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Outsiders help ease U.S.-Iran tensions



Newspapers from separate days are displayed in Islamabad, Pakistan, on April 8 after the ceasefire was announced.

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Food Truck Fridays begins this weekend

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Bloomington's Food Truck Fridays starts its 12th season this Friday, April 10, with 16 food vendors at Switchyard Park, 1601 S. Rogers St.

Which food trucks will be there Friday?

New this season will be Hoosier Mama Cookin', a food truck based in Martinsville that offers gourmet grilled cheese sandwiches, including a barbecue pork option; and Pint Up Energy, which offers flavored energy drinks, teas, sodas and more.

Other vendors for the first Friday will include J's Lobster Truck, an Indianapolis favorite; Pierogi Place; Weaver's Smoke Eaters BBQ; Elli-May's Smoked BBQ; Little Bowl Thai; Planted Bloomington; Doner Kebab; Chef's Table Catering; Jay's Kitchen; Flam'n Grill; Uno Mas Taco Truck; The Chocolate Moose; Travelin' Tom's Coffee; and Richis St Tacos, based in Monrovia.

What are the hours for Food Truck Fridays?

Food Truck Fridays will be 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in April and October. From May through September, the hours will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Will there be music?

Yes. Various bands and DJs will entertain people in the evenings. On April 10, Paul Bertsch will perform 5-6 p.m. followed by Bigger Is Better Band, playing 6-8 p.m.

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People wait in line at Uno Mas during food truck Friday at Switchyard Park on May 10, 2024.

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Different motives drive Pakistan, China to get involved in negotiations

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USA TODAY

A knot of defiant actors – three of them talked off a geopolitical cliff's edge at the 11th hour.

One peacemaker-nation trying to end a war on its border while fighting another. A second one, a major world power with no Middle East military footprint that views economic leverage against the United States as a strategic

priority.

April 7 began with President Donald Trump making a widely criticized threat to destroy Iran's "whole civilization" unless it agreed to stop a war that Israel and the United States started. It ended with Iran, Israel and the United States agreeing to a two-week pause in hostilities and the opening of the Strait of Hormuz shipping channel.

In the background, two countries – Pakistan, which is entangled in a con-

flict with Afghanistan; and China, the U.S.'s chief global rival – emerged as unlikely but effective mediators. A first round of U.S.-Iran negotiations aimed at fleshing out a 10-point peace plan is expected to take place in Islamabad this week.

So, how to account for Pakistan and China helping to secure a temporary, fragile peace?

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5 things to do this weekend in Bloomington

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Things are heating up, both literally and figuratively, these days in Bloomington.

Gallery Walk is back in full swing, Granfalloo events are cropping up

early this year (at the time of publication, tickets are still on sale for comedian Caleb Hearon's panel next Tuesday at the IU Auditorium), and we're just weeks away from Little 500, a.k.a. "the world's greatest college weekend."

This weekend offers an early taste of festival season with a rich slate of concerts, markets and more. Celebrate our

state's rich brewery culture with the Indiana Brewers Guild's Spring Fest at Woolery Mill, dance to free Latin jazz and funk music at Franklin Hall Commons, and browse thousands of second-hand items with a 70+ vendor rummage sale at Switchyard Park.

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