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Stability issues forced early website launch

New version of thecr.com is active, paywall is down temporarily

A new website is active. It came along a bit faster than expected.

The Commercial Review's new website launched Tuesday afternoon in order to ensure continued service to subscribers.

Ray Cooney, editor and publisher for The Graphic Printing Company, explained that plans have been in the works for a new website for months but it was not expected to go live this week. The change was part of a shift to ePublishing's platform after it bought out former web hosting service Iup! Software, which was based in Kokomo.

A launch date had not yet been set as The Commercial Review's staff worked through the final steps in the transition process.

That changed Tuesday afternoon when ePublishing notified Cooney that the Iup! hosting systems were experiencing stability issues, which was leaving the website in danger of crashing. In order to avoid losing data, the decision was made to shift to the new website early.

In order to ensure that subscribers would have access to content, the paywall to the website has been temporarily removed.

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Scores still lag behind 2019 results

By **CASEY SMITH**
Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

An increasing number of Hoosier students in grades 3-8 are passing state standardized tests — signaling continued learning loss recovery following the COVID-19 pandemic.

But ILEARN scores still trail behind 2019 results, and students who struggled before the pandemic are not making academic rebounds as fast as their peers.

Nearly 41% of Indiana students who were tested earlier this spring were at or above proficiency standards in English and language arts, according to new data released Wednesday by the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE).

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2023 Jay County Fair



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Funny fair

The Jay County Fair was busy Tuesday night with a packed crowd for 3 Bar J Rodeo and kids swarming the rides on the midway. Activities resumed this morning with the 4-H dairy show.

Pictured at left, 8-year-old Alex Vinson of Pennville laughs while riding the bumper cars on the midway Tuesday night. Below left, Melana Zimmerman laughs at a comment from the judge while helping out her friend Kelsey Frantz, who had two cows in the same division.

Fair activities continue today with the 4-H horse and pony show in the Outdoor Arena beginning at 9 a.m. and large animal supreme showmanship in the Show Arena at 5 p.m., candle making in the Women's Building at 5:30 p.m. and the We Are Messengers concert at the grandstand at 7 p.m. The 4-H livestock auction will begin at 10 a.m. Friday.

For additional photos from Tuesday and Wednesday at the fair, see page 5.

For a story about Portland resident Tyler Manor, who competed in the rodeo event Tuesday, see page 10.

Haffner hoists

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

Katie Haffner is a regular when it comes to holding the big banner at the dog show.

She's shown the top dog at the Jay County Fair five times. (With three different dogs.)

But when she got a taste of the supreme showmanship competition a couple of years ago, she set a new goal. On Tuesday, she accomplished it.

Haffner, a 10-year

Ten-year member takes trophy for small animal supreme showmanship

member of 4-H, won the small animal supreme showmanship competition Tuesday afternoon on her second and final try.

"I didn't even know what to think," she said. "I was ecstatic."

Haffner advanced to small animal supreme showmanship for the first time in 2021.

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Katie Haffner shows a rabbit during Tuesday's Jay County 4-H small animal supreme showmanship competition. She won the trophy on her second and final try.

Deaths

Patricia Reichart, 88, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 86 degrees Tuesday. The low was 63.

Tonight's forecast calls for showers and a low in the lower 60s. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a slight chance of showers and a high in the mid 80s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Coming up

Thursday

4 p.m. — A Touch of Mexico mariachi band in the Farmer's Building

5 p.m. — 4-H large animal supreme showmanship in the Show Arena

5:30 p.m. — Candle making in the Women's Building

7 p.m. — We Are Messengers concert at the grandstand

Friday

10 a.m. — 4-H livestock auction in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall

1 p.m. — Senior bingo in the Farmer's Building

3 p.m. — Back a 4-Her in the Bob Schmit Memorial Exhibition Hall

7 p.m. — Scotty McCreery concert at the grandstand



Farm Aid is returning to Indiana

The Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)
Tribune News Service
Farm Aid, a benefit concert that debuted in Champaign, Illinois, in 1985, is coming to Indiana this September for the first time since 2001.

Its core leadership — musicians Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp, Neil Young, Dave Matthews and Margo Price — will perform at the all-day music and food event, which spotlights farmers, agriculture and climate.

Farm Aid is returning to Noblesville's Ruoff Music Center on Saturday, Sept. 23. Tickets will go on sale to the public at 10 a.m. Saturday, July 15 at LiveNation.com.

Ticket prices range from \$75 to

\$315 and will be available for purchase at LiveNation.com. A limited number of pre-sale tickets will be available beginning at 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 12 at www.farmaid.org/tickets.

It will feature performances by Farm Aid board members Nelson, Young, Mellencamp, Matthews (with Tim Reynolds) and Price. Also performing will be Bobby Weir & Wolf Bros featuring The Wolfpack, Nathaniel Rateliff & The Night Sweats, Lukas Nelson, Allison Russell, The String Cheese Incident, and Particle Kid.

The festival will highlight the work of family farmers to address climate change through regenerative, organic and sustainable farming practices,

according to a Farm Aid news release issued Tuesday morning. Farm Aid will showcase these innovative climate champions on the Farm Aid stage and throughout the event. As farmers and farm and food advocates converge from across the country for the annual festival, Farm Aid will host additional pre-festival events to spotlight their work.

This is the third Farm Aid concert that has taken place in Indiana, and the second in Noblesville. Farm Aid IV took place at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis in 1990, and Farm Aid 2001: A Concert for America was held in Noblesville just weeks after the terrorist attacks of 2001.

"Family farmers have the solutions to some of our toughest challenges," Nelson, Farm Aid President and Founder, said in the news release. "As we face a changing climate, farmers in Indiana, across the Midwest and all over the country are farming in ways that create more resilient farms to build healthy soils and protect our water."

Across Indiana, climate change has already had a considerable impact, Farm Aid said in its news release. In the coming years, climate change will shift the state to two extremes: hotter, drier summers and wetter winters and springs, creating more urgency for on-farm production practices that care

for the soil and water, Farm Aid said.

"Indiana has the most polluted rivers and streams of any state, and almost all of Indiana's lakes and reservoirs sampled in a recent study are unfit for drinking water. One of the main culprits is manure run-off from large-scale concentrated animal feeding operations," Farm Aid said in its news release. "Many family farmers in Indiana are national leaders in implementing farming practices to mitigate climate change, including cover cropping, rotating crops, reducing soil tillage, integrating livestock and crop production, raising pastured livestock, and improving soil and water management."

CR almanac

Friday 7/14	Saturday 7/15	Sunday 7/16	Monday 7/17	Tuesday 7/18
86/68	83/65	84/64	80/62	81/62
Friday has a slight chance of showers, with the likelihood increasing at night.	Saturday's forecast shows a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	There's a chance of rain Sunday. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 84.	Monday has a 50% chance of thunderstorms. The high may be 80.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies and a high of 80.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$750 million	Evening Daily Three: 9-7-4 Daily Four: 7-4-2-2 Quick Draw: 1-6-7-18-20-21-22-25-33-34-35-36-43-46-48-49-57-69-70-80
Mega Millions 10-17-33-51-64 Mega Ball: 5 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$560 million	Ohio Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 3-1-2 Pick 4: 9-3-0-4 Pick 5: 5-5-2-2-8 Evening Pick 3: 5-5-7 Pick 4: 2-2-0-4 Pick 5: 8-4-3-8-7 Rolling Cash: 9-12-19-32-37
Hoosier Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 4-6-2 Daily Four: 4-9-9-2 Quick Draw: 9-11-15-19-24-28-32-33-40-41-43-48-50-52-54-57-61-64-68-73	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.33 Oct. corn4.63 Wheat5.72	Aug. beans.....12.98 Wheat 5.99
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Today in history

In 1787, the U.S. Congress enacted the Northwest Ordinance, which laid out rules for governing the Northwest Territory. The territory included land that would be come the states of Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois and Minnesota.

In 1923, the Hollywood sign was officially dedicated in the hills above Hollywood, Los Angeles.

In 1942, actor Harrison Ford, who played Han Solo in the "Star Wars" franchise and the titular "Indiana Jones" was born in Chicago.

In 1985, Live Aid, a benefit concert to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia, was held in Wembley Stadium in

London and JFK Stadium in Philadelphia.

In 1972, Alma E. Fenig, 47, of rural Jay County drowned in the Wabash River near the Indiana-Ohio state line.

In 2021, Portland Board of Works approved former Jay County Sheriff's Office chief deputy Mitch Sutton as the city's new chief of police. His hiring came just minutes after the board accepted a letter of resignation from previous chief Josh Stephenson, who spent just over six months at the helm. (Stephenson was the subject of a special prosecutor's investigation for potential criminal misconduct and other issues. The investigation resulted in no charges being filed.) —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Corporation, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery School Board,	community room, high school, 400 E. Butler St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.
Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North.	

Obituaries

Patricia Reichart

April 4, 1935-July 10, 2023
Patricia L. Reichert, age 88, of Portland passed away on Monday, July 10, 2023, at her residence. She was born in Versailles, Ohio, on April 4, 1935, the daughter of Norman and Norma (Kimmey) Treon. She was married to William Reichert Jr. and he passed away in 1974.

She was a farm wife and a drug and alcohol counselor for Washington House, and also worked for CVS in Decatur. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority and Cross

Church in Berne, and helped in 4-H, Girl Scouts and Adams County Election Board.

Surviving are two daughters, Jennifer L. Reichert (husband: Kim Haines) of Portland and Julie Pax (husband: Andrew) of Portland; two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Rikki Reichert Keller.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.



Reichert

Memorials can be made to Everheart Hospice.

Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

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The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Roughly the same percentage of students were at or above proficiency standards in math.

Even so, only 30.6% of Hoosier students passed both the math and English sections of ILEARN. That's slightly up from last year's spring test results, which showed that only 30.2% earned passing scores.

In 2019, however, pre-pandemic pass rates indicated that 37.1% of Hoosier kids in grades 3-8 were proficient in both the English and math portions of the exam.

Signs of continued improvement, for some

The statewide ILEARN results reflect a slight increase in math across all grade levels.

The highest increases were in grade four, which improved by 1.3 percentage points, as well as grade six, which went up 2.8 percentage points, and grade eight, which improved by 1.6 percentage points.

Most grade levels scored about half a percentage point lower on the English portion of ILEARN despite ongoing efforts to improve literacy.

Capsule Reports

Collision

Two Jay County residents complained of pain after a crash at the intersection of county roads 200 West and 200 North about 6 p.m. Monday.

Garth L. LeMester, 80, Portland, was driving east on county road 200 West when he stopped at the intersection with county road 200 North. He continued east into the path of a 2017 Chevrolet Equinox driven by 21-year-old Ashlyn D. Denny of Pennville. Denny had been south bound on county road 200

West, which did not have a stop sign at the intersection.

LeMester complained of lower body pain, and Denny complained of arm pain. Both their vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$25,000 and \$50,000.

Lost control

A New Jersey woman's car was towed after she hit a utility pole along county road 200 South in Jay County about 9 p.m. Monday.

Bernadett Carney, 54, Dumont, was driving east

on county road 200 South when her 2003 Honda CR-V veered off the south side of the road. She overcorrected and lost control, causing her to drive off the north

side of the road and hit a pole. Carney complained of chest pain. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Early ...

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The payroll will remain down until The CR's staff is able to work with ePublishing and share information with subscribers regarding how to log in to the new site.

"Tuesday's launch of the new website was a surprise," said Cooney, noting that the launch happened within a matter of hours of being notified of the Iup! stability issues. "It was hectic, especially during the height of Jay County Fair week, and there have been glitches, but ultimately the goal was to make sure the website stayed live and our subscribers had access to the newspaper online."

SERVICES

Thursday
Gilly, Karyn: 10:30 a.m., Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home, 308 W. Washington St., Bluffton.

Saturday
Ford, Roby: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West., Portland.

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Prepare for a safe, healthy school year

By JOSEPH VORMOHR

It's still early July and mid-summer but school will be starting back up soon. To have a healthy and safe school year, start preparing now. These tips from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) can help:

1. Wash hands frequently. Germs are everywhere especially in schools with numerous students and teachers. To avoid passing germs and getting sick, it is important to practice proper hand washing before eating, after using the bathroom, and after blowing their nose, coughing or sneezing. Proper hand washing can also help keep teachers and par-

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ents healthy and avoid missing work.

2. Eat well. Studies show that nearly one in five children are obese which puts them at a greater risk for health conditions such as asthma, sleep apnea, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and type 2 diabetes. It is important for children to eat a healthy diet with plenty of fresh fruits, vegetables, grains,

dairy and lean meats. Oils, saturated fats, sugars and sodium should be limited.

3. Limit sugary drinks. Many sports drinks, sodas and other flavored beverages have added sugar and are high in calories. Many people are unaware just how many calories are in what they drink. Be sure to check all nutrition labels. Water is a great, no-calorie, low-cost beverage which can also keep you hydrated and healthy.

4. Stay active. Being physically active not only helps a child stay healthy but can also reduce anxiety and help stay focused at school. Experts recommend children get at least 60 minutes of physical

activity each. Any type of activity, including running, walking and play sports count. Limiting time watching television, playing video games and surfing the web can also help.

5. Stay cool. Even though school will be starting soon, it is still summer and temperatures are high. Make sure to plan outdoor activities when it is cooler, pace activity, apply sunscreen and drink plenty of water. This will help prevent heat-related illnesses.

6. Don't smoke, vape or use tobacco. It is important for parents and teachers to educate youth on the harmful effects of smoking, vaping and using tobacco.

Studies show that in 2018 more than 3.6 million young people used e-cigarettes. The nicotine can harm youth's brain specifically the areas responsible for learning, memory and attention. The CDC and local tobacco coalitions offer free education resources.

7. Stay safe. Accidents can happen at any time at school whether on the playground, in the cafeteria or hallway, or playing a sport activity. It is important to be able to identify and respond to injuries and concussions right away. See a health-care provider in the case of a concussion or injury.

8. Plan for emergencies. Make sure your child's

school and teacher is aware of each child's health conditions, medications, allergies, contact information, etc.

9. Get vaccinated. It is important for children from newborn to college age students to get vaccinated. Vaccines can help protect your child's health in addition to classmates, friends, relatives and others in the community.

Check with your health-care provider or local health department for vaccination recommendations.

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Joseph Vormohr is an internal medicine and pediatric physician at IU Health Jay Family Medicine in Portland.

Boyfriend puts relationship on hold after death

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend lost his sister unexpectedly to a heart attack. She was only 50. I'm trying to be there for him and give him his space while he's grieving. The thing is, he has stopped responding or contacting me. Every few days, I'd send him words of support, but he doesn't respond — not with a "thank you" or anything. This has been happening for the past week.

Finally, I figured that he's ghosting me and no longer wants to be bothered with me but doesn't want to say it. So I told him I didn't want to add to his stress, that I felt he was over our relationship and I wouldn't bother him anymore. He responded, saying I'm taking it too personally, there's nothing I can do to help and it's something he has to go through.

I know that. I understand grieving. But am I supposed to just wait until he feels like talking or being bothered with me, for however long it takes? I'm trying to be understanding, but for someone to just cut you off and not even acknowledge you is awful. I mean, he's completely

Dear Abby



emotionally unavailable, like I don't exist! I don't know what to do. — PUSHED ASIDE IN THE SOUTH

DEAR PUSHED: Here's what to do. Back off! Since you understand grieving, you must know that no two people grieve exactly alike or on the same timetable. Your boyfriend has told you explicitly what he needs. If you care about him, give him space and stop personalizing this. His emotional needs must come before your own right now. Distract yourself by seeing friends or involving yourself in activities you can enjoy for the next month or so. If you do, when he's feeling more like himself again, he will come back to you.

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DEAR ABBY: I work from home, so I do not need to get dressed up every day. I wear T-shirts and athletic shorts because I usually coach my sons in after-school sports and want to be comfortable. Every day, my wife complains about my appearance, comparing me to other fathers. She also has no problem yelling about it in front of my kids or her family. This happens often. She says, "People won't want to do business with you if you dress like that!"

Anytime I see a client, I dress for the occasion. Since she seems to have no problem saying anything about my appearance, can I say something about the weight she has gained over the last couple of years? Since she says stuff like that to me, I think it's only fair that I should be allowed to say something to her. — COMFORTABLE IN THE EAST

DEAR COMFORTABLE: Say anything you wish, but before you open your mouth, ask yourself whether it would be helpful or inflame the situation. Many people prefer to dress casually, and

sometimes others can be judgmental about it — your wife being only one of them. As strongly as your wife may feel about your choice of attire, she's wrong to criticize you in front of others, because berating you will not improve the state of your marriage.

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DEAR ABBY: I have grown children, ages 51 and 43, who argue and hate each other because of their heavy drinking. My older son is an alcoholic. The younger one is on the same path. When they are drunk, they fight really bad, and it's tearing me apart.

I don't want to be here anymore. They take all their frustrations out on me. Each one blames the other. It's a mother's worst nightmare. The older one lives with me, and the younger one threatens me that he's not coming to visit because his brother is here. They are very jealous of each other. Please advise me. — DOWNHEARTED MOTHER IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR MOTHER: Draw the

line. You are not helpless, and you don't have to put up with your sons' misbehavior. Find a chapter of Al-Anon and start attending the meetings for moral support. Tell your battling "boys" you will no longer tolerate alcohol in YOUR home.

While you're at it, make sure they know you have had your fill of their sibling rivalry, and if they can't settle their differences like adults, you do not want them over there. Be sure your older son knows that if he doesn't comply AND get help to sober up, he will have to find another place to live.

Your younger son should also be told you want to see him only when he's sober. Whatever happens after that will be better than the chaos in which you are living.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

PIKE FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS — Will meet at 5 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at Pizza Hut in Portland.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY HEALTH JAY HOSPITAL OSTOMY SUPPORT

GROUP — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second Thursday of each month in Indiana University Health Jay Hospital Conference Room B. The group is for ostomy and intestinal diversion patients and their friends and family to offer mutual support and learn about the latest products and information.

JAY COUNTY TRAILS CLUB — Will meet at 7 p.m. the second Thursday of each month at Jay Community Center.

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.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

Coming Soon!

Plan now to

ADVERTISE

We have a busy schedule of special sections and pages coming up. Mark your calendar so you don't miss them.

CR ONLY — Swiss Days (special pages only, not a separate section)
Wednesday, July 26 (ad deadline July 18)

NG ONLY — Randolph County Fair results
Tuesday, August 8 (ad deadline July 31)

NT ONLY — Blackford County Fair results
Wednesday, August 9 (ad deadline August 1)

UNIVERSAL — Engine show
Tuesday, August 22 (ad deadline August 14)

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Just whose dream is this anyway?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Who dreamed up the American Dream of homeownership?

Was it a home builder, a mortgage banker or a real estate broker.

Home ownership is subsidized by governments, advertised as a desirable form of holding assets and believed to be an indicator of moral character.

Actually, it is just an archaic extension of the powers afforded the favorites of the monarch.

In the 18th century, when this nation was formed, land ownership was the principal source of income and a basis for the right to vote.

Renting was an indication of poverty and a road to continued indigence traveled by those with poor manners and dubious reputation.

Hoosier legislators openly and

Eye on the Pie



regularly express their concern for home owners. Renters, however, are a breed apart, akin to feral cats, to be fed only outside the back door.

Indiana, in 2021, had 71% of its single and multi-family housing units occupied by owners. That compares with 65% nationally.

In part, this difference was the result of a greater Hoosier emphasis on building or offering owner units during the past decade. Between 2011 to 2021, 87% of the Indiana's increase in

occupied units was for home owners compared with 73% nationwide.

It's easy to imagine owner-occupied units as single-family homes and rentals as apartment houses. However, we've seen condos and single-family units go from owner to rental and rental apartments become owner-occupied condos. Owner or renter is not a permanent condition.

These data from the Census Bureau also provide numbers by race and ethnicity. In 2021, 24% of white Hoosier households were rentals. Among Black or African American Hoosier households, 62% were rentals.

That spread between Black and white households of 38 percentage points is greater than the spread 10 years earlier (32 points). If being a renter is a

worse condition than being a homeowner, then Hoosier Blacks are not seeing an improvement in their housing status.

Contrast these results with those for Hispanic Hoosier households. In 2021, 41% of Indiana's Hispanic households were rentals while only 24% of white, non-Hispanic households were rentals. That's a spread of 17 percentage points which is better than the 2011 spread of 21 points.

Add this factor: in 2011, home ownership for Hoosier Black households was slightly ahead of that for their national counterparts (0.8% points), but fell behind the nation to minus 1.2% points in 2021. Meanwhile the comparable figures of Hispanic households improved by 2.2% points compared to the national condition.

Why is the "American Dream" better realized by Hispanic Hoosiers than by Black Hoosiers? Contrast these results with those for Hispanic Hoosier households. In 2021, 41% of Indiana's Hispanic households were rentals while only 24% of white, non-Hispanic households were rentals. That's a spread of 17 percentage points, which is better than the 2011 spread of 21 points.

Why is the "Dream" improving for Hispanics and deteriorating for Blacks?

Should anything be done about these discrepancies or, should we, as is often done these days, just blame it on COVID and forget it? I think not.

Marcus is an economist. Email him at mortonjmarcus@yahoo.com.

Let's take aim at loneliness, isolation

The Virginian-Pilot
Tribune News Service

The "nation's doctor" is on a campaign to combat what he calls an epidemic of loneliness and isolation taking its toll on roughly half the people in the United States. His call to action to "mend the social fabric of our nation" deserves broad support, from government, professionals and institutions — and from each of us.

U.S. Surgeon General Vivek H. Murthy, whose job is to give Americans the best scientific information about improving health and reducing the risk of illness, started warning about the dangers of loneliness before COVID hit. Now, he says, the crisis is more urgent.

Americans are used to surgeon generals using their bully pulpit to lead the fight against such scourges as smoking, drug addiction and obesity. One of Murthy's goals is to convince us loneliness is also a serious threat to physical health and can even cause premature death. Research tells us that loneliness can cause or worsen cardiovascular disease, dementia, stroke, depression and anxiety. The effect of loneliness can be as harmful as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. It can be worse than obesity and lack of exercise.

That's not to downplay the devastating effects of loneliness on emotional and mental health. Murthy makes the case that the prevalent American attitude toward people's mental or psychological state makes things worse. Too often, such problems are dismissed as a choice or personal flaw. There's still a stigma attached to seeking help for mental-health problems.

Getting the word out about how widespread and real such problems are, and what serious effects they can have, is an essential part of bringing the epidemic under control.

Why is loneliness such a growing problem? People most likely to struggle with loneliness and isolation are having financial problems, in poor health or living alone. Yet, even though more older people live alone and are somewhat isolated, young adults are more likely to say they feel lonely.

Our technology, the internet and especially social media are major factors. Social media, if used wisely, can help people stay connected to family and friends. Too often, though,

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the interactions on social media take the place of or interfere with face-to-face relationships. Social media can also make people feel they don't measure up to what may seem like the perfect lives of others, and it is used to bully people.

Social and other media also contribute and worsen the deep divisions in our society, making people feel more alone and even in fear of people of a different race or ethnicity, or with different sexual orientation or political beliefs.

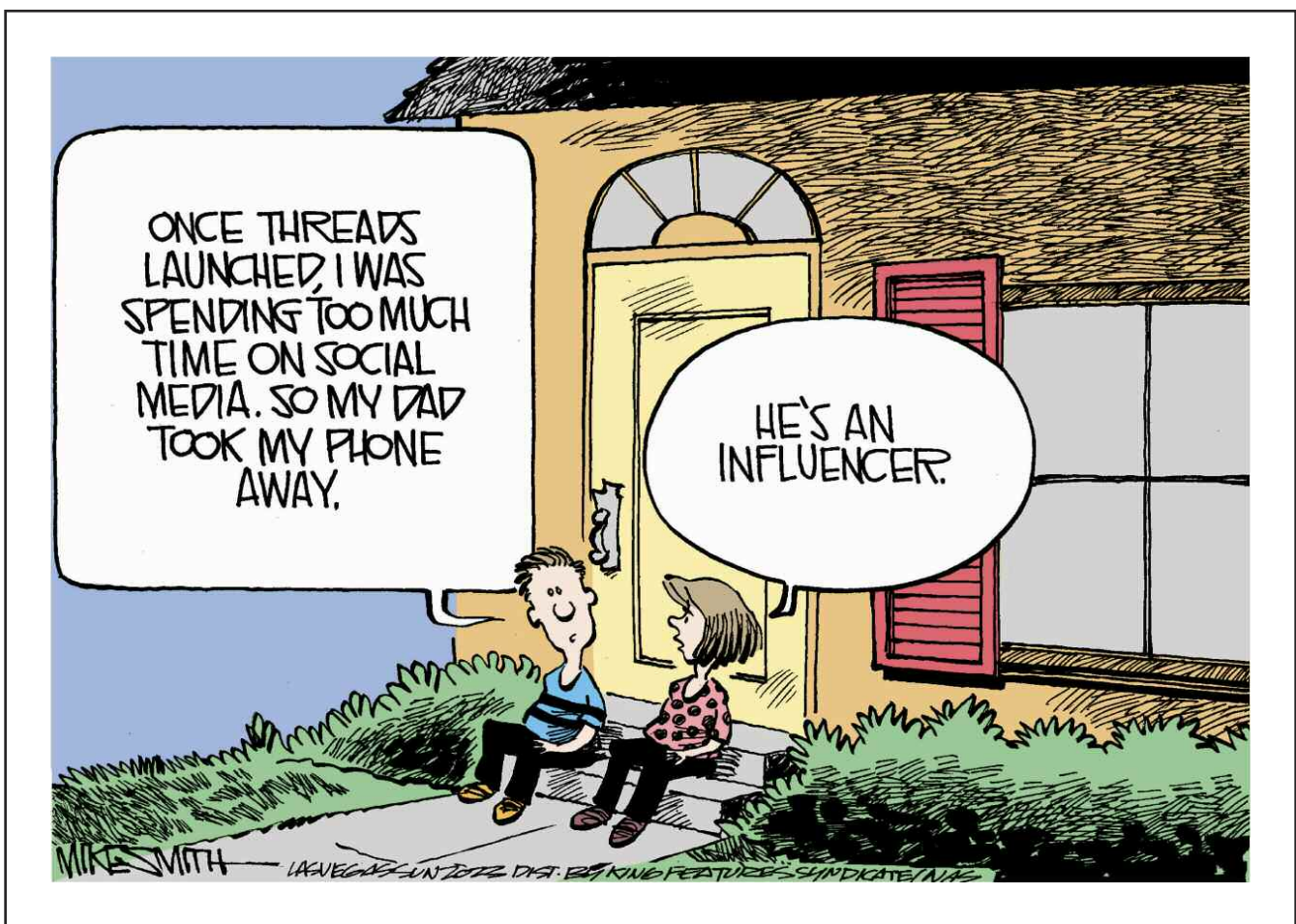
Before the pandemic, Murthy focused on the workplace, where people spent much of their time and had the bulk of their interactions with others. He called on employers to give workers enough time off to nurture personal lives, and to encourage coworkers to know one another better.

During COVID, new problems developed as many worked from home. Now, as more employees are being brought back into the office, is an ideal time for reforms.

Murthy's advisory this spring calls on everyone — families, schools, workplaces, health-care systems, technology companies, governments, churches, communities and each of us — to join in. We need, once and for all, to make it clear that loneliness is a serious problem, that mental health is a part of overall health, and that combating loneliness will require major changes in the ways we think and do things.

Governments should provide funds for research and for developing effective strategies. Planners can develop parks and walkways that make it easier for neighbors to interact. Health-care workers and insurers can do more to screen for loneliness and encourage programs that help build relationships. Schools, churches and other organizations have a role.

And so do individuals. Each of us should make more effort to put down that phone or walk away from that computer and spend time talking with and listening to friends, family and new acquaintances. The problem is serious, and the need is urgent.



Consider dynamics of taxes

By MICHAEL LEPPERT
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What do people want, really want, from social media platforms? I know what many people say they want, but as is often the case with the content on any given platform, people are often unreliable.

Meta's launch of "Threads" late last week has served as the latest disruption to the world of social media that, if nothing else, is forcing a conversation that can seem complicated but often isn't.

I am and always have been a true believer in markets. Wherever there can be a market, I hope there is one. When a platform designed to compete with Twitter is launched, it makes me feel like a market exists in the world of social media. If it feels like a market, then it must be one, right?

I enjoy having conversations with people different than me about why they choose any one thing over another. In Bloomington, where I work, there is a Raising Canes and a Dave's Hot Chicken that have both opened up almost exactly next door to each other on Kirkwood Avenue. I have found that college students are passionate about their chicken, and this is war. I like both places, but I don't know if both will survive.

If I ask a student why they prefer Canes to say, Chik-Fil-A, they have an answer.

Likewise, if I ask students which social platforms they prefer, they really have answers. They have grown up in this market. If they don't like the features and protocols of a platform, or the lack of them, they don't whine like I do, they leave. It's rarely emotional for my students; if they like it, they will stay, and if they don't, they won't.

How refreshing!

Taking action

So, I tried to think and behave like

Michael Leppert



my students a little with this latest disruption in the social media world. If I just stick to their guidance, I will likely land where I belong.

I used to prefer Facebook to Instagram, primarily because I use Facebook to distribute my writing. IG is not the place for that, unless the writing is coupled with video and sound. The video of me writing this column, for example, would be a repulsive sight, featuring bedhead and coffee stains on the old Colts t-shirt I sleep in.

My friends now use IG more than Facebook for purely social reasons, and so, I now do too.

Facebook has also become less valuable for distributing the content I produce. I don't think people go to FB to find that content like they once did. In summary, it's no longer all that valuable to me.

Why is IG better than Tik Tok? For me, it's because Tik Tok is an arm of the Chinese Communist Party, which of course only exists to exploit me, steal from me, and in general, conquer me. Everybody knows that. But not everybody cares.

So, what does this have to do with the real reasons, the deep-seated issues and behaviors that have led to the war between Twitter's Elon Musk and Meta's Mark Zuckerberg?

Musk v. Zuckerberg

Twitter grew in my world as the place where news was most efficiently shared. The social aspect of it only

existed for me because I was there for news and was able to engage with others who were there for the same reason. But slowly during the Trump presidency, the engagement increasingly became an exercise in filtering between what was legitimate, fact-based discussion, and what was nonsensical propaganda.

Musk's purchase of the platform brought with it his theory that the more "free" or unrestricted the engagement is, the more valuable it will become. Uh, no. The result of that strategy is that Twitter has become a cesspool of conspiracy theorists, accounts with huge followings that churn out more made-up, nonfactual and largely, right-wing drivel than the average person can tolerate. I think we can assess Musk's freedom idea as a failure.

Every platform will need to regulate its content to be responsive to its market somehow.

The free-for-all atmosphere, coupled with Musk's well-documented, catastrophic mismanagement of the company he overpaid for, has driven the platform's value to nearly zero for me. The right wing can have it.

Is Zuckerberg a genius for rolling out a product that tries to look like and act like what Twitter once was? Not at all. But it is easy to compete in this space if you can launch a platform on a Thursday and have 100 million users by Monday.

I like Threads. For now, I do anyway. But now I have, sort of, grown up in the social media world like my students have. Once I can no longer rely on a platform for what I want it to do, I'm gone.

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2023 Jay County Fair



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Shows, rodeo and Rickshaw

Entertainment with local ties was available everywhere at the Jay County Fair on Tuesday night with Portland native Tyler Manor competing in 3 Bar J Rodeo, which is owned by Portland native Mike Johnson, in front of the grandstand. (For a story about Manor, see page 10.) Meanwhile, Jay County natives Nathan Klatt and Eric Maitlen of My Yellow Rickshaw were performing in the Farmer's Building. Pictured clockwise, from left, 4-year-old Geneva Horn of Portland reacts while watching the 4-H dairy show Wednesday morning in the Show Arena; Kylie Shannon competes during the barrel racing portion of Tuesday's rodeo competition; Maitlen (right) and Klatt (left) perform in the Farmer's Building on Tuesday; and Max McClain III, 12, who took home a few awards, including an award for showing the grand champion market wether, presents a goat to the judge Tuesday during the 4-H meat goat and pygmy show in the Show Arena.



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Haffner ...

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Rachel Heitkamp, the current Miss Jay County Fair Queen, took the title that year.

The experience lit a fire under Haffner, who started showing rabbits simply in order to prepare herself for supreme showmanship. (In the competition, advanced showmanship winners from each species must show each of the species — dog, cat, poultry, rabbit and pygmy goat) — with the exception of the one they represent.) After Joseph Kunk represented the dog club in the competition last year, Haffner was back again in her final year in 4-H for a shot at the title.

She said the rabbits and pygmy goats — she also shows goats — were

the easiest Tuesday afternoon.

"The biggest challenge was definitely the chickens," she added, though she seemed calm and in control throughout that portion of the competition. "I'm just not familiar with them."

"I just don't like them," noting bad experiences in the past.

"That makes it kind of hard for me."

In Tuesday's competition, she was up against Alivia Toney (cat), Tuck Hemmelgarn (pygmy goat), Nevaeh Brower (rabbit) and Madi Paxson (poultry).

Through her 4-H career, Haffner has

shown goats for multiple years. She picked up rabbits recently and has previously shown diary cattle, swine and poultry.

She has also done cake decorating projects.

But dogs are her love.

"It's not about the animal," Haffner said. "It's about you and how you

work with your dogs and how you train them and what kind of a trainer you are. ... Dogs, the more you work with them, the better you get."

She's had tremendous results, showing the top dog at the fair five times. She won with Grizz before shifting to Tucker to take the title in 2021. She brought Rufus to the fair this year and won the title again.

She said the key is getting the animals well-trained when they're young.

"I work hard with them when they're puppies and I get it in their head when they're real little," she said.

After that it's essentially about maintaining their behavior daily and

working with them at dog club practices. (That's with the exception of tricks she taught Rufus for that portion of the contest this year.)

In addition to her 4-H activities, she had some minimal involvement in FFA. She said she regrets choosing work — she has jobs as MSSL Wiring and Norm's Place in Portland — over being more involved.

But, when it came to her final year in 4-H, she made sure she took time off in order to make it to all of the dog club practices and to be able to fully enjoy the fair.

"This year I realized it's my last year in 4-H and I'm gonna take time off of work and enjoy it," said Haffner. "And it definitely paid off."

Coldplay helped close out tour



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Elton John performs his final UK show as the headline act on the Pyramid Stage on Day 5 of Glastonbury Festival 2023 on June 25 in Glastonbury, England. The Glastonbury Festival of Performing Arts sees musicians, performers and artists come together for three days of live entertainment.

Elton John's extended retirement series ended Saturday

By NARDINE SAAD
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Elton John bid farewell to his globe-trotting Farewell Yellow Brick Road retirement tour in Sweden on Saturday — along with a surprise send-off from Coldplay's Chris Martin.

Martin was simulcast into John's Stockholm concert to thank the pop legend for his career-long contributions to music and beyond, closing out John's epic retirement tour with an emotional tribute to his sterling run as a touring artist.

Coldplay was playing its own show in Gothenburg, Sweden, and was in the middle of performing "Rocket Man" when attention shifted to the original song's hitmaker during each of their performances. As the "Don't Go Breaking My Heart" singer sat down at his piano onstage in the Tele2 Arena, Martin doled out praise to the 76-year-old music icon from the Gamla Ullevi stadium.

"From all of us here, from all the bands and all the artists that you've loved and inspired and helped, we just love you so much," Martin said on stage. "We're so grateful for everything you've done for us. Everything

you've done for the AIDS Foundation. Every time you've been kind to anybody. Everything you've done for LGBTQ. Everything you've done for fashion and eye wear. Everything you've done for sexiness and love and dressing gowns. Everything you've done for music. Everything Bernie [Taupin]'s done for lyrics. Everything your band has done. The thousands of shows you've done. We love you so much. Happy retirement and we're going to miss you so much, man."

John, easily one of music's greatest living showmen, thanked his younger contempo-

rary onstage and the tender exchange was immortalized online by fans, Coldplay and John himself.

"Thank you @coldplay, for this special moment," John wrote early Monday in an Instagram story.

The five-time Grammy Award winner closed out his record-breaking tour after playing 330 shows in 16 Gucci suits with 6.25 million fans. The tour, which launched in 2018, became the highest grossing tour of all time last month, according to live-event trade publication and research firm Pollstar.

"What a journey this tour has been and now we find ourselves at the end of it. Tonight is the final night," John wrote on Instagram ahead of the show Saturday, posting a retrospective recap.

The "Your Song" and "Tiny Dancer" singer fittingly closed out the five-year concert tour with its namesake "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" and thanked fans for supporting him along the way.

"Every step of the way, my fans have been there. They have stuck with me, they have supported me, they have been patient, and they have kept turn-

ing out for every single last show," he said.

The Farewell Yellow Brick Road tour was named after John's smash 1973 double LP and was meant to be his exhaustive three-year swan song as a touring artist. John said he was retiring from the road to spend more time with his family — husband David Furnish and their young sons, Zachary and Elijah. However, the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted his carefully planned outing and forced him to reschedule dates three times since 2020, extending the tour well beyond his initial plans.

Winner replaces Lakshmi as host

By NARDINE SAAD
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There's a new host in the "Top Chef" kitchen and it's a former cheftestant-turned-champion.

Season 10 winner Kristen Kish, who competed on the Emmy-winning Bravo series' stint in Seattle in 2013, will replace former host Padma Lakshmi when Season 21 sets up shop in Wisconsin.

Kish will join head judge Tom Colicchio and long-time judge Gail Simmons at the deliberation table this season, which will be set in Milwaukee and Madison, Wisconsin — two growing culinary hubs known for blending tradition with innovation and utilizing farm-fresh ingredients, producers said Tuesday in a statement.

After Kish was asked to pack her knives and go early during her season, she sliced and diced her way back into the competition through the show's accompanying "Last Chance Kitchen." Back on the main show, she beat L.A. chef Brooke Williamson to earn the title of Top Chef. She has since returned to the series as a guest judge and meal attendee.

"Top Chef" is where I started my journey — first as a competing chef, then a guest judge and now as host, I have the honor of helping to continue to build this brand," Kish said in a statement. "I'm thrilled to sit alongside Gail and Tom as we get to know new incredible chefs and see what they cook up. It feels like coming home."

Kish, who was born in South Korea, grew up in the Midwest after being adopted by a family in Kentwood, Michigan. She went to culinary school at Le Cordon Bleu in Chicago and spent 10 years in Boston working for several high-profile restaurants. After winning "Top Chef," she hosted the Travel Channel and New York Times series "36 Hours" and released her first cookbook, "Kristen Kish Cooking: Recipes and Techniques," in 2017.

In 2018, she launched her first restaurant, Arlo Grey, in Austin, Texas, where she serves up playful yet refined cuisine that draws inspiration from her classical training and nostalgic dishes from her upbringing

and travel. She also co-stars in "Fast Foodies," co-hosts "Iron Chef: Quest for an Iron Legend," and hosts and produces "Restaurants at the End of the World."

"Kristen Kish represents everything that makes 'Top Chef' incredibly special," added NBCUniversal Television and Streaming executive Ryan Flynn. "She's an acclaimed chef and her experience as a cheftestant, winner and judge, alongside her culinary curiosity, makes Kristen the perfect host for the next chapter of 'Top Chef' as we take on a new region of the country we haven't explored."

A premiere date has not yet been announced for the upcoming season. Season 20 of "Top Chef," which was set in London, premiered in March and aired its finale in June, when Lakshmi announced her departure from the reality competition show.

Lakshmi replaced short-lived Season 1 host Katie Lee ("The Kitchen") in 2006 and filmed Season 20 knowing it could be her last. The model and cookbook author told the Los Angeles Times last month that the shooting demands of the series and food consumption were no longer sustainable for her.

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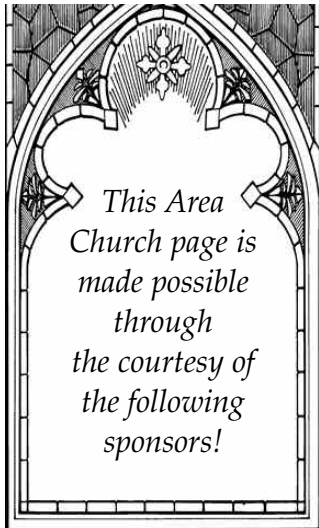
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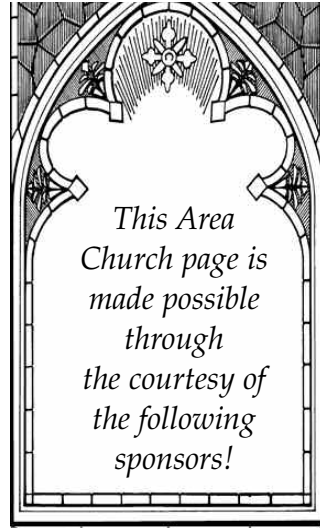
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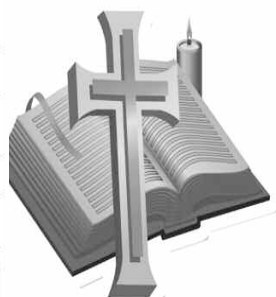


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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The main objective

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A J 7 4
♥ 10 9 7 5
♦ K J 6
♣ 6 4

WEST
♠ 10 8 5 3 2
♥ 6 2
♦ 10 8 3
♣ K Q 10

EAST
♠ 9
♥ A 4
♦ 9 7 5 4 2
♣ A 8 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q 6
♥ K Q J 8 3
♦ A Q
♣ J 9 3

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

Opening lead — king of clubs.

The one thing you can't afford to do in bridge is to play your cards automatically, which is what many players all too often do. The primary goal of every deal — to make or defeat the contract — does not allow room for mechanical play.

Today's hand provides an example of the type of error that can result from too casual an approach to the play. West led the king of clubs, East signaling for a club continu-

ation by playing the eight. West continued with the queen and shifted to a spade. Declarer won, forced out the ace of trump and shortly thereafter finished with 10 tricks.

However, the contract would have gone down one against a more inspired defense. East should have recognized that in addition to the three obvious tricks for his side — two clubs and the trump ace — a spade ruff might well be needed to defeat the contract, and he should have adapted his defense accordingly.

All East had to do was to overtake West's king of clubs with the ace at trick one and return the nine of spades. This sequence of plays — clearly marking East with a singleton spade — would have left declarer with no recourse.

The best South can do is to take the spade return with dummy's jack and lead the ten of trump, making it appear as if he was planning to take a finesse. But East, having none of this, would alertly rise with the ace and lead a club to his partner's queen. West would then return a spade to put the contract down one in what would amount to just another workmanlike job by the defense.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.
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7-13 **CRYPTOQUIP**

K'W XZKLA FACLRKJ LSRL OBC
GKFLBCD KJ LAJJKI WRLFSAI,
QBGA TAOKJKLAQD TBAI JBL
FBJXZAC RQQ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: DESK PLATE IN THE OFFICE OF THE PREMIER OF CANADA'S SMALLEST TERRITORY: "YUKON COUNT ON ME!"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals Q

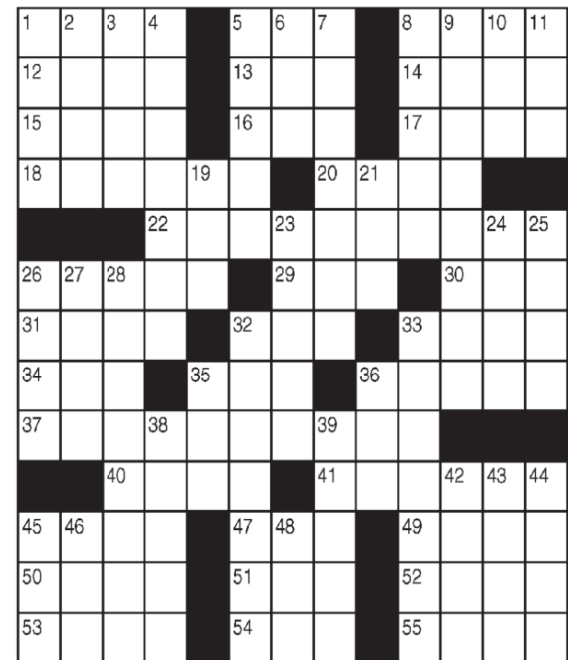
CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 Ties the knot | 1 Saturates |
| 5 Speck | 2 Toledo's lake |
| 8 Book-keepers (Abbr.) | 3 Prima donna |
| 12 Idle or Bana | 4 Candle holders |
| 13 Opposite of peace | 5 Nerd |
| 14 Top-of-the-line | 6 Muffin type |
| 15 DVR brand | 7 Vine-supporting frame |
| 16 Bordeaux summer | 8 Novelist Carr |
| 17 Women's links org. | 9 Citizenry |
| 18 Date with a medium | 10 Director Lee |
| 20 Stead | 11 Salty expanse |
| 22 Color akin to ultramarine | 19 Camp bed |
| 26 Plus | 21 "— a miracle!" |
| 29 Insult | 23 Extern-porize |
| 30 Notre Dame coach | 24 Russian river |
| 31 Oodles | 25 British noble |
| 32 Overhead trains | 26 On |
| 33 Cicatrix | 27 London district |
| 34 "So that's it!" | 28 Buffalo's region |
| 35 — tai | 32 iPod accessories |
| 36 Compete in a bee | 33 "Say something!" |
| | 35 Actor Gibson |
| | 36 California's Big — |
| | 38 One-on-one battles |
| | 39 Coffee bar order |
| | 42 Hereditary unit |
| | 43 Aware of |
| | 44 Lunch hour |
| | 45 Dime portrait |
| | 46 Kanga's kid |
| | 48 Baton Rouge sch. |

Solution time: 24 mins.



Yesterday's answer 7-13



Peanuts

Rose is Rose

Agnes

Hi and Lois

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Blondie

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From Jay to the pros

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review

Tyler Manor, 18, of Portland rides a bull during Tuesday night's rodeo at the Jay County Fair. Manor officially kicked off his career in late October and eventually worked his way to the Professional Bull Riders World Championship in May.

A lot of people don't end up with a job that they love. Trying to succeed as a professional athlete has an even lower success rate.

Once making it to the pros, even fewer have a genuine opportunity to compete for a championship.

One of Jay County's

own has checked off all of those boxes at 18.

After growing up with the sport, Tyler Manor has found success as a professional bull rider this year, even being selected to compete in the Professional Bull Riders World Finals in Fort Worth, Texas, in May.

Before he made it to the PBR, Manor was just a kid from Portland.

See Pros page 9

Youth movement boosts aspirations

U.S. women will rely heavily on youngsters

By **KEVIN BAXTER**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

Sophia Smith has never used a CD player and is a little hazy about whether websites existed before Google. Alyssa Thompson doesn't understand the music her teammates like. And Naomi Girma remembers feeling sorry for Alex Morgan when she explained she had to use a map — not Mapquest, an actual paper map — to find her way to soccer games as a girl.

"That was such a hard time," Girma gushes, as if Morgan, the most experienced player on the U.S. women's World Cup team, rode to games in a covered wagon.

Although the U.S. team, with an average age of 28, will again be among the oldest when the tournament kicks off in New Zealand and Australia on July 20, the roster includes the second-youngest American Women's World Cup player in history in Thompson, 18, and three others — Smith, Girma and Trinity Rodman — who were also born this century.

And that has created a generation gap that has divided the players off the field while uniting them on it.

Julie Ertz, for example, is going to her third World Cup as a new mom at age 31 alongside Thompson, her excitable Angel City teammate, who has been pestering Ertz over what to pack, as if the two were heading for a slumber party. Ertz entered college when Thompson was leav-

ing kindergarten and turned pro while Thompson was in grade school. Yet Ertz is a spring chicken compared with Megan Rapinoe who, at 38, is the oldest woman on the U.S. roster and one of 10 players older than 30.

"Where we are in our careers, specifically for somebody who's a mom and someone who I feel could still be my daughter, that's what about this team is so fun," Ertz said of Thompson. "Everybody is at such a different point in their life with the same goal."

The young players provide a shot of youthful exuberance and enthusiasm for veterans like Rapinoe, Ertz and Morgan, who have played in multiple World Cups and are no longer as wide-eyed as they once were.

"Anytime you get a fresh perspective from somebody else is incredible," Ertz said. "When you can see the tournament through somebody else's eyes, it actually allows you to get closer."

Defender Crystal Dunn, who considers herself a kid at heart at 31, agrees.

"I think I really connect with all my teammates," she said. "Just because we're at different phases in our career doesn't mean we can't find common ground. People are teaching me the latest dance videos. Age is not something that should ever separate two teammates from building chemistry both on and off the field."

"But, yeah, the fact is I'm 31 and Alyssa Thompson is 18. So she's into some stuff that I know nothing about. That's OK."

Becky Sauerbrunn, who was expected to captain the U.S. in her fourth World Cup before she was sidelined by a foot injury, admits the wide range in age and life experiences can lead to conversations that include a lot of blank stares.

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