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Cost of project is up to \$3.1 million

Board OKs change order for Meridian sewer

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The cost of adding a storm sewer line has increased again.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved a change order totaling nearly a quarter of a million dollars for the planned Meridian Street storm sewer project.

The change order covers a variety of changes and additions to the project, including an increase in the cost of materials, a change from Indiana Department of Transportation on the type of pavement to be used and a requirement to move a well head in the river bed to fix stability issues. Redkey's Watson Excavating, which is handling the work, has also asked for an additional 145 days to complete the project.

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A hollerin' and a reelin'

Amanda May yells for her husband, Anthony, during the Jay County Fair's inaugural husband calling contest Friday at the Farmer's Building. May took home first place and \$250 for her shouting skills. At left, 3-year-old Nova Ballard reels in a fishing rod Friday at one of the games Friday at Jay County Fair. Today's activities start with the baby contest in the Farmer's Building at 8:30 a.m., with 4-H opening ceremonies scheduled for 11:45 a.m. at the Show Arena. PrimeTime Carnival opens its rides at noon today and 5 p.m. Sunday.

Grants for arts awarded

By RAY COONEY

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Two local organizations will receive grant funding to support their missions.

Indiana Arts Commission on Thursday announced grants of \$16,183 to Arts Place and \$4,000 to National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture. Those awards were part of more than \$3.4 million in grants to 414 non-profit organizations and art projects across the state.

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Retrospect

Children learned about clay in art class

Twenty-five years ago this week, local children were learning about clay and ceramics.

The July 11, 1998, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the "Parks Animal Pots" class that was part of Jay County Arts Council's Arts in the Parks program.

Rhonda Franklin of Cleveland taught the class for Jay County Arts Council (now Arts Place). It was her third summer visiting Jay County as a teaching artist.

"The kids here are really great," she said. "They're responsive, and I feel we're offering a service they really want."

Students in the class

learned techniques for working with clay while also developing other artistic skills. Franklin said the "Secret Garden" class was especially popular.

"They get to mix up the clay by themselves and get dirty," she said. "They like it because it's like playing in mud."

For the gardening project, students made plans and animals out of clay that did not need firing. In the animal pots class, students looked at books to get ideas for how to design their projects.

"They have to think about how they're going to apply the techniques to make what they want," said Franklin, a teacher of art courses at com-

munity colleges as well as an elementary school in Lakewood, Ohio. (She had a bachelor's degree in art from Allegheny College in Meadville, Pennsylvania, and a master's degree in fine arts from Ohio State University.)

She also worked with older students — ages 14 through 21 — in "Generation X" classes. They were creating mini ceramic tile murals while also helping to design a larger mural to decorate the exterior of the new Arts Place building, recently converted from the former Jay County Public Library. Franklin and her students were working on designs, with ideas to be submitted to the arts council in August.



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Kyle Frazee, 9, Portland, puts the final brush strokes on his ceramic project before firing as Arts in the Parks teacher Rhonda Franklin watches in July 1998.

Deaths

Jeffrey Pugh, 64, Fort Recovery
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Coming up

Today
8:30 a.m. — Baby contest in the Farmer's Building
Noon — Rabbit showmanship at the East Arena
2 p.m. — Rabbit show at the East Arena
3 p.m. — Demolition Derby at the grandstand

Sunday
11 a.m. — Beef and beef feeder show in the Show Arena
1:30 p.m. — Poultry show at the East Arena
3 p.m. — Autocross at the grandstand
7:30 p.m. — Cold Hearts concert in the Farmer's Building

Monday
8 a.m. — Swine show in the Show Arena
2 p.m. — Cat show in the exhibit hall
3 p.m. — Dairy beef and feeder show in the Show Arena
7 p.m. — DCCW Pro Wrestling at the grandstand

Tuesday
8 a.m. — Dairy goat show in the Show Arena
10 a.m. — Pet parade in the Farmer's Building
11:30 a.m. — Meat goat and pygmy goat show in the Show Arena
Noon — Rides open for Kids' Day



Project ...

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Portland Board of Works members Mayor John Boggs and Jerry Leonhard, absent Steve McIntosh, approved the change order at \$243,087.64, though they said they did so reluctantly. (Local officials noted that the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs may cover half of the cost of the change order.)

The cost of the project has continually gone up since it was first proposed at \$1.3 million in March 2021. By December of that year, the estimate had jumped by \$400,000 because of increases in the cost of materials. Watson Excavating was the low bidder for the project at \$2.42 million in June 2022.

The project, with engineering costs included, has now risen to \$3.13 million.

Construction is now expected to begin around July 17 in the riverbed and move to the stretch of Meridian Street between the river and Water Street during the second week of August. (The street will be closed for that portion of the work.) The project will then move north on a block-by-block basis, maintaining two-way traffic. The projected completion date is now in the first quarter of 2024.

The work involves installing about 2,000 feet of new sewer line below Meridian Street from just north of Arch Street to the Salamonie River. Most of the catch basins in that area of Meridian

Street will then be connected to the new line.

The catch basins that will be impacted are currently connected to the Millers Branch, which has in the past had issues with water backing up out of the sewer and flooding Meridian Street in the city's downtown area.

Designed by Wessler Engineering, the project is intended to eliminate problems during what is referred to as a "10-year-flood."

The project is being funded with the city's \$1.355 million allocation of federal coronavirus relief funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, a \$780,450 State Transportation and Stormwater Grant from the State Water Infrastructure Fund and \$350,000 from the city's redevelopment commission.

The board also approved the sale of 204 E. High St. to Jay County Civic Theatre for \$7,246.62. It is contingent on the property being rezoned.

Jay County Civic Theatre, which was the only bidder for the property, would like to build a headquarters for the organization on the site.

In other business, the board: •Approved the hiring of Zach Timmerman, Marisa Smith, Brandon McDavid, Mike Thomas, Monte Schmiesing and Dale Stephenson.

•OK'd sewer taps for a residents at 200 N. Charles St. and for Pioneer Warehousing's planned daycare facility at 1505 N. Wayne St.

•Approved a water bill adjustment for a leak.

Obituaries

Jeffrey Pugh

Jeffrey A. Pugh, 64, of Fort Recovery, died Friday at Joint Township Memorial Hospital in St. Mary's, Ohio.

Arrangements are pending at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

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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, 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.

CR almanac

Sunday 7/9	Monday 7/10	Tuesday 7/11	Wednesday 7/12	Thursday 7/13
78/57	83/62	85/64	83/65	81/62
There's a chance of rain Sunday under mostly cloudy skies.	Sunny, with a high near 83 degrees. Mostly clear at night otherwise.	Tuesday's forecast shows sunny skies and a high of 85 degrees.	There's a chance of thunderstorms under mostly sunny skies.	Thursday has a 50% chance of thunderstorms.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-3-5 Daily Four: 2-4-9-0 Quick Draw: 4-10-14-15-16-17-23-26-41-42-44-50-55-59-62-66-68-70-74-76	Pick 3: 4-4-8 Pick 4: 7-6-8-6 Pick 5: 2-1-7-2-0
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$615 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$450 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....5.50 Oct. corn4.75 Wheat5.85	Wheat 6.13 July wheat6.13
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....5.67 Aug. corn5.47 Oct. corn4.79	Central States Montpelier Corn.....5.35 Aug. corn5.23 Beans14.23 Aug. beans.....14.18 Wheat6.13
The Andersons Richland Township Corn5.37 Aug. corn4.70 Beans14.28 Aug. beans.....12.88	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....5.17 Aug. corn5.12 Beans14.07 Aug. beans.....13.87 Wheat5.99

Today in history

In 1497, Vasco da Gama left Lisbon, Portugal, with four ships on his first voyage to India.

In 1800, Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse administered the first cowpox vaccination in the U.S. He gave it to his son in order to prevent smallpox.

In 1839, American industrialist John D. Rockefeller was born in Richford, New York. He was the founder of Standard Oil Company in 1870. He was one of the richest men of all time and in 1911, the Supreme Court ordered that his company be dismantled for violating federal antitrust laws. Standard Oil was broken into 34 entities, including those that became ExxonMobil and Chevron.

In 1980, Nelson Rockefeller, the son of John D. Rockefeller was born in Bar Harbor, Maine. He would go on to serve four terms as governor of New York and as vice president under President Gerald Ford. He ran for the Republican nomination for president three times.

In 1932, the Dow Jones Industrial Average hit its lowest point during the Great Depression. The stock market had crashed in 1929, leading to a decade of economic hardship.

In 2020, Ryan Steinbrunner was hired to be the new Fort Recovery Middle School principal. Steinbrunner, a 2004 Fort Recovery High School graduate, had been a science teacher at East Jay Middle School.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, courthouse auditorium, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk St.	Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. 6:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 Main St.
Tuesday 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.	

U.S. confirms it will send munitions

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden has made the "difficult" decision to deliver cluster munitions to Ukraine after consultation with "allies and partners," national security adviser Jake Sullivan said Friday.

"We will not leave Ukraine defenseless," he said, as he explained U.S. motives to supply more arms to Kyiv.

Kiev had asked for cluster bombs, and was committed to demining efforts in the future, Sullivan said. He added that demining would be necessary whether the U.S. supplied cluster bombs or not, because Russia has been using cluster bombs since the start of the invasion in February last year.

"We recognize that cluster munitions create a risk of civilian harm from unexploded ordnance, this is why we deferred the decision as long as we could," he said.

Kyiv has been asking for cluster munitions for some time to fend off Russia's invasion. The cluster munitions are part of a new military aid package for Ukraine worth \$800 million.

Capsule Reports

Specialist hired
Fort Recovery School Board hired an intervention specialist during a special meeting Friday morning.

Sarah Bretz, a Fort Recovery resident, will take over the role at Fort Recovery High School. Bretz worked as an intervention specialist at Greenville High School in Ohio for five years and in a special education role at Auglaize County Educational Service Center.

Rear collision
A Bryant man crashed his vehicle into a Portland man's truck on Meridian Street in Portland about 9:37 a.m. Thursday.

Thomas Laux, 75, was driving his 2002 Chrysler Sebring south on Meridi-

an Street. Triton Moeller, 21, was driving his 2007 Chevrolet Silverado in front of Laux and slowed for stopped traffic at the road's intersection with Industrial Drive. Laux failed to stop and crashed into Moeller's truck.

Laux was transported to the hospital for a head injury. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. His vehicle was towed.

Correction
Because of incorrect information on a police report, there was an error in the Capsule Reports in Wednesday's newspaper. The house hit in Portland belongs to Ruby Shaneyfelt. The vehicle is registered to Hai K. Hong of Portland.

Cluster munitions
Cluster munitions are missiles and bombs that burst in the air over the target, scattering or releasing many small explosive devices known as submunitions.

Critics say a significant percentage of the explosive devices are duds that do not detonate but remain on site as dangerous unexploded ordnance.

Most European Union and NATO countries have signed a treaty to ban cluster munitions, known as the Oslo Convention. The U.S. is not a signatory to the treaty.

The convention, signed by over 100 states, "prohibits all use, production, transfer and stockpiling of cluster munitions," according to its official website.

Amid earlier reports that the U.S. had made its decision, the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva earlier condemned the plan.

"Cluster munition scatter for cluster munitions over a wide area," said Marta Hurtado, OHCHR spokeswoman. "They kill and maim people years later after the end of a conflict."

Grants ...

Continued from page 1
"The projects and organizations selected to receive funding are strengthening our state," said Anne Penny Valentine, chair of the Indiana Arts Commission, in a press release. "The Commission is excited and honored to invest in Hoosier communities, supporting organizations that are doing exceptional creative work to make Indiana a great place to live, work, play, study, and stay."

Arts Place received an Arts Organization Support grant, which provides "provide annual operating support for the ongoing artistic and administrative functions." The organization provides a wide range of art activities and programming, including the ongoing Arts in the Parks

summer art classes, MusicWorks, ArtWorks, art exhibits and concerts.

The National Center for Great Lakes Native American Culture received an Arts Project Support grant, which provides funding for specific arts projects.

Other area grants included:

•More than \$75,000 in grants to Delaware County organizations, including \$17,889 for Muncie Arts and Culture Council

•\$11,141 for the Creative Arts Council of Wells County

•\$8,100 for North Adams Arts Council and \$4,000 for the Kekionga Festival in Adams County

•\$7,992 for the Art Association of Randolph County and \$4,000 for the Arts in Union City Alliance

Have you checked to see if your child is up to date on immunizations for the 2023/2024 school year?

All children entering Kindergarten, 6TH Grade, and 12TH Grade need to be up to date on their immunizations. Please call the

Jay Co. Health Dept
at 260-726-7863

to see if your child is up to date or to schedule an appointment. We will be offering school shots at the Fair on Tuesday & Thursday from 5 pm-7:30 pm in the Bubp Building.

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Learn to effectively express needs

By ERIKA ETTIN
Tribune News Service

In our lives, we encounter countless opportunities to communicate our desires, wishes and needs to those closest to us. Yet, why is it that when it comes to the most important person in our lives — often our romantic partner — we tend to find it incredibly difficult to ask for these things? For better or worse, it's a common struggle. Let's talk about the reasons behind the challenge and explore practical ways to overcome it.

Vulnerability and fear

Expressing our needs can make us feel vulnerable, since it requires us to open ourselves up emotionally. Fear of rejection or judgment can prevent us from mustering the

courage to ask for what we want. It's normal to feel this way, and I get so many questions daily from friends, clients and strangers asking, "How do I tell my partner [insert need not being met]?"

I always say, "Just remove the 'how do I...' part and simply tell them."

That's easier said than done, of course. But it's so important to remember that with vulnerability can also come deeper connections and understanding.

Sure, you might not get what you want, which is scary — but you also might. And you'll feel proud you had the courage to stand up for what you need.

Assumptions and mind-reading

We sometimes fall into

the trap of assuming people close to us should automatically know our desires or needs without us having to explicitly express them. This comes into play a lot with communication, especially in the early stages of dating. Say one person wants phone calls but the other only texts. The person who prefers calls is assuming that the texter doesn't want to call. Really the texter just doesn't know. We expect people to be mind-readers, leading to unmet expectations and frustration. Clear communication is the key to resolving this issue.

Fixing the communication gap

Before initiating a conversation, take the time to reflect on your own wants

and needs. Be honest with yourself and clarify your desires. This self-awareness will provide you with a solid foundation to express yourself effectively. It's also important to think about the "why" behind your needs.

Then, choose the right timing. Find a calm and relaxed moment to initiate the conversation. Avoid discussing important matters when either party is stressed or preoccupied. For example, if you want to communicate an important desire about intimacy, it's best not to do that during the throes of sex. Create a safe and comfortable space where both parties can openly express themselves without distractions.

When expressing your needs, try to use "I" state-

ments to convey your feelings and desires. For example, instead of saying, "You never spend enough time with me," try saying, "I feel loved and appreciated when we spend quality time together." People also respond well to statements expressing how their actions made you feel. "When you choose to spend time with your friends every weekend, it makes me feel like I'm not a priority." Or even just "... it hurts my feelings." This approach reduces defensiveness and promotes understanding.

Also keep in mind that communication is a two-way street. Listening actively demonstrates respect and genuine inter-

est. Relationships thrive on give-and-take. Be willing to negotiate and find middle ground that satisfies both of you.

In the end, expressing our needs to the most important person in our lives can be intimidating, but with awareness, practice and a willingness to be vulnerable, we can overcome this challenge. Remember, your voice matters, and expressing your needs is an essential part of nurturing and strengthening the bonds that matter most.

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Erika Ettin is the founder of A Little Nudge, where she helps others navigate the often intimidating world of online dating. Visit eepurl.com/dpHcH for updates and tips.

Wife eager to enjoy hobby with friends

DEAR ABBY: I am in a committed relationship with a wonderful man. We are not married, but we call each other husband and wife and have two beautiful children together. Our relationship is great.

My husband had a different childhood than mine. He didn't have many friends of the opposite sex. I, on the other hand, had a lot of guy friends growing up. I cherish many of these platonic relationships. There is a lot of history with them (some more than 20 years), and I enjoy their company greatly. We don't have any romantic histories.

I don't hang out with them often because I know my husband would be upset if I were to see another man one-on-one, even just as friends. I understand his point of view. I know I might be jealous if he were to hang out one-on-one with another woman, and I would wonder: I guess we both have trust issues.

There are some hobbies I would like to engage in, and a few of these guy friends have expressed

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interest in joining me on occasion. One of those activities is metal detecting. I have the two kids in tow most times and would need help digging. Even without the kids, I don't think it would be as much fun doing this by myself. My husband would join me if he weren't so tired from his 12-hour workday and getting up at 4 a.m.

I am going stir-crazy with the kids, and I need an outlet. This is something that excites me, as it will get me outdoors, and is steeped in local history. These men are some of my best friends and I would never fool around, but I'm afraid my husband won't understand. Is there any hope? — TREASURE-BLOCKED IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR TREASURE-BLOCKED: If this is going to happen, you and your husband first need to resolve your trust and insecurity issues. There's hope if you discuss this thoroughly with him and he trusts you enough that it won't excite his insecurities. (The same would be true if the situation were reversed.)

He needs to know that when you do this, he is always invited. Have you asked any of your women friends if they might find your hobby to be of interest? It is possible one or more of them would welcome the break, too.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single, retired woman on a fixed budget. I love to cook and entertain. I would do it more often if several of my friends didn't routinely consume four to six bottles of wine collectively at dinner (at least one bottle per person, plus other drinks). I can't afford to spend \$100 or more on alcohol, but I'm embarrassed to ask them

to bring their own beverages, as no one else in the group does it. Any suggestions for how to handle this without offending them or breaking my budget? — GRATEFUL FOR ADVICE

DEAR GRATEFUL: You are not obligated to go broke paying for your friends' overindulgence. Because you are entertaining in your own home, tell them what you have on hand, what you plan to serve and, if they need more, they should bring it with them.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who has been with my spouse for 22 years, married for eight. During all that time, she has yet to set boundaries with her birth family. While we rarely argue, when we do, it's usually over a request for money or some kind of infringement made by her relatives. I'm powerless to get ahead of their requests because I find out only after the fact that money was loaned or space in my

garage is being used to store their stuff, etc.

We started our relationship in therapy because of this situation and, 22 years in, we're still in the same place. We hardly talk anymore, and I'm deeply saddened. I don't know what the next steps should be. Any feedback would be greatly appreciated. — STUCK IN ARIZONA

DEAR STUCK: Sometimes progress is two steps forward and one step back. In your case, you and your spouse need to take one step back. Consult another therapist for help negotiating a solution to your wife's lack of boundaries and her habit of making financial and other commitments to her relatives without first clearing them with you.

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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
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.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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.

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

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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Tuesday
JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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PRESS Act will protect journalists

The Whittier Daily News (California)
Tribune News Service
Rare enough is bipartisan legislation these days. When it does occur, it's to be applauded in itself.

But when it's an important law sponsored by both Republican and Democratic legislators that deals with ensuring and even increasing the freedom of the press in our nation, we can't help but cheer it.

Such is the case with legislation introduced by Republican Kevin Kiley of California and Democratic Rep. Jamie Raskin of Maryland last week in a bipartisan and bicameral — it will go to the Senate as well — that protect reporters and journalists around the country from government surveillance that, as Raskin's office puts it, "makes it

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harder to hold the government accountable and harms reporters' First Amendment rights."

More from Raskin: "The representatives introduced the Protect Reporters from Exploitive State Spying (PRESS) Act in response to multiple episodes, in both Democratic and Republican administrations, of law-enforcement agencies secretly subpoenaing emails and phone records from reporters in order to determine their sources."

And from Kiley: "As acknowledged by America's founders, the

freedom of the press to report on and disseminate information is critical to our republic. Our bipartisan legislation further codifies these First Amendment principles into law and will mitigate infringement upon the Constitution by the federal government."

The law goes to what journalists know as shield protections — shielding journalists from surveillance or a forced turning-over to government of confidential notes and documents gathered in the pursuit of a story — which are already provided by 48 states, including California, within their own boundaries.

But there are no national shield protections, and the state laws do not apply to investigations by federal agencies, including the Department of Justice and its FBI. The state laws are also all written differently, and, as so

much in journalism is not confined to just one of the 50 states, these protections need to be codified throughout the land.

In the upper chamber, the law is sponsored by Sens. Ron Wyden, D-Oregon, Sen. Mike Lee, R-Utah, and Sen. Richard Durbin, D-Illinois.

"Not only is this legislation imperative to shield journalists from unnecessary government surveillance, but it is also necessary to protect the public's right to access information, hold their elected officials accountable, and actively participate in representative government. We must seize this opportunity and ensure that the Fourth Estate remains an indomitable force in its quest for truth," says Lee.

For those of us in that Fourth Estate, who seek to hold our electeds in the three branches of the federal government accountable

to those who elected them, it's incredibly gratifying to see this support from both sides of the aisle for protecting our right to report, and your right to know.

That goes doubly because of what is understandably a sometimes fractious relationship between the press and our representatives at all levels of government. There will be times when this important legislation, if passed by the House and the Senate and signed into law by the president, will not serve the personal interests of the very people who will vote for it, if they are up to no good.

So special thanks to the Republicans and to the Democrats who wrote and sponsored it, and to those who support it with their votes and their signature. The PRESS Act is important to this nation as a whole, and it should be passed into law.

Work on existing housing and jobs

By **ANDREW BRADLEY**
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The headlines keep coming in — rents have increased in Indiana, but wages haven't kept up, even compared with our Midwest peers. And despite their promises, Indiana's policymakers will never simply build their way out of Indiana's affordable housing crisis, nor can they attract enough new jobs from other states to make up for the increasing proportion of low-wage, low-quality jobs that don't pay the rent.

To improve economic and housing outcomes for Hoosiers, Indiana's elected officials must commit to a new kind of economic development and housing policy strategy that also improves the jobs and homes Hoosiers already have.

The need to focus on Indiana's existing housing and jobs policies is clear from the new Out of Reach 2023: Indiana report co-released by Prosperity Indiana and the National Low Income Housing Coalition in June. The report finds that while the 'Housing Wage' needed to afford the fair market rent of \$988 for a two-bedroom unit rose by 12% to \$19.00 in 2023 from \$16.97 in 2022, Indiana's average renter wage increased only 7.5% over that time, to \$17.86 in 2023 from \$16.61 in 2022.

While Indiana's Housing Wage continues to be significantly higher than the average Hoosier renter's wage, what's especially concerning is that an increasing number of the state's most common occupations no longer pay enough to make rent. In fact, 10 of Indiana's top 20 largest occupations now don't pay the state's Housing Wage, up from nine just a year ago. These 10 occupations, including in-demand jobs like nursing assistants, cooks, laborers, and home health aides, account for nearly 625,000 working Hoosiers and more than a fifth of the state's total workforce. These occupations are also frequently held by women, Black and brown Hoosiers, and others who also make up Indiana's extremely low-income renter households that bear the brunt of the state's housing crisis.

And while housing costs have increased nationwide, Indiana's lack of competitive wage growth is leaving

Andrew Bradley



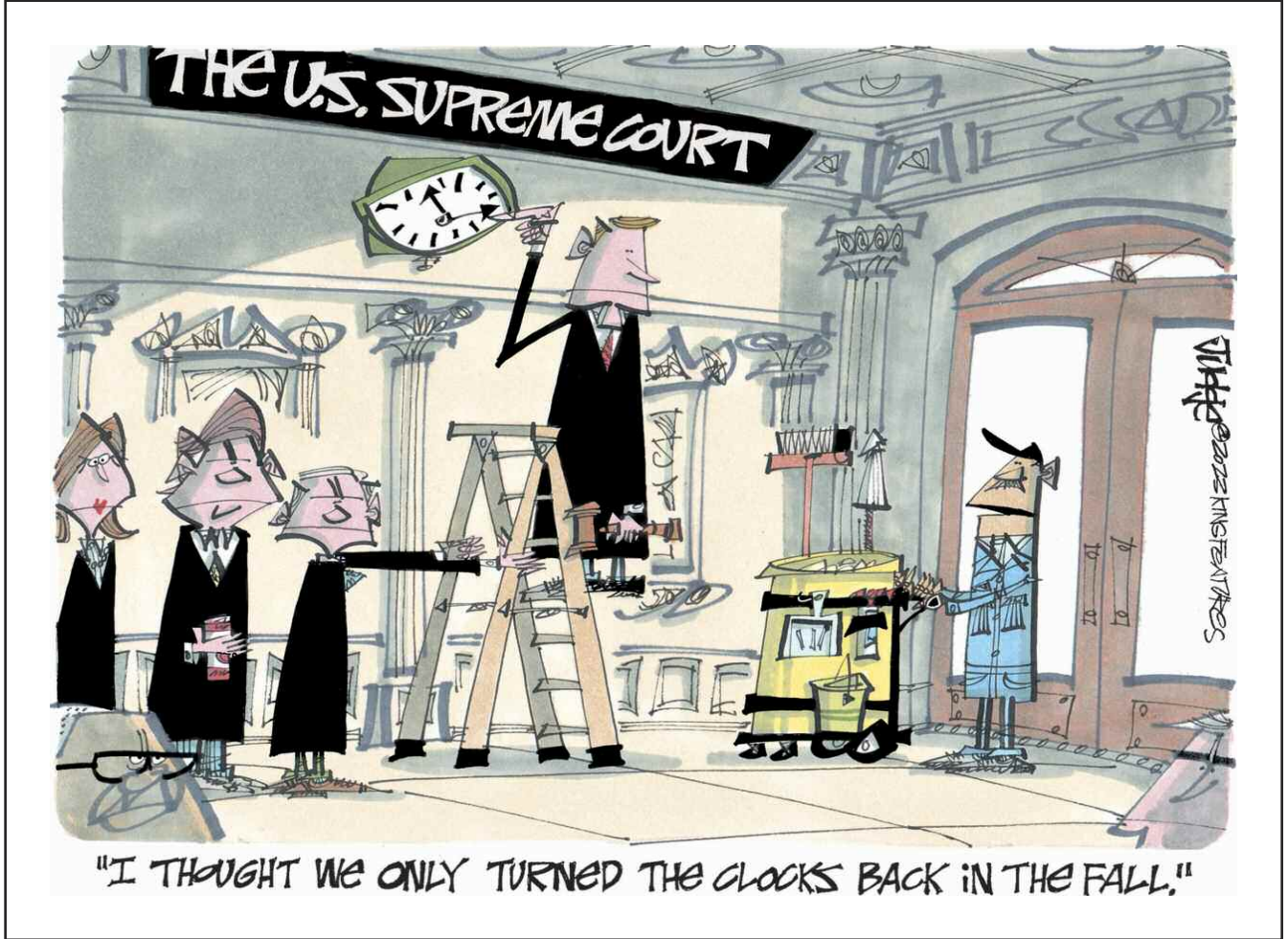
Hoosiers behind our Midwest neighbors. The mean Hoosier renter wage of \$17.86 is now \$0.91 an hour lower than the \$18.77 average across all 12 Midwest states. This means the typical Hoosier renter working full time makes \$1,893 less each year than their typical Midwest counterpart — adding up to nearly two full months' worth of rent.

A housing strategy that leans on subsidizing already-profitable market-rate housing that Hoosiers with the largest housing gaps can't afford won't get Indiana out of its housing affordability crisis. There's no guarantee that a new-supply-only strategy will ever fill the demand for rentals affordable at the \$39,526 annual income that the average Hoosier renter household makes. There's even less evidence that new developments will cause older stock to sufficiently 'filter' down in price to fill the gap of 120,796 units affordable and available for the extremely low income Hoosier households who need them.

The bottom line: Hoosiers can't wait for housing that magically becomes more affordable and wages that rise on their own. We can't allow policymakers to lean on market-rate development while at the same time preempting affordable housing solutions, local tenant protections, and court-based enforcement of habitability standards. We can't let candidates promise more incentives for corporate expansions without doing anything about the stagnant incomes and benefits of the jobs Hoosiers currently rely on to feed their families and pay the rent.

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Case pits rights vs. safety

By **JOEL MATHIS**
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I once met a woman so terrified of her partner — a man who had beaten her terribly, who kept missing his court dates on the resulting criminal charges — that she sat day and night in a chair facing the front door of her mobile home in southern Douglas County, Kansas, a gun resting in her lap.

She wanted to be ready to defend herself if he returned.

A few years before that, in my first-ever daily newspaper job, I covered the trial of another woman, this time in southeast Kansas. She was so tired of being beaten by her husband that one day — Valentine's Day, in fact — she took his rifle and shot him to death while he napped on the couch.

She just couldn't live with the terror and pain anymore.

These women were, relatively speaking, lucky: They survived. And they were the ones with the guns in their hands. But that's not how these stories often turn out. Nearly half of murdered women in the United States are killed by a current or former partner — and half of those women are killed with guns.

America loves its firearms. Wives and girlfriends too often pay the price.

So I'm rooting for the Biden administration, which is taking a case at the intersection of domestic violence and gun rights all the way to the Supreme Court. The case involves a Texas man, Zackey Rahimi, who was convicted of possessing guns even though he was subject to a restraining order.

Joel Mathis



This is how he got the restraining order: In 2019, he knocked his girlfriend down in a public parking lot, dragged her to his car and violently forced her in, knocking her head on the dashboard. The woman escaped, but he later called and threatened to shoot her if she told anybody about the assault.

A federal appeals court overturned the gun possession conviction. Rahimi is "hardly a model citizen," the court acknowledged, but he hadn't been convicted of a felony and his Second Amendment rights took priority.

Now the Supreme Court will decide which matters more: gun rights or women's safety.

"I get the need to protect an individual's right to self-protection in our country — it's built into our Constitution and culture in many ways," said Michelle McCormick, executive director of the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence. But if the Supreme Court upholds Rahimi's gun ownership rights, that "would create exceptional danger, in my opinion, for survivors."

These aren't idle worries in Kansas. In 2021, there were more than 22,000 domestic violence incidents reported in the state — one about every 23 minutes — about half of which resulted in arrests. There were 32 domestic

violence homicides, and two-thirds of those involved guns. Comparable numbers for Missouri are difficult to dig up, but the Missouri Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence reported 63,497 calls to its hotline in 2021.

But lethality doesn't tell the whole story, McCormick pointed out. Abusers often use the threat of gun violence to keep victims under control. That violence often spills beyond the immediate relationship: Police officers can be injured when responding to domestic calls. And America's epidemic of mass shootings is deeply connected to misogynistic violence.

The appeals court threw out Rahimi's conviction because of a 2022 Supreme Court ruling that gun laws must be "consistent with the nation's historical tradition of firearm regulation." The question, apparently, is whether the founders would have let men keep guns after literally beating their wives. The problem with that line of thinking, of course, is that the American legal system began really taking domestic violence seriously just within the last 50 years or so. The Supreme Court is regressive, but is it that regressive?

We'll find out. At any rate, McCormick is worried that this new case will make victims more reluctant to seek help, and make life in Kansas just a little more dangerous.

"If we don't respond well to domestic abuse," she said, "that creates not only a danger to domestic survivors — but to our communities at large."

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—Thomas Jefferson

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7-8 CRYPTOQUIP

LSIP R SGKI HBA SRO WBTI
KZMGHO MW IBKSA QIP
FBKKBPK MGA MZI, LSRA FMIO
BA SRTI? WMZAJ QBPZO.
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: OLD FILM FEATURING
A DETECTIVE WHO THROWS A MASSIVE
TEMPER TANTRUM: "THE FRENCH CONNIPTION."
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals G

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Fair questions

- 1) What "first" event did the town of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, host in 1807?
- 2) What state is home to the largest county fair in the United States?

Answers: (1) The first county fair in the U.S. (2) California (San Diego County)

7-10 CRYPTOQUIP
CUOY ABWTOSQ FY QK. BFEZQ'
PWQOPWBB KOWX UZK UFXOSQ,
CFEBG TFE QWT KUOT QVFSO
VWSGZYWB AFZYKQ?
Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A HUGE PIT HAS
FIVE GROUPS OF EIGHT MEN DIGGING OUT
ORE, WHAT DOES IT HAVE? FORTY MINERS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals Y

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to immunizations. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = E)

A. 14 12 11 11 25 15 18
Clue: Protects against illness

B. 10 19 11 23 19 9
Clue: Medical professional

C. 15 18 18 10 3 18
Clue: Pointy instrument

D. 16 9 19 23 18 11 23 25 19 15
Clue: Provides safeguards

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to immunizations.

JITCNE

Answer: Infect

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Australia on August 11, 1983. I began my career on an Australian soap opera. Despite appearances in many films, I am best known for my portrayal of a god in a series of Marvel movies.

Answer: Chris Hemsworth



PEOPLE FACT:

THIS IS THE TERM TO DESCRIBE A PERSON WHO CREATES SOME NEW PROCESS, APPLIANCE, MACHINE, OR ARTICLE.

INVENTOR

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Idea
SPANISH: Idea
ITALIAN: Idea
FRENCH: Idée
GERMAN: Idee

Creative Coloring

Celebrate National Inventors' Month. Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

It all starts with an idea.

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

APR 10

- 1519: FERDINAND MAGELLAN SETS SAIL FROM SEVILLE TO BEGIN A CIRCUMNAVIGATION OF THE GLOBE.
- 1641: THE SIGNING OF THE TREATY OF LONDON ENDS THE BISHOP'S WAR BETWEEN ENGLAND AND SCOTLAND.
- 1890: THE MAGELLAN SPACE PROBE REACHES VENUS.

New Word

CONCEPT
an abstract idea or notion

IMMUNIZED WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

V A C A C U T E E S A E S I D P X C I C
H F V I R U S E T A G U J N O C P B G T
A R D O S E U X G H C A T I A T Z X P S
F I C E Y H E X P O S U R E S F H C M M
U F R C L T D Z A F B M S Y G C Z J I F
H N R E I T I R X O R E S P O N S E M Y
E O M P T N O N U P A Z I F G Z Y A M G
V I H L D C E I U A N A L R I N X U R
U T A P U Z A Z D M A F N M I G C N N E
E C B D O B O B N C M V T H Y J J N I L
O E V U J V R R T B E I I F G O X E Z L
B F T T J U C I D I N S V R O S Y E E A
I N G E D P V X I E H O I E P U V D R F
O I I B X A U A G V I R R P T R L E A P
L C F G T A A I N O S E A L Z Y N E A P
O X R E J S T X F T H N L V E O S N B F
G H D F R N R M J N O E D Y U O E X H V
Y F G H A V O R O V T S G T M Y L J U Z
M B O O S T E R Z A S S R Z D J F I H Y

WORDS

ACUTE
ADJUVANT
ALLERGY
ANTIGEN
ANTITOXIN
ANTIVIRAL
BACTERIA
BIOLOGY
BOOSTER
CONJUGATE
DELTOID
DISEASE
DOSE
EXPOSURE
IMMUNITY
IMMUNIZE
INACTIVATED
INFECTIOUS
NEEDLE
RESPONSE
SHOT
SORENESS
VACCINE
VIRUS

Did You Know?

INVENTORS AND ENTREPRENEURS BOTH COME UP WITH IDEAS, BUT AN INVENTOR IS MORE INVOLVED WITH THE ACTUAL INVENTION AND THE ENTREPRENEUR THE BUSINESS.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 Scale members
1 Churlish
6 One with a growing business?
12 Shepherd of "The Jamie Foxx Show"
13 Not off-key
14 Poseidon, for one
15 Be defeated by
16 Conference leader?
17 Scott in an 1857 case
19 Refusals
20 "Star Trek" officer
22 UFO pilots
24 Equi-
27 Bivouac shelter
29 Flower part
32 Getaway time in July, say
35 Nevada city
36 Foundered

DOWN 1 Clarified butter
2 Authentic
3 Implores
4 To and —
5 Hoedown musicians
6 Dossier
7 Battery part
8 ACLU concerns
9 Semisoft cheese
10 Within (Pref.)
11 Antique cars
12 Concorde, e.g.
18 Landing strips
21 Salt Lake athlete

23 "For shame!"
24 Medit. nation
25 Novelist
26 Hardly a fussy eater?
28 Jazz combo instrument
30 Away from
31 Rx writers
33 Soccer —
34 Heart chart (Abbr.)
39 Washington Sound
41 Menzel of "Frozen"
42 Flan ingredients
43 Patricia of "Hud"
45 D.C. VIPs
47 Bohemian
48 Maui souvenirs
49 "— haw!" (oater cry)
51 Hwy.
53 Sharing word

Solution time: 26 mins.

A	P	P	E	P	I	C	G	A	S	H
L	I	U	M	E	N	U	E	X	E	S
M	E	R	C	A	T	O	R	N	E	W
S	T	R	A	I	T	A	B	U		
F	L	Y	T	I	S	S	U	E		
L	A	K	E	S	Y	O	O	E	T	S
I	C	E	S	T	A	R	B	L	I	P
E	R	R	I	R	K	S	U	L	L	Y
V	E	R	O	N	A	O	U	R		
B	O	N	N	T	E	S	T	A	T	O
B	U	N	K	O	P	E	L	A	V	A
S	T	E	S	R	A	S	E	H	E	M

Yesterday's answer 7-8

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Looks can be deceiving

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ K J 3
♥ Q J 8 7 6 3
♦ 6 3
♣ Q 5

WEST
♦ 9 7 6 4
♥ 9 5 4
♦ 2
♣ K 10 9 6 4

EAST
♠ —
♥ K 2
♦ K J 9 7 5 4
♠ A J 8 3 2

SOUTH
♦ A Q 10 8 5 2
♥ A 10
♦ A Q 10 8
♣ 7

The bidding:
East South West North
1♦ 3♠ 3♣ 4♣ 4♠ 4♠

Opening lead — two of diamonds.
See if you can make six spades on this deal looking at all 52 cards. Given the opening diamond lead plus the favorable location of the diamonds and the heart king, this might seem easy. But be forewarned it's no simple task.
The most obvious line is to win East's king of diamonds with the ace, cross to the spade king and lead a heart to the ten. Next, cash the ace of hearts, dropping East's king, then return to the jack of spades and discard your club on the heart queen.
Here's where the trouble begins. If you draw the missing trumps,

you'll eventually lose two diamond tricks to East. If instead you lead a diamond and finesse the eight, West will ruff, and you'll also lose the diamond ten to East's jack at the end.
But the contract can be made. Moreover, the winning line of play can be reasoned out. When East shows out of spades at trick two and then turns up with just the K-X of hearts, his distribution becomes marked as 0-2-6-5 (his bidding plus West's deuce-of-diamonds lead, which must be a singleton, confirm this diagnosis). East must also have one or both top club honors.
Proceeding on this assumption, declarer plays the first five tricks as described above. But at trick six, he discards the diamond eight instead of a club on the queen of hearts!
He then runs his spades, coming down to the Q-10 of diamonds and seven of clubs. Dummy keeps the Q-5 of clubs and jack of hearts, while East is reduced to the J-9 of diamonds and ace of clubs. South now leads his club, and East has to win and return a diamond to declarer's Q-10, handing him the contract.
Note that it doesn't help East to jettison his ace of clubs in order to avoid being endplayed. In that case, South leads a club toward dummy, and West must then concede the last two tricks to dummy's queen of clubs and jack of hearts after he takes his king.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 37 Strategic
1 Nile vipers
5 Towboat
8 General —
chicken
12 Dazzle
13 Singer
14 Hotel chain, informally
15 Othello's betrayer
16 Scripture-based
18 Soak up
20 "Peter Pan" author
21 Calendar squares
23 Smartphone precursor
24 Annual exam
28 Ticket half
31 Fish eggs
32 Port of Nigeria
34 "— had it!"
35 "Zounds!"

DOWN 22 Heroic tales
24 Opposite of "post-"
25 Glutton
26 Young horse
27 "— Hall" (Tennyson poem)
29 A.C.C. school
30 — canto
33 Ocular woe
36 River formations
38 Jordan's neighbor
40 French pronoun
42 Sent a dupe to
43 Intro studio class
44 Mark Harmon TV series
46 Star in Lyra
47 Thus
48 Aussie hoppers
50 Swiss peak

Solution time: 21 mins.

G	R	U	F	F	F	F	A	R	M	E	R
S	H	E	R	R	I	I	N	T	U	N	E
S	E	A	G	O	D	L	O	S	E	T	O
T	E	L	E	D	R	E	D	N	O	S	
			S	U	L	U	E	T	S		
I	S	O	T	E	N	T	S	T	E	M	
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R	E	N	O	S	A	N	K	R	E	S	
			I	M	P	Y	O	G	I		
E	N	V	U	S	S	R	D	A	L	Y	
G	E	O	R	G	E	S	O	I	R	E	
G	A	R	T	E	N	A	U	N	T	I	E
S	L	E	E	T	S	X	R	A	Y	S	

Saturday's answer 7-10

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35				36				37			
	38		39		40			41			
42	43			44	45			46	47	48	49
50			51			52	53				
54						55					
56						57					

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A 9
♥ A K Q 4
♦ A 10 8 5
♠ A J 2

WEST
♦ 8 6 3
♥ J 9 7 6 3
♦ K J 3 2
♣ 3

EAST
♦ Q 7 2
♥ 10 8 2
♦ 6
♣ K Q 10 9 7 6

SOUTH
♦ K J 10 5 4
♥ 5
♦ Q 9 7 4
♠ 8 5 4

The bidding:
South West North East
2♠ Pass 2 NT Pass
3♦ Pass 3♥ Pass
3 NT Pass 4♣ Dble
Pass 6♦

Opening lead — three of clubs.
This deal occurred in the 1990 World Open Pairs, held in Geneva. The hero of the deal was Ralph Katz, who, partnered by Peter Nagy, finished second in the event.
Katz held the West hand and sat quietly as his opponents reached six diamonds on the auction shown. South's two-spade opening was weak and promised no more than a good five-card suit. North then employed a series of relay bids by which he learned that South had a minimum with precisely 5-1-4-3 distribution.
Katz led his singleton club, and declarer rose with the ace and played the A-K-Q of hearts, discarding his two remaining clubs. South then started on the right track to making the slam by leading a low diamond to the seven. After the seven lost to the jack, declarer could ruff a heart in his hand, pick up West's king of diamonds via two finesses and then collect five spade tricks by cashing the ace and taking a finesse against East's queen. South loses only one trump trick on this line of play and would make the slam for a score of 920 points.
But a funny thing happened on the way to making 12 tricks. When declarer led a diamond to the seven at trick five, Katz won the trick with the king! He then returned a spade, allowing declarer to pick up East's queen and establish the spade suit.
Understandably, South now thought he was home free. With the jack of diamonds "marked" on his right, he led a diamond to the ace, planning to finesse against East's jack next (if necessary) and so score the rest of the tricks. But when East showed out on the second diamond, declarer realized he had been had, and he immediately offered his congratulations to Katz for his brilliant deceptive play.

Tomorrow: A matter of good judgment.
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12						13				14			
15						16				17			
18						19				20			
			21			22			23				
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31				32				33		34			
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		39		40		41							
42	43					44		45		46	47	48	
49						50				51			
52						53				54			
55						56				57			

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

NORPE, NOTHING POLITICAL ABOUT THE FISH - THAT'S JUST ITS NAME.

RAINBOW TROUT

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"It's hot as WHAT out today?"

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

AW, LOOK, SHE REALLY LIKES YOU!

BUT, NO, YOU STILL CAN'T USE YOUR DOG AS A REFERENCE.

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"C'mon, Daddy! Swim us across!"

Peanuts

I SHOULD HAVE WON TODAY...

I GUESS THE TENNIS GODS WERE AGAINST ME

THAT STUPID WOODSTOCK... HE DOESN'T BELIEVE THERE ARE SUCH THINGS AS TENNIS GODS!

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Peanuts

JUNK FOOD!

YOU'RE GONNA RUIN YOUR STOMACH EATING ALL THAT STUFF!

HERE, TRY ONE OF THESE, SWEETIE...

WAIT !! COME BACK! HAVE SOME DOUGHNUTS AND POTATO CHIPS WITH YOUR CUP CAKE!!

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Rose is Rose

ROADSIDE GARDEN SALAD! COME AND GET IT!

SKIP THE LETTUCE... SHE'S GOT CARROTS!

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Rose is Rose

YOU SHOULD LET HIM KNOW THAT IT'S OUR TURN.

I NEVER INTERRUPT THE GROUNDSKEEPER DURING HIS COOL-DOWN.

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Agnes

THE KITE WILL NOT RISE.

I THINK YOU HAVE TO RUN WITH IT IF THE WIND IS WEAK

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?

YOUTUBE AT THE LIBRARY.

YOU LOOKED UP KITES ON YOUTUBE?

NAH... I WAS LOOKING UP 'KITTY' AND SPELLED IT WRONG.

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Agnes

I GAVE UP KITE FLYING. IT JUST SAT THERE LIKE LUMPY OVERSIZED ORIGAMI.

OH WELL.

THAT'S HOW YOU RESPOND TO SAD FAILURE? "OH WELL"?

I'D CRY, BUT IT WOULD BE FAKE

GO FOR IT. PITY LIFTS ME UP.

HA! I SHOULD HAVE PITTED THAT KITE THEN.

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Hi and Lois

NO BITES.

CATCHING FISH REQUIRES PATIENCE, SON.

NO LUCK?

DAD LOST HIS PATIENCE AFTER FOUR HOURS.

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Hi and Lois

NOW ISN'T THIS A LOVELY EVENING?

LET ME MAKE A TOAST.

DON'T HARSH THE VIBE, DAD.

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Between Friends

I'VE BEEN MARRIED BEFORE... LIVING TOGETHER DOESN'T HOLD THE ROMANTIC NOTIONS OF MY TWENTIES

SAME HERE... YOU CAN BE TOTALLY COMMITTED AND LIVE APART

IF ANYTHING - IT'S THE BEST WAY TO KEEP THE ROMANCE ALIVE

WHY CAN'T LOUISE BE MORE LIKE HER?

WHY CAN'T STEVE BE MORE LIKE HIM?

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Between Friends

SO WHY DID YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND BREAK UP?

WELL... MY COMPANY WANTS TO SEND ME TO PARIS FOR SIX MONTHS

AHH... SO HE DIDN'T WANT A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP?

ACTUALLY, WE WERE ALREADY IN A LONG-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP

THEN WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM?

A LONGER-DISTANCE RELATIONSHIP

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Blondie

HONEY, AREN'T YOU GOING TO START MOWING THE GRASS?

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...AN' WHEN HUBCAP SMIF WUZ ASKED WHY HE WUZ DRIVIN' IN TH' OPPOSITE DIRECTION OF ALL TH' OTHER CARS ON TH' RACETRACK...

HE SAID IT WUZ 'CUZ THAT'S TH' DIRECTIONS TH' GPS GAVE HIM !!

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THIS HERE'S OUR 5,000TH GAME'A CHECKERS, SHERIFF TAIT !!

WOW !! YA ACTUALLY BEEN KEEPIN' TRACK ALL THESE YEARS?

WELL, WHEN I'M IN HERE, COUNTIN' BECOMES MY MAIN ACTIVITY !!

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Beetle Bailey

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READY!

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Beetle Bailey

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WHAT BOTHERS YOU, SIR?

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PORTLAND, INDIANA
MORTGAGE ASSETS MANAGEMENT, LLC
PLAINTIFF
vs
WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; GRACE STEVENS, DECEASED; TRACI STEVENS A/K/A TRACI OSTEEEN; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVEISEES OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; ESTATE OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND/OR DEVEISEES OF WAYNE E. STEVENS, JR., DECEASED; HEIR OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; ESTATE OF WAYNE E. STEVENS, JR., DECEASED; HEIR OF WAYNE E. STEVENS A/K/A WAYNE E. STEVENS, SR., DECEASED; THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT; EVA BISHOP
DEFENDANTS
CAUSE NO: 38C01-2305-MF-000013
NOTICE OF SUIT

To the defendants above named, and any other person who may be concerned.
You are notified that you have been sued in the Court above named.
The nature of the suit against you is the foreclosure of a mortgage upon the property legally described as follows:
The following described Real Estate in Jay County in the State of Indiana, to-wit:
Lot Numbered Six (6) in Block numbered Five (5) in Robert A. Andrew's Addition to the Town of Redkey, Indiana.
Commonly known as:
434 West Main Street
Redkey, IN 47373
This summons by publication is specifically directed to the following defendant(s) whose whereabouts are unknown.
Traci Stevens a/k/a Traci Osteen
Unknown Heirs and/or Devises of Wayne E. Stevens a/k/a Wayne E. Stevens, Sr., Deceased
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Eva Bishop
In addition to the above-named defendants being served by this summons, there may be other defendants who have an interest in this lawsuit.
An answer or other appropriate response in writing to the Complaint must be filed either by you or your attorney with the Clerk of the Court for Jay County at:
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Portland, IN 47371
on or before the 7th day of August, 2023, (the same being thirty (30) days after the Third Notice of Suit), and if you fail to do so a judgment may be entered against you for what the plaintiff has demanded.
ATTEST:
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Codilis Law, LLC Electronically Signed by:
Robert S. Kruszynski
15488-45
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Sports



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Jordyn Champ swims the butterfly for the Jay County Summer Swim Team's 11-12-year-old medley relay on Thursday as the swimmers beat the North Adams Central 799.5-257.5 at Portland Water Park. The relay team finished second behind Jay County's other girls relay team, but Champ earned her first individual victory in the meet by placing first in the girls 11-12-year-old 50-meter butterfly.

Jay swim continues to dominate opponents

Thirty-three different swimmers won events for Jay County in a full-team victory.

The Jay County Summer Swim Team got contributions from a plethora of different athletes on Thursday as they took down North Adams Central 799.5 to 257.5 at Portland Water Park.

The 9-10-year-olds and 11-12-year-olds swept every single event along with the 8-and-younger boys and 15-and-older girls.

There were five triple-event winners. For the 8-and-younger levels, Cora Arnold and Daxtin Zimmerman swam well while Jackson Westgerdes and Sam Benirschke handled the 9-10-year-olds. Maria Laux (13-14-year-old) also had three wins.

Thirteen swimmers won a pair

Local roundup

of events. Emme Theurer and Henry Warvel both represented the 8-and-younger level while Addisyn Champ was the only 9-10-year-old. For the 11-12-year-olds there was Elly Byrum, Gabby Gibson, Ben Fischer and Grady Warvel. At the oldest level, there was Lauren Fisher, Mara Bader, David Keen and Matthew Fisher.

Also winning two events was Raif Beiswanger and Carson

Westgerdes for the 13-14-year-olds.

There were 15 athletes who won events, including Nathan Frazee, Jordyn Champ, Toney Beiswanger and Avery Wentz who all won their first individual event of the year.

Joining them were Isabelle Byrum, Carsyn Guggenbiller, Anna Fisher and Sophie Warvel (all 9-10-year-old). Kenna Arnold and Chandler Young represented the 11-12-year-olds along with Beiswanger and Champ. Kali Wendel, Kaitlyn Fisher and Rockland Beiswanger made up the 13-14-year-olds and Sophia Hoevel and Aubrey Millspaugh contributed with Wentz for the 15-and-older level.

Reynolds blanks Blues

The Portland Rockets stifled the Fort Wayne Blues' offense on Thursday for an 8-0 victory at Runkle-Miller Field.

Tyler Reynolds had himself a night, giving up only two hits through seven dominant innings. He struck out eight batters while only giving up one walk in the ball game. The Blues only reached second base once in the entire game, when Juan Arcilla advanced on a passed ball.

Jared Holley pitched the final two innings, surrendering two hits without allowing a run.

Six of the Rockets' (14-9) eight runs were scored in the first inning. Holley started the hit parade with a one-out triple. Zach

Tanner plated a run with a single, while Peyton Smith and Magnuss Lee each drove two runs in with singles. The other run was scored when Ayden Lichtenstiger was hit by a pitch.

An extra run scored in the second thanks to a double by Joel Kennedy making it a 7-0 ball-game.

The final run scored in the eighth inning. Gavin Gleason hit a single to the left side of the infield, scoring Varin Ridgeway to win the game.

Holley and Cameron Pratt tied for the most hits in the game with three apiece.

Abelardo Paz suffered the loss after giving up seven runs on twelve hits in seven innings pitched.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Fort Recovery ACME baseball vs. winner of Coldwater and Minster - 11 a.m.

Sunday
Portland Rockets at Fort Wayne Blues - 1 p.m.

Monday
Jay County Summer Swim Team vs. Yorktown - 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
1 p.m. — Auto racing: Pro Motocross Championship (NBC)

2 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Seattle Storm at New York Liberty (ESPN)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Seattle Mariners at Houston Astros (FOX)

8 p.m. — NBA Summer League basketball: Indiana Pacers vs. Washington

Wizards (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — Mixed martial arts: UFC 290 - Yair Rodriguez vs. Alexander Volkov (ESPN)

Sunday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
8:30 a.m. — Formula One Grand Prix (ESPN2)

1 p.m. — PGA Tour: John Deere Classic (GOLF)
3 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Washing-

ton Mystics at Connecticut Sun (ESPN)

3 p.m. — U.S. Women's Open (NBC)
4 p.m. — NBA Summer League basketball: Los Angeles Lakers vs. Charlotte Hornets (ESPN2)

5 p.m. — CONCACAF Gold Cup (FS1)
6 p.m. — NBA Summer League basketball: Detroit Pistons vs. Houston Rockets (ESPN)

7 p.m. — NASCAR: Quaker State 400 (USA)

9 p.m. — USA Track & Field Outdoor Championships (CNBC)

Monday
6 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — MLB: 2023 Home Run Derby (ESPN)

8 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Philadelphia 76ers vs. Dallas Mavericks (ESPN2)

10 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Min-

nesota Timberwolves vs. Utah Jazz (ESPN2)

Tuesday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)

6 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Brooklyn Nets vs. Milwaukee Bucks (ESPN2)

8 p.m. — MLB: All-Star Game (FOX)
8 p.m. — NBA Summer League: Phoenix Suns vs. New Orleans Pelicans (ESPN2)

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