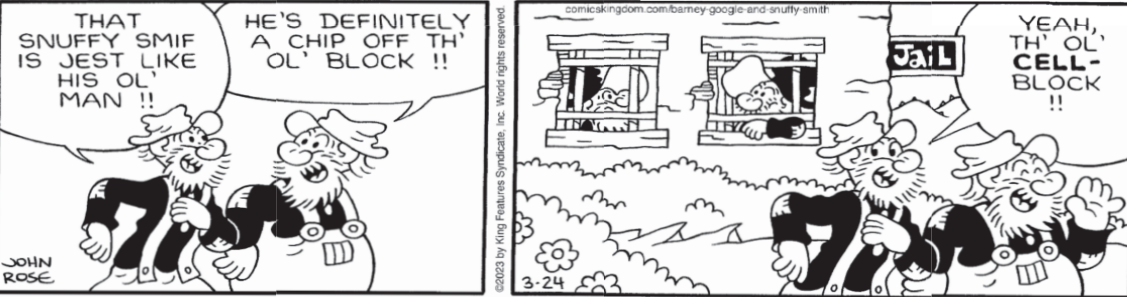
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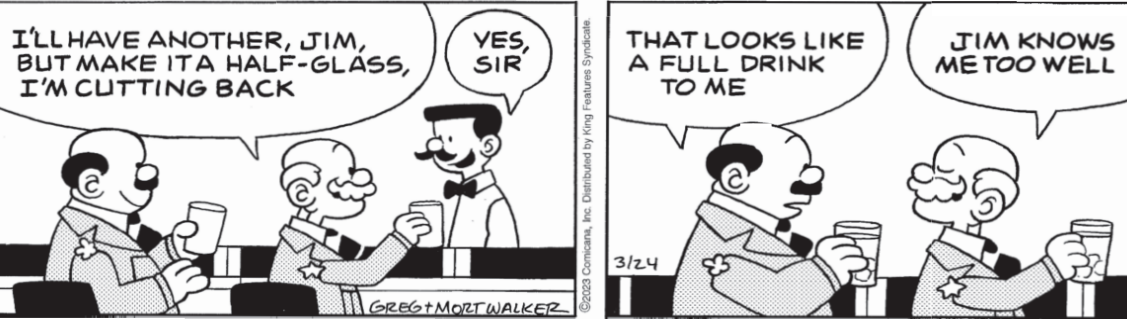
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Gonzaga sends Bruins home

By **BEN BOLCH**
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LAS VEGAS — From on top of the college basketball world to deflated, momentarily back on top only to be heartbroken once more.

There couldn't have been a bigger swing of emotions than UCLA experienced Thursday night at T-Mobile Arena against a most aggravating antagonist.

The Bruins lost a 13-point lead to Gonzaga early in the second half of their NCAA tournament West Regional semifinal, falling behind by 10. They stormed back, surging ahead by one point on Amari Bailey's fearless three-pointer with 12.4 seconds left.

Only to be undone by another dagger shot through the heart.

Two years after Jalen Suggs, there was Julian Strawther.

Trailing his teammates, Strawther took a flip pass from Hunter Sallis and buried a 35-footer with six seconds left to lift third-seeded Gonzaga to a breathless 79-76 victory over the second-seeded Bruins.

UCLA had two more chances to save its season. It couldn't convert either.

His team down by two points, UCLA's Tyger Campbell had the ball stripped for a rare turnover and the Bruins



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The Gonzaga Bulldogs surround guard Julian Strawther (0) after he scored a late three-pointer during the second half of a West Regional NCAA semifinal game against the UCLA Bruins at T-Mobile Arena on Thursday in Las Vegas.

fouled Strawther, who missed the first free throw and made the second. The Bruins' inbound pass went to big man Kenneth Nwuba at midcourt, where he found Campbell for a three-pointer at the buzzer that was off the side of the rim.

For the second time in three years, the Bruins' season ended in the cruelest fashion. For a breathless moment, it

had seemed they might have persevered through it all. Down by 10 points with 2:40 left, UCLA (31-6) went on a 14-3 run ending in Bailey's three-pointer. It wasn't enough.

After exhaling deeply, Gonzaga (31-5) will play fourth-seeded Connecticut in the regional final Saturday after the Huskies routed Arkansas by 23 points in the earlier semifinal.

What started so well couldn't have ended any worse for UCLA.

Before their late surge, the Bruins missed 11 consecutive field goals over one 11-minute stretch and made just two of 17 for a lengthy part of the second half.

By the time Jaime Jaquez Jr. made a driving layup and was fouled with 1:14 left, his team was down 72-66 and in desperation mode.

The Bruins were out-shot, 47.2% to 30%, in the second half while giving up 14 offensive rebounds and 18 second-chance points. Gonzaga's Drew Timme was a bulldozer around the basket, finishing with 36 points and 13 rebounds.

Jaquez finished with 29 points on 12-for-25 shooting, Bailey added 19 points and Campbell had 14.

Huskies cruise past Arkansas

By **JOE ARRUDA**
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LAS VEGAS — Forget the casinos, the UConn men's basketball team won big at T-Mobile Arena and cashed its ticket to the Elite Eight with an 88-65 win over eighth-seeded Arkansas in the West Regional semifinal Thursday night.

It will be the 12th Elite Eight appearance for the Huskies, who will take on the winner of Thursday's second game between No. 2 seed UCLA and No. 3 Gonzaga on Saturday for a chance to get back to the Final Four.

Jordan Hawkins caught fire in the second half for the third straight game and finished with a game-high 24 points, while Adama Sanogo put together a steady 18 points on 9-of-11 shooting and grabbed eight rebounds. Alex Karaban, in one of the best all-around games of his career, didn't miss a shot on his way to 11 points (5 of 5 from the field) and seven rebounds.

Making things happen on both ends of the court, Andre Jackson finished with seven points, eight rebounds, seven assists and three steals. Nahiem Alleyne added 10 points off the bench and Tristen Newton dished seven assists and grabbed six rebounds.

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Nowell scored 20 to go with his assists while Keyontae Johnson scored 22, including a lob dunk inside a minute to play in overtime. Ismael Massoud added 15, including a big three late in regulation and the final shot that proved to seal the victory in overtime.

The Wildcats routinely hit big shots, going 11-for-24 from 3-point range, getting a banked in triple from Nowell and several deep threes at the end of the shot clock that proved to be deflating for the Spartans.

"In that first half, those two shot-clock ones were real killers," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "It does

break your back. You think you play pretty good D, a loose ball, he comes flying in and banks it. You say, well, it's just one shot, but I talked to my team at the hotel before we left, and you try to talk about the importance of one shot, one turnover, one free throw, and you can't harp on them because then guys get nervous and uptight. But there's a difference in winning and losing. That's just the way it is.

"We made some plays that weren't right, but the way those shots went in — and we hit some shots, too. But they made a couple — the Massoud kid made a couple of bombs, but those were at least good shots.

The fall-down end of the shot clock ones, you kind of start thinking it's not your night."

Kansas State had a 77-70 lead with 4:44 to play before Walker answered with a 3-pointer and Hoggard hit two free throws to get the Spartans within two, but Massoud then nailed his deep triple. Akins then hit a three and Hall got a put-back to bring MSU within two. After a stop, Walker scored on a runner to tie the game with five seconds to play and Nowell's last shot came up short to force overtime.

The battle continued in overtime with Michigan State going up, 87-84, on a Walker triple. But Kansas State scored the next four to take the lead as it went

back and forth from there, ending up tied at 92 with 1:29 to play. That's when Nowell made the play of the game, appearing to argue with coach Jerome Tang while throwing a long lob to Johnson to put Kansas State up two.

"It was just a basketball play between me and Keyontae," Nowell said, fessing up about how the play was designed. "We knew how Michigan State plays defense. They play high up and Keyontae just told me, we got eye contact, and he was like, lob, lob. I just threw it up, and he made a great play."

Hall then split a pair of free throws with 42.8 left to leave Michigan State behind, 94-93,

before the Wildcats got another huge bucket from Massoud before Walker's final shot never got off as Nowell swiped it and went in for a layup as the buzzer sounded.

"I give a lot of credit to Kansas State," Izzo said. "They made some big plays down the stretch. They made some big plays early. I've been part of a lot of big wins and I've been part of a lot of tough losses. I've never been prouder of a team because we didn't have our game tonight. We did not play like we were the first half. It was just kind of we were ham-and-egging it and just kind of fighting through it. We just kept fighting."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Saturday
Jay County — Gabi Bilbrey in Hoosier State Relays at Indiana University — 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Houston — 1 p.m.; JV baseball at St. Henry — noon; Freshman baseball doubleheader at Versailles — noon

TV sports

Today
3:45 p.m. — Soccer: Euro qualification — Belgium vs. Sweden (FS1)
6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Alabama vs. San Diego State (TBS)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics (Bally Indiana)
7:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Houston vs. Miami (CBS)
8 p.m. — Soccer: CONCACAF

Nations League — United States vs. Grenada (TNT)
9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Creighton vs. Princeton (TBS)
9:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Texas vs. Xavier (CBS)

Saturday
10:30 a.m. — High school boys basketball: IHSAA Class 1A championship — Southwood vs. Indianapolis Lutheran (Bally Indiana)
Noon — Golf: PGA Tour — Dell Technologies Matchplay (NBC)
Noon — College baseball: Texas A&M at Tennessee (ESPN2)
12:30 p.m. — High school boys basketball: IHSAA Class 2A championship — Blackhawk Christian vs. Linton-Stockett (Bally Indiana)
1 p.m. — Auto racing: Formula E — Sao Paulo E-Prix (CBS)

1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series — XPEL 225 (FS1)
1:30 p.m. — XFL football: Seattle Sea Dragons at Orlando Guardians (ABC)
4 p.m. — Mixed martial arts — UFC Fight Night (ESPN)
4:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles Galaxy at Portland Timbers (FOX)
5 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Atlanta Hawks (Bally Indiana)
5 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Pit Boss 250 (FS1)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Florida Atlantic vs. Kansas State (TBS)
6 p.m. — High school boys basketball: IHSAA Class 3A championship — Northwood vs. Guerin Catholic (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — High school boys basketball: IHSAA Class 4A championship — Kokomo vs. Ben Davis (Bally Indiana)

8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Washington Capitals at Pittsburgh Penguins (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Connecticut vs. Gonzaga (TBS)
10 p.m. — Boxing: Jose Ramirez vs. Richard Commy (ESPN)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Soccer: Euro qualification — Denmark vs. Kazakhstan (FS1)
1 p.m. — College baseball: Arkansas at LSU (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Dell Technologies Matchplay (NBC)
3 p.m. — XFL football: San Antonio Brahmas at Arlington Renegades (ABC)
3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix (FOX)
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TBS)
8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament (TBS)

10:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: St. Louis Blues at Los Angeles Kings (Bally Indiana)

Local notes

Wrestling club hosting event
Jay County Wrestling Club will host Delaware County Championship Wrestling for a professional wrestling event April 8.

The DCCW show scheduled for 7 p.m. April 8 at Jay Community Center will feature an appearance by Olympic gold medalist and WWE Hall of Famer Kurt Angle. The card also features an appearance by WWE Hall of Famer Rikishi.

Tickets start at \$20 for general admission. To purchase tickets, call James Myers at (260) 726-5088 or Andy Frasher at (260) 251-2842, or visit Jacks & Associates, 954 Industrial Drive, Portland.

5K circuit registration underway
Registration is open for the Run Jay County 5K Circuit.

The circuit features eight races running from April through August. Awards are presented in nine divisions.

The opening race in the circuit is the Sprint to Spring 5K at 9 a.m. April 22. Registration is \$20.

For more information, visit runjay-county.com.

T-Ball/coach-pitch registration open
Registration is open for Jay Community Center's Boomer t-ball and coach-pitch leagues.

The leagues are open to players ages 3 through 6. The registration fee is \$60 and the deadline is May 22.

For more information, visit jaycc.org.

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FAU stuns Vols

By **STEVE SVEKIS**
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
Tribune News Service

Florida Atlantic University has found that glass slipper is made for dancing.

FAU, playing in just its second NCAA Tournament, moved within a victory of the Final Four by using a second-half push led by Michael Forrest to beat fourth-seeded Tennessee 62-55 on Thursday night.

The ninth-seeded Owls (34-3) will play third-seeded Kansas State in the East Region final at Madison Square Garden on Saturday.

Even before the tournament started, this was the unquestionably the greatest season in FAU history. Now the Owls are one of the biggest stories in all of sports.

Johnell Davis led the Owls with 15 points, with 13 in yet another big second half for FAU's leading scorer, and Forrest finished with 11, eight in a crucial 18-2 second-half run where FAU went from a 39-33 deficit with 12:51 left to a 51-41 lead with 6:10 remaining.

The Volunteers (25-11), who were looking for just the second Elite Eight appearance in program history, shot just 33% — including 6 of 23 from 3-point range. Josiah-Jordan James and Jonas Aidoo scored 10 points apiece.



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Kansas State's Ismael Massoud is fouled by Michigan State's Carson Cooper during the first half of their east region semifinal game at Madison Square Garden on Thursday night.

Spartans out in OT thriller

By **MATT CHARBONEAU**
The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — It was an NCAA Tournament game for the ages that included a record-setting individual performance.

For Michigan State it was simply a bitter defeat.

The seventh-seeded Spartans were up to the task offensively on Thursday night in their Sweet 16 matchup with No. 3 Kansas State, but in the end they couldn't over-

come the play of Kansas State guard Markquis Nowell, who scored 20 points and handed out a tournament-record 19 assists while overcoming an ankle injury that nearly knocked him out of the game.

The final assist came with just less than 17 seconds to play in overtime as Nowell found Ismael Massoud for a baseline jumper that put Kansas State up by three before he swiped the ball from Tyson Walker in the final

seconds to seal the 98-93 overtime victory for the Wildcats at Madison Square Garden.

"They knew we needed a three to tie the game up, and they just played it really well," Walker said. "They switched, and they just guarded the 3-point line well. He made a good play and none of us could get a clean look, and they got a stop."

The win allowed No. 3 Kansas State (26-9) to advance to the Elite Eight and a matchup Sunday with

No. 9 Florida Atlantic, which upset No. 4 Tennessee.

Michigan State (21-13) had five players score in double figures and shot 13-for-25 from 3-point range.

A.J. Hoggard scored 25 points to lead the Spartans while Joey Hauser had 18 points and six rebounds. Walker scored 16, Jaden Akins added 14 and Malik Hall had 13 points and eight rebounds.

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