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Isaiah 41:10 (NLT)



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**Trivia test**  
 by Fifi Rodriguez

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- TELEVISION:** Which TV sitcom features Sheldon's catchphrase "Bazinga!"?
- U.S. STATES:** Which U.S. state is home to the Awatovi Ruins, a national historic landmark?
- HISTORY:** According to a WWII government slogan, what sinks ships?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the small principality that lies between Spain and France?
- ANATOMY:** Which part of the brain controls hunger?
- LANGUAGE:** The Latin word "caput" refers to what part of the human anatomy?
- SCIENCE:** Which color has the longest wavelength in the visible spectrum?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What is the primary alcohol used in margaritas?

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**ANSWERS ON PAGE 10**

**Strange BUT TRUE**

By Lucie Winborne

- \* If stored correctly and not contaminated, honey can last for thousands of years without spoiling.
- \* A piano's frame is made of iron.
- \* Though T-shirts have existed since the late 1800s, the plain white version gained popularity as a wear-alone garment thanks to Marlon Brando's portrayal of Stanley Kowalski in the movie "A Streetcar Named Desire."
- \* One out of every seven American jobs is related to transportation.

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## Redevelopment of Southport property becomes reality at groundbreaking



(RENDERING COURTESY OF REBAR DEVELOPMENT)  
 The Jacob, a high-quality, four-story, 93-unit apartment building, in the heart of Southport on East Southport Road, is to be completed in fall of 2025.

By Al Stille  
 Editor

So many smiles and so many dreams finally have become a reality in Southport with groundbreaking for the municipality's biggest multi-million dollar redevelopment parcel. For more than two decades, Southport's redevelopment commission and most elected city leaders sought to make the former Davidson's lumber/CSX property in the heart of the city a project to be proud of in the 2100 block on East Southport Road.

With city and state leaders and redevelopment partners in attendance Friday, Southport Redevelopment Commission president and former mayor Russell McClure stated, "This development stands to be the single largest investment in the city's history and is the result of a years-long effort between the RDC and Rebar Development."

McClure emphasized, "We are confident that this first large step toward redevelopment in Southport will be the catalyst for additional development as well as encouraging locally owned businesses to locate within the Southport area to make our city a viable destination on the Southside."

The announcement formalizes an \$18 million investment – largest ever – in Southport for The Jacob, a unique high-quality, four-story, 93 market-rate apartment homes with modern community amenities, and a creekside pet park.

Designed to attract and retain young professionals, seniors, and empty nesters to downtown Southport, The Jacob amenities include a state-of-the-art fitness center, a work-from-home



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLEY)  
 Groundbreaking Friday for The Jacob featured, from left, Southport Mayor Jim Cooney, Rebar Development CEO Shelby Bowen, Southport Redevelopment Commission president and former mayor Russell McClure, and Tyler Ridge II and Tyler Ridge Sr. of The Ridge Group.



Southport Mayor Jim Cooney, foreground, looks over part of the crowd Friday at announcement of \$18 million redevelopment of land in downtown Southport.

lounge with Wi-Fi, indoor bike storage, and a courtyard with fire pit and gas grills.

Apartment units at The Jacob will feature modern kitchens with stainless steel appliances, granite countertops, and a tile backsplash; high-end interior finishes; a full-size washer and dryer; and balcony or patio.

The past challenges to land the proper development on the site was emphasized by Southport Mayor James Cooney, who served on the city council for several years. "This is our fourth rodeo," Cooney recalled of the challenges of the past 12 years to finally land a high-quality development of the parcel. "This will be Southport's anchor. It will kick start additional investment in downtown Southport – the first of many steps to make Southport an even more desirable city in which to live."

The Jacob was awarded a Redevelopment Tax Credit of \$2.2 million by the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC). Rebar Development serves as the property developer with

construction through The Ridge Group. Shelby Bowen, CEO of Rebar Development, and Tyler Ridge Sr. and Tyler Ridge II of The Ridge Group were among dignitaries at the groundbreaking along with Rep. Mike Speedy and Sen. Cyndi Carrasco, who represent the Southside in the Indiana Statehouse.

They also consider The Jacob as the project to transform Southport, most known for Long's Bakery and the historic Southport Fieldhouse.

Cooney said that the city began working with Rebar Development in 2019 with the groundbreaking and hospitality gathering afterward signifying a longtime dream come true.

"This has been well worth the wait," Rebar Development's Bowen said. "This will be the catalyst to bring more and more people to Southport."

The Jacob is expected to be complete in fall of 2025 with leasing beginning in the spring of 2025.

Info: [www.thejacobapartments.com](http://www.thejacobapartments.com).

## Basketball Blitz

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## New historical marker honors Ray Crowe in Whiteland



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS)  
 Ray Crowe's son, Larry Crowe, pauses with family members during a special ceremony Friday in Glenn A. Ray Gymnasium at Whiteland High School following outdoor dedication of historical marker east of the high school.

By Al Stille  
 Editor

Legendary Crispus Attucks High School two-time IHSAA state champion boys' basketball coach Ray Crowe was remembered Friday again in Johnson County with a new state historical marker on Center Street and a special ceremony at the Whiteland High School gymnasium.

Crowe grew up on a farm in Johnson County and was a multi-sport student-athlete at Whiteland High School and later at Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis) in the 1930s. He became the boys' basketball coach at Attucks in 1950 and mentored the Tigers to four state championship appearances, winning the coveted trophy in 1955 and 1956, the first all-Black high school to snare the coveted titles.

The Indiana High School Athletic Association prohibited all-Black and Catholic high schools from participating in the tournament until 1942.

Crowe is honored for his emphasis on good sportsmanship and fast-paced, aggressive play. He later served as the high school's athletic director and in the Indiana House of Representatives. He also

( See "Ray Crowe," on Page 4)



Historical marker honoring Whiteland's Ray Crowe is visible in the town at Center Street near the Clark-Pleasant Schools Administration Building. Crowe, a Whiteland High School student-athlete, went on as the boys' basketball coach of two-time Indiana state champion Crispus Attucks High School.



Alumni of Crispus Attucks High School were among special guests at the unveiling of historical marker honoring Ray Crowe in Whiteland Friday. Crowe previously has been honored with the naming of an elementary school and an annual Whiteland High School athletic award.

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# Decatur-Perry Township girls inspired at motivational STRIVE brunch



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTOS BY AL STILLLEY)

The first STRIVE luncheon attracted a combined 19 girls Saturday from Decatur Township and Perry Township Schools.



Prominent innovative speakers at the inaugural STRIVE luncheon for middle school and high school girls included, from left, Kelly Gunnels Valines, University of Cincinnati Health Medical Trauma Center; Brittany Gross, Indiana Department of Health division service program manager; Southside author L.C. Young; Jeana Jefferson, master of ceremonies, Decatur Middle School; and Aspen Lovejoy, Perry Township Schools language arts teacher.

By **Al Stille**  
Editor

One by one, girls from Decatur Township and Perry Township attending the inaugural STRIVE brunch Saturday were asked what they were passionate about.

The answers varied but ranged predictably from helping people, shopping, art, writing, cooking, singing and more.

The all-female invitees took part in a three-hour get-together that nourished their desire for self-esteem and empowerment. Along the way Saturday, they met other girls who face similar challenges.

"The value of today is for these girls to be surrounded by positivity and by positive women and to understand that we all have a village," explained Jeana Jefferson, community liaison at Decatur Middle School. "This enables them to realize they can learn from people outside their normal routine."

Jefferson served as master of ceremonies at the brunch that featured five speakers who emphasized the acronym of STRIVE:

- Strong
- Talented
- Resilient
- Intelligent
- Victorious
- Ever-evolving

Jefferson revealed the many adult women in her life growing up that urged her to see the good in life.

"Women helping women; girls helping girls," she said. "You have many cheerleaders in your corner – family, friends, community – learn from them. But first, you must love yourself before you can be loved."

The unique session at the Perry Township Schools Compass Education Center was motivational in every which way: from a wrist corsage for each participant, plastic pink toy eyeglasses to help them focus, and the opportunity for new friendships with female students and adults.

They were asked what they were passionate about by As-

pen Lovejoy, a Perry Township elementary school teacher, as she emphasized their "journey of self-discovery."

Lovejoy urged, "You are important; you are valued. Your doubts are lies that are keeping you from being strong. Believe in yourself; lift yourself up. Failure is not the end, it is a stepping stone to success."

Kelly Gunnels Valines of the University of Cincinnati Health Medical Trauma Center has personally and professionally witnessed the trauma of violence. She was a victim of childhood and adult abuse, suffered the loss of a brother who was murdered, admitted to teenage rebellion, and at the age of 17 years, gave birth to a baby boy.

"My past does not dictate my future," she said while professing her faith. He (God) pursued me in all my brokenness. He placed amazing people in my life to encourage me and who gave me great counsel on my life's journey, and He is still doing it today. He will do the same for you all as well."

"The words resilient and intelligent fit together as a hand is to a glove. To be broken, to go through problems and difficulties and hard times is to be resilient and willing to get wisdom ... you are not alone on your journey we call life."

Southside author L.C. Young capped the inaugural STRIVE brunch by urging attendees to write down one stepping stone that serves as a personal movement on their mountain to reach for 2024.

She said, "Whatever it is you want to grow in, improve on, write it down. Anything you see for yourself in your life, write it down; but it has to be something you have to accomplish for you ... nobody can choose success except for you."

Most girls did not know what to expect from the motivational women speakers and the brunch, but they emerged with new friendships.

Haley Shirey, a student from Southport High School, admitted that she expected to hear positive words of encouragement and was not disappointed.

Ja'merria Loyal, a Decatur Central High School freshman, stated, "I didn't know what to expect, but once I got here and met other people, I saw how we lifted each other up. Empowerment, that's supporting each other."

Brunch was provided by City BBQ. Corsages were from Loretta Norris. Male students from the Compass Education Center served as hosts and ushers. The STRIVE brunch was an event of the Southside-based IAMGEOH, Inc., and coordinated by Young and Jennings.



## Personal Recollections

By Fred Shonk & Simon

### Uncle Wiggily Longears

A few weeks ago, my article was about my father's milk route that took him out into the farm country, picking up eight 10-gallon cans of fresh milk from dairy farmers and delivering it to a local Indianapolis dairy – a seven day a week job, including holidays.

As a young boy, I liked that he would be home and finished for the day at about 2:20 in the afternoon, with the exception of a day or two of some maintenance on his truck. He needed to always be well ahead of any maintenance problems, because for a few years, it was our only vehicle.

I remember family rides to grandparents' houses and also to visit cousins. My sister was incredibly young at that time. I remember her sitting on mom's lap and I was seated between mom and dad.

My family has always been a newspaper reading family. Because my father started his milk route so early, we subscribed to *The Indianapolis News*. There were three daily newspapers in Indianapolis at that time. *The Indianapolis Star* was a seven day a week, morning newspaper. *The Indianapolis News* was a six day a week afternoon paper. The same company owned them. *The Indianapolis Times* was also an afternoon paper.

Most afternoons, our father would sit down in his favorite chair to read the paper. This was a time before much television news was available. He would read for a while and then he would call my sister, Kathy, and myself over to climb up onto the big soft arms of his chair and he would read the funnies to us.

I remember that he picked a few of the comic strips that we might understand and enjoy. After we finished with the comics, there was a daily story posted on the comic pages section of the newspaper. It was about an elderly rabbit.

Uncle Wiggily Longears was the main character in a series of children's stories by American author, Howard R. Garis. He began authoring these stories for the *Newark News* in 1910. He penned an Uncle Wiggily story every day for more than 52 years and published 79 books in his lifetime.

My sister and I listened to Uncle Wiggily stories six days per week for several years. It was some wonderful family time. I can close my eyes and see my sister seated on the opposite arm of dad's chair while we are listening to a story.

A number of years ago, when our grandsons were young, I thought about Uncle Wiggily. I looked him up on my computer and that is when I found out about Howard R. Garis and that he had lots of Uncle Wiggily books published and available for purchase.

I ordered one of the books and was incredibly pleased when it arrived. I read it a couple of times and took me right back to the left arm of my dad's chair. I did not remember the exact stories, but each different character that appeared allowed my memory to cause a smile.

Soon, I introduced my grandsons to Uncle Wiggily. We read stories for several years. I loved doing that. It was nice to sit quietly with the boys and share those stories.

Several years later, our Therapy Dog, Stuart, and I were doing reading programs at a couple of the Beech Grove City Schools. A few times, I took the Uncle Wiggily book, and I would read a couple of stories to a group. The kids loved it.

Shonk is a 1960 graduate of Southport High School, a '63 grad of Indiana Central College (now the University of Indianapolis) and a retired bus driver from Beech Grove Schools. He can be reached through email at [fdshonk@aol.com](mailto:fdshonk@aol.com).

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Decatur Township Schools' Jeana Jefferson provides her introductory remarks at STRIVE luncheon at Compass Education Center in Perry Township.



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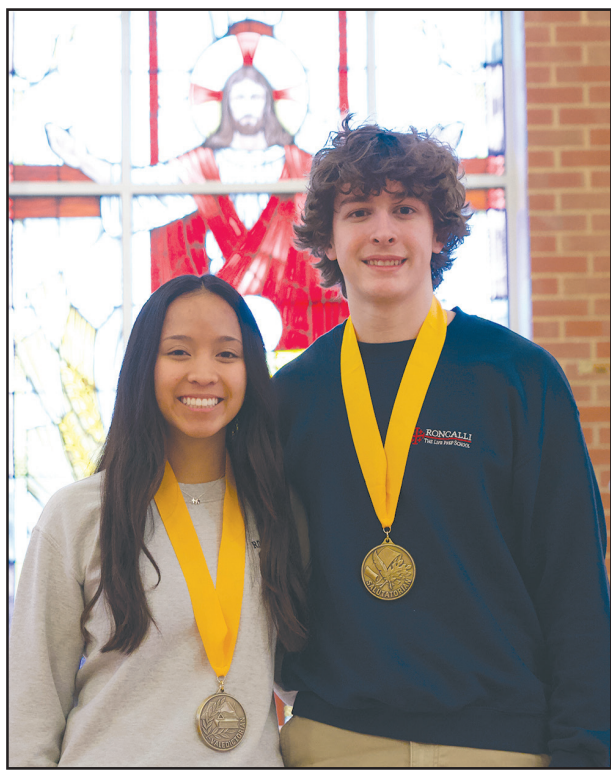
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# Roncalli names its valedictorian, salutatorian



(SUBMITTED PHOTOS) Senior Emily Sering was named the valedictorian, and senior Lachlan Borders was named salutatorian for the Roncalli High School class of 2024.

Sering excelled both inside and outside of the classroom. Earning the Academic Honors Diploma with Distinction, she will graduate with a 4.47 cumulative GPA. She has taken 38 semesters of classes at the Honors level and above, has volunteered over 900 service hours and plans to pursue a career in mathematics.

Throughout her high school career, she has embodied hard work as a Student Council Co-President, captain of her varsity soccer team, co-leader of Roncalli Community Service Club, board member of Anna's Celebration of Life Foundation and an active member of the youth ministry at her parish.

Her guidance counselor states, "Emily walks the walk, and remains consistent in her beliefs. Her sincerity is evident, and she exudes joy. She is beloved, as validated by her being voted prom queen. It has been my privilege to have known her since she was a very young child and to watch her grow into the amazing young lady she is today."

She graduated from St. Jude Catholic School and is the daughter of Jill and Joseph Sering.

Borders has shown incredible dedication throughout high school. He is an Indiana Rising Star, a state Spell Bowl champion, an Indiana Academic All Star nominee and is earning an Academic Honors Diploma with Distinction, taking one of the hardest course loads a student at Roncalli can take.

Lachlan attended St. Roch Catholic School and plans to study finance and business in college. He is the son of Alicia and Jeff Borders.

With Roncalli High School putting a large emphasis on the traits of its namesake, Saint John XXIII, Lachlan's band director wrote, "Lachlan dedicates his time and service every week performing in Mass. He has amazing character and maturity. He is always kind and never complains. He has such a busy schedule and still puts others first. I have never known him to turn down an opportunity, even if it means he has to sacrifice other things. He is a great leader and leads by example. Others look up to his character."

Roncalli Principal Kevin Banich (Class of 2009) praised both students for their positive impact upon Roncalli.

# IWU WITH GREENWOOD'S REED HEADING TO NAIA NATIONAL TOURNEY



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) With former Greenwood Christian Academy standout Izzy Reed (4), front row, far right, Indiana Wesleyan University's women's basketball team celebrates Saturday on their home court after defeating Northwestern College (Iowa), 84-42 and qualifying for the upcoming NAIA National Championship tournament in Sioux City, Iowa. IWU, ranked fourth nationally, faces No. 8 Dakota State University Thursday. The first-round host Wildcats (29-4) dominated Fisk University, 100-69 Friday. Reed scored three points, grabbed two rebounds, and had an assist against Fisk, also three points and two rebounds against Northwestern. The 5-8 junior guard is averaging 3.8 points and 1.4 rebounds for the Wildcats. She scored a career-high 15 points and five rebounds earlier this season against Goshen. No. 1-ranked Marian University (32-1) also qualified for the national tourney after defeating Florida National University, 95-67 Friday and Stephens College (Mo.), 63-49. The Knights play the University of Jamestown Thursday afternoon, also in Sioux City, Iowa.

# Cougars and Trojans close out historic seasons

By Al Stille  
Editor

Greenwood Christian Academy and Center Grove closed out their historic boys' basketball campaigns by bowing out of the IHSAA playoffs in their opening match-ups Saturday in semi-state action.

GCA, after earning its first trip to a semistate, fell to Bethesda Christian, 53-35 at the fabled "Hatchet House" in Washington.

The Cougars finish 18-8 after dropping their semi-state opener against No. 8 Bethesda Christian.

Coach Jackson Williams' squad, ranked 13th in Class A, captured its first regional championship earlier in the playoffs against Oldenburg Academy. They outed defending Class A state champion Lutheran in the sectional championship game.

GCA will graduate only three seniors - Max Booher,

Jordan Taulman, and Reid Smith - from this season's history-making team. They expect to return next season with juniors Noah Reed, Evan McIntire, Ben Comerford, Eli Jackson, and Jack Franey plus sophomore Will Jackson and freshman starter Will Simons.

Center Grove, with another 20-plus win season, never got untracked against 4A No. 1 Ben Davis, 75-49 at New Castle. The favored Giants jumped to a 19-11 first-quarter lead and never looked back, winning by a stunning 26-point margin.

Coached by veteran Zach Hahn (21-5), Center Grove ran into the multi-talented Giants (22-5) in a revival of their classic MIC duals. Ten Trojans scored against the Giants with Jalen Bundy and Peyton Byrd, each scoring 10 points, the only Trojans in double figures. Joey Schmitz added nine points.

The Trojans earlier claimed their fifth sectional championship under coach Hahn and 17th title in program history, CG claimed the regional trophy by defeating rival Franklin at Southport Fieldhouse to advance to the 4A Elite Eight.

CG will graduate eight players from this season's squad: Schmitz, Bundy, Byrd, Will Spellman, Dylan Meador, Ben Chestnut, Grant Long, and Carson Newell.

Due to the NCAA Regional at Gainbridge Fieldhouse this week, the IHSAA State Finals are set for Saturday, March 30: 10:30 a.m., 1A, Bethesda Christian (27-4) vs. Ft. Wayne Canterbury (18-9); 12:45 p.m., 2A, Brownstown Central (27-4) vs. Wapahani (26-2); 3A, 6 p.m., Scottsburg (24-5) vs. South Bend St. Joseph (20-9); and 4A, 8:15 p.m., Ben Davis (25-4) vs. Fishers (28-1).  
Info: IHSAA.org.

# Business Briefs

## SOUTHSIDER DISCUSSING MARKETING AT THE NATIONAL IPPA CONFERENCE



(SUBMITTED PHOTO) CJ Maurer, left, founder of Smarter Business Podcast, and an inbound marketing strategist, and Southsider Kyle Masengale, VP and Director of Sales at ASAP Payroll, on stage March 14, at the 2024 National IPPA Conference in Las Vegas discussing marketing. Masengale can be reached by calling 317-887-2727 or emailing him at kyle.masengale@asappayroll.com.

# Football coach

(Continued from Page 1)

"The football coaching aspect is not even what I personally will miss the most," Enright added. "Our relationship was amazing. He was my right-hand man, and whatever we did as a program, Max was right there with me making those decisions. He worked extremely hard and cared so deeply about helping young men be the best version of themselves."

"Not a day went by at DC that he didn't text me or stop by my classroom and ask, 'Can I help you with anything?' From academic support for our young men, to mental and emotional support daily, from recruiting seminars and hosting coaching clinics, from Hudl data to cleaning the equipment room, Max did everything, every day."

## A new coach

While Enright has not yet named a new defensive coordinator, he has added Leland Kinnett to his staff as defensive backs and special teams coach.

"Coach Kinnett comes to us after coaching at Center Grove, Mooresville and Indian Creek," Enright noted. "We are excited to have him join our team!"



Leland Kinnett



(SOUTHSIDER VOICE PHOTO BY STEVE PAGE) Placekicking coach/superintendent Matt Prusiecki, seen holding for Decatur Central placekicker Ashton Vogel in preparation for last fall's Class 5A state championship game at Lucas Oil Stadium, has left the Hawks and is now the Indian Creek superintendent.

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# THE MADNESS BEGINS

## Purdue holds onto No. 1 seed in Midwest for an NCAA tourney

By Al Stille  
Editor

Looking at the NCAA men's basketball tournament pairings, it's easy to see why there are tears in Terre Haute and in the Big East.

After its finest season since the Larry Bird era, Indiana State University (28-6) was snubbed by the tournament selection committee after the Sycamores fell to Drake, 84-80 in the Missouri Valley Conference's championship game and resultant loss of an automatic bid. The Sycamores' fate was complicated Sunday as five lower-seed teams captured tourney titles (automatic bids), adding to ISU's plight as a potential at-large team.

Also disappointing, the usually deep Big East qualified only three teams for the NCAA tourney with defending national champion Connecticut (31-3) being seeded No. 1 overall the day after Purdue (29-4) fell to Wisconsin in the Big 10 tourney semifinal match-up.

Purdue retained its No. 1 seed in the Midwest with UConn No. 1 in the East, Houston (30-4) in the South, and North Carolina (27-7) in the West.

Only UConn, Marquette (25-9), and Creighton (23-9) will represent the Big East, leaving Seton Hall (20-12), Rick Pitino-coached St. John's (20-13), and Providence (21-13) on the sidelines.

Enough about teams that didn't wind up in the 68-team tourney with the Big 12 landing a record eight teams and the Mountain West six teams.

Along with the pairings announcement, a random draw of entered advertisers of *The Southsider Voice* has added business interest in the tourney throughout the Southside.

The tournament opened Tuesday at Dayton, Ohio with Wagner vs. Howard and Colorado State vs. Virginia in play-in games; tonight, first-time NCAA tourney qualifier Grambling State meets Montana State and Colorado plays Boise State.

And then first rounds are Thursday-Saturday and Friday-Sunday to decide the Sweet 16 teams.

In the Midwest Region, Purdue is still considered the favorite even after falling to Wisconsin. The Boilers lost their tourney opener last year. That loss combined with the sobering experience of losing to the Badgers Friday should be their final wake-up call. The Boilers have a force on both ends with 7-4 senior Zach Edey as a rim threat and defender. It is hoped that Purdue's backcourt experience and depth would cure any short-comings.

The Boilers have the luxury of playing at Gainbridge Fieldhouse against the Grambling-Montana State play-in winner Friday and hopefully Saturday.

No. 4-seed Kansas (22-10) is in the same bracket, but the Jayhawks are without their two leading scorers putting them in danger of losing to first-round foe Samford (29-5). Gonzaga (25-7), not as strong as in past years, meets McNeese (30-3) with a loaded backcourt.

No. 2-seed Tennessee (24-8) is in the lower bracket, but the Vols could meet Texas (20-12) and eventually face dangerous Creighton. The Vols open Thursday against last year's tourney darling St. Peter's (19-13).

In the East Regional, UConn still stands as the favorite based on their remarkable campaign with losses only to Kansas, Seton Hall, and Creighton. The Huskies are riding a seven-game winning streak. No. 4 seed and SEC tourney champion Auburn (27-7) is in the same bracket.

No. 2 seed Iowa State (27-7) is in the lower bracket but could face BYU (23-10) or well-rounded Illinois (26-8).

In the South Region, Houston (30-4) is the No.



Morgan Walker and son Grayson were recently at a game in Mackey Arena. They are the daughter and grandson of Sean and Tammy (Cotton) Collins. Morgan is a Purdue graduate. She furthered her education at Ball State and Indiana State universities and is currently an Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Danville Community School Corporation. As this duo would say, "BOILER UP!"



Southsider Ronnie Roesler, a 1983 Southport grad, with his girlfriend Nicki, in their Purdue attire. Roesler became a Purdue fan at the age of 9, when his grandpa Roesler was watching a game and really getting into it. Roesler shared, "Grandpa was one of my favorite people on earth, so of course I sat right next to him and he told me why he was a Boilermaker ... Because they come to work everyday, and besides, he's tired of everybody trying to shove IU down his throat. That was all it took."

1 seed despite getting thumped by Iowa State in the Big 12 tourney. Nebraska (23-10), Wisconsin (22-13), and unpredictable Duke (24-8) are in their same upper bracket. The lower bracket features No. 2-seed Marquette (25-9) that opens against my alma mater Western Kentucky (22-11). No. 3-seed Kentucky (23-9) is in the same bracket and the Wildcats know how to score.

In the West Region, North Carolina squeaked into the No. 1 seed and could run into the Michigan State-Mississippi State winner in their second game with Alabama (21-11) in the same bracket. The lower bracket features Arizona (25-8) with a fairly easy path.

Looking for dark horses, look no further than No. 10-seed Drake (28-6) in the East; No. 12 James Madison (31-3) and energized No. 11-seed North Carolina State (22-14) with former Perry Meridian standout Jayden Taylor (Butler transfer)

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- 12 UAB (23-11)
- 4 Auburn (27-7)
- 13 Yale (22-9)
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- 7 Washington St. (24-9)
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- Houston (30-4) 1
- Memphis
- Longwood (21-13) 16
- Nebraska (23-10) 8
- Texas A&M (20-14) 9
- Wisconsin (22-13) 5
- Brooklyn
- James Madison (31-3) 12
- Duke (24-8) 4
- Vermont (28-6) 13
- Texas Tech (23-10) 6
- Pittsburgh
- NC State (22-14) 11
- Kentucky (23-9) 3
- Oakland (23-11) 14
- Florida (24-11) 7
- Indianapolis
- Boise St./Colorado 10
- Marquette (25-9) 2
- Western Kentucky (22-11) 15

**WEST**

- 1 North Carolina (27-7)
- 16 Howard/Wagner
- 8 Mississippi St. (21-13)
- 9 Michigan St. (19-14)
- 5 Saint Mary's (26-7)
- 12 Grand Canyon (29-4)
- 4 Alabama (21-11)
- 13 Charleston (27-7)
- 6 Clemson (21-11)
- 11 New Mexico (26-9)
- 3 Baylor (23-10)
- 14 Colgate (25-9)
- 7 Dayton (24-7)
- 10 Nevada (26-7)
- 2 Arizona (25-8)
- 15 Long Beach St. (21-14)

**MIDWEST**

- Purdue (29-4) 1
- Indianapolis
- Montana St./Grambling 16
- Utah St. (27-6) 8
- TCU (21-12) 9
- Gonzaga (25-7) 5
- Salt Lake City
- McNeese (30-3) 12
- Kansas (22-10) 4
- Samford (29-5) 13
- South Carolina (26-7) 6
- Pittsburgh
- Oregon (23-11) 11
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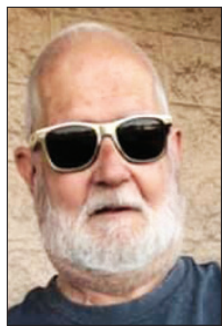
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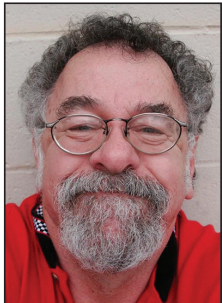


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**CHAMPION**  
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Kentucky  
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Houston  
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UConn

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- The term "March Madness" was first used to describe the tournament in 1982.
- The NIT (1938) was founded before the NCAA tournament. The NIT field is now usually made up of teams that miss the NCAA tournament.
- The first NCAA men's basketball tournament took place in 1939.
- One Shining Moment, the anthem of March Madness, first aired following the NCAA men's basketball tournament in 1987.
- Duke owns the largest comeback and second-largest lead blown in NCAA tournament history.
- Oregon is the first NCAA tournament champion, beating Ohio State for the title.



## March Madness Trivia

1. Who is Purdue's career scoring leader?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Who closed his NCAA Tournament career with a 50-point performance in a losing effort?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What team emerged from the first-ever First Four to reach the Final Four? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which coach has won the most NCAA Tournament games? Hint: He is retired. \_\_\_\_\_
5. Who coached Purdue to their first Big Ten title in 1911?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. Who is the only three-time Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four? \_\_\_\_\_
7. What Boilermaker hit a jump shot with 4 seconds left to defeat Marquette, and send Purdue to the 1969 Final Four?  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. Who is credited with coining the phrase "March Madness"?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. Who is the only coach to win the national championship at two schools?  
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10. Who holds the NCAA career record for most points scored in the tournament?  
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by Linda Thistle

9x9 grid for Sudoku puzzle with numbers 1-9 in some cells.

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

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# HOROSCOPE

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The last lingering days of winter leave the rambunctious Ram more restless than usual...

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The clever Bull will ignore outward appearances and dig a little deeper to find important hidden facts...

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) It's a good time to reorganize around your home and on the job. Missing items will seem to magically reappear...

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Tame that skeptical nature of yours. Be open to well-intended advice from a family member. A co-worker also has a suggestion that can be beneficial to the both of you...

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A so-called bargain could turn out to be a mite more risky than you thought. Keep your purse closed for now. A better deal is just down the line...

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A sudden romantic overture emerges out of the past and catches you off guard. Respond with your usual honesty. This is not the time for coyness...

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Romantic aspects are especially favorable this week. A career move also holds positive potential. Check out

possible drawbacks before making a final decision. SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) You dislike changing plans, but it could be a wise move to be a little more flexible than usual...

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A loved one may feel left out of your life as you pursue your objectives this week. Take time to offer reassurances that your priorities haven't

changed. CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) This is a good time to stop nursing your wounded pride and start repairing a strained friendship. Take the first step now and let the healing process begin...

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Expect good news about a particular health problem. Then go out and celebrate with friends and family. There's good news about your financial health as well...

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A state of confusion marks the early part of this week, but explanations will come in time to clear things up for

you. Be cautious about making promises.

BORN THIS WEEK: You love being with people, whether it's a crowd or the company of just a few friends. You have strong family loyalties and can be counted on in crisis situations.

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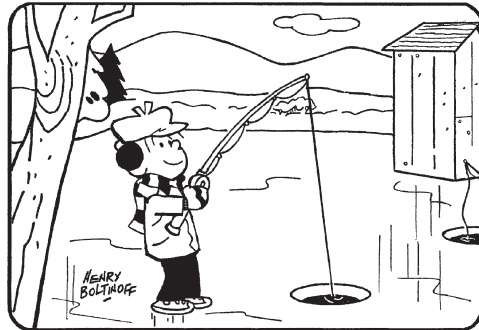
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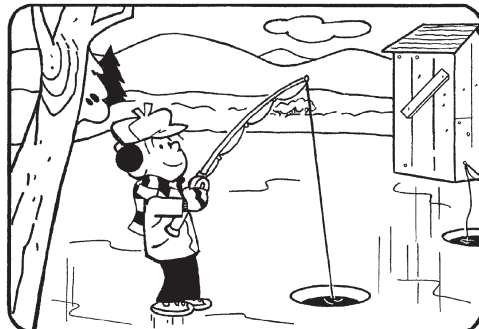
11x11 crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting positions for clues.

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### HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTIHOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Fishing line is different. 2. Branch is higher. 3. Hut is different. 4. Mountain is added. 5. Cloud is higher. 6. Cap is different.

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## TRIVIA

Answers

- Florin.
- Mountbatten-Windsor.
- "The Big Bang Theory."
- Arizona.
- Loose lips.
- Andorra.
- Hypothalamus.
- The head.
- Red.
- Tequila.

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**CryptoQuip** answer

When you pack tons of fluffy duck feathers onto a transport ship, I guess that's down-loading.

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