

'FAUX' FEST SALUTES TOP ENTERTAINERS

Impersonators rule in 'Legends of the Stars'



POPE PRAYS WITH VICTIMS

Benedict XVI meets privately with survivors of clergy sex abuse, also celebrates open-air Mass at baseball stadium, **Nation, A10**



FRIDAY

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Good day to our readers, including valued subscriber Joan Patillo of Chesterton.

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PFC. SHANE PENLEY KILLED IN IRAQ

Family grieves loss of soldier



Dena and David Penley stand with their son Shane Penley during his funeral service at First Baptist Church of Hammond on Thursday. Penley was killed by sniper fire in Iraq on April 6.

PHOTOS BY STEPHANIE DOWELL/POST-TRIBUNE

Mourners gather at First Baptist in Hammond

American flags adorned the casket Thursday of Army Pfc. Shane Penley, a Sauk Village, Ill., native, whose funeral was held at Hammond's First Baptist Church where Penley was a member.

Penley, 19, was shot and killed by sniper fire April 6 at the patrol base in Iraq.

Illinois Lt. Gov. Patrick Quinn attended Penley's funeral and watched as parents David and Dena Penley said good bye to their young son.

The youngest of four children, Shane Penley hoped to become a police officer.

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The hearse carrying the body of Pfc. Shane Penley is escorted underneath the giant flag hoisted by the Schererville and Crown Point ladder trucks at the entrance to Memory Lane Memorial Park in Schererville.

OPERATION IRAQI FREEDOM

Army Pfc. Shane Penley,

19, of Sauk Village, Ill.; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.; died April 6 at Patrol Base Copper, Iraq, from wounds sustained while on duty at a guard post.

AIR MONITORING

Disposal unit testing to continue

U.S. Steel will continue to monitor the air in a Gary neighborhood near the site of polluted sediment taken from the Grand Calumet River.

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WHAT ON EARTH IS THIS PAYLOADER CLEANING UP?



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PORTER TOWNSHIP

\$51.3M growth plan for schools

Board approves cost cap for 10-year project to expand programs for foreign language, science, vocational and full-day kindergarten.

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Canadian National draws more criticism

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AUTO RACING



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TODAY'S WEATHER

64° 48°

Mostly cloudy, showers

COMPLETE FORECAST, **A14**



Today's weather artist is Kyle Iwinski of Wadsworth Elementary in Griffith

THE TICKER

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