

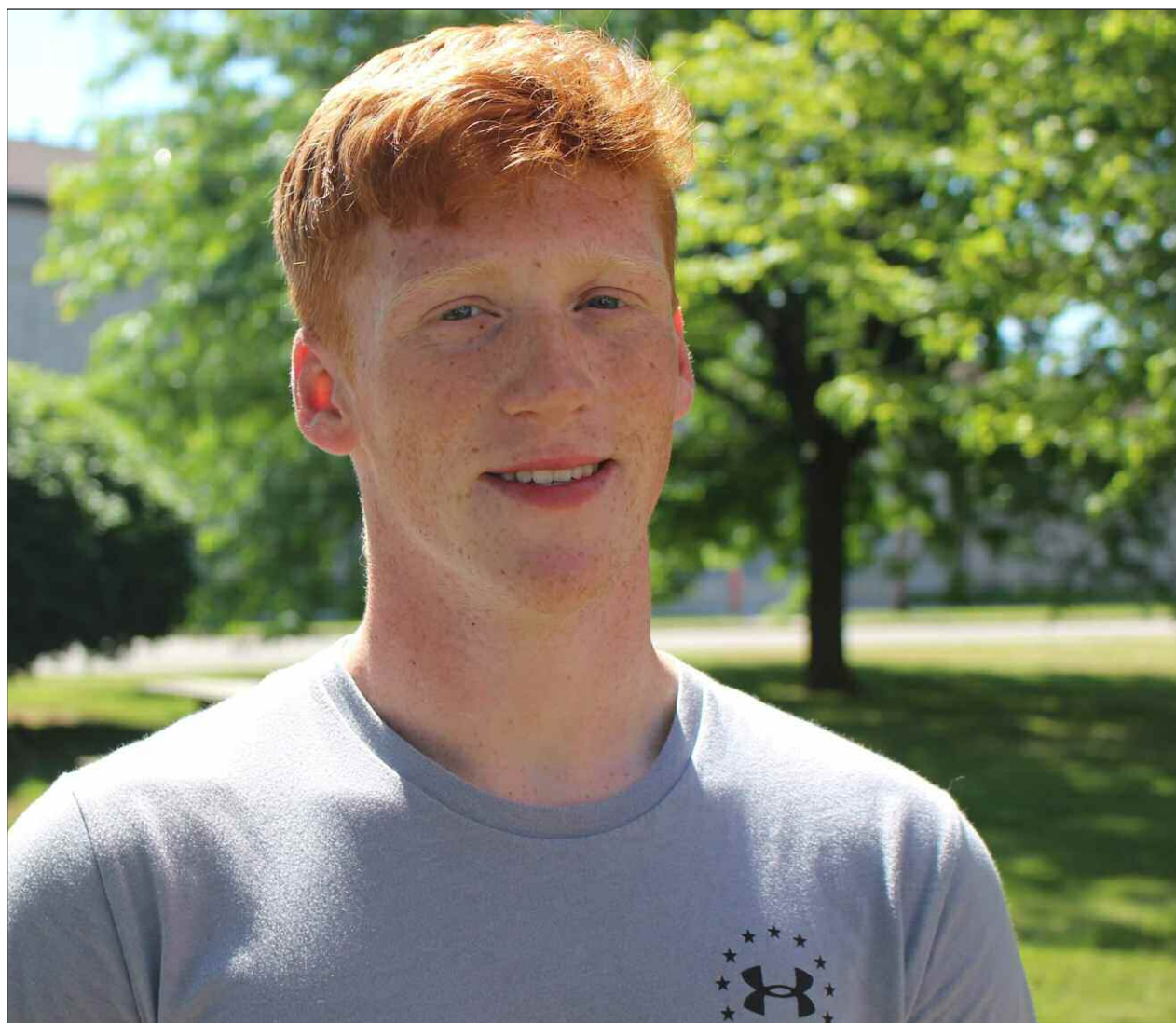
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## Promise fulfilled



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Blake Pruett, who graduated from Jay County High School last weekend, will head to California to begin basic training next month. His goal of joining the military started when he checked out a book from the library.

## Judge: Indiana must continue benefits

By CASEY SMITH  
Associated Press and Report for America

INDIANAPOLIS — A Marion County judge ordered Friday that Indiana must continue the federal government's unemployment benefits, putting a temporary stop to Gov. Eric Holcomb's move to drop the state from the program.

Marion Superior Court Judge John Hanley granted the preliminary injunction in a lawsuit filed June 14 by two legal organizations, which argues that Indiana law requires the state to procure federal insurance benefits to residents.

The lawsuit emphasizes that the Republican governor's actions to withdraw Indiana from the expanded unemployment benefits before the Sept. 6 expiration of those benefits will hurt thousands.

Indiana's decision to leave the federal program early violates state law, Hanley wrote in his court order, adding that the unemployment benefits are "instrumental in allowing Hoosiers to regain financial stability at an individual level while the state continues to face challenges presented by the COVID-19 pandemic during its return to normalcy."

The decision requires the state to continue the extra \$300 weekly payments to unemployed workers and remain in other programs that expanded unemployment benefits during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Holcomb announced last month that Indiana would reinstate a requirement that those receiving unemployment benefits will again have to show they are actively searching for work as of June 1 and that the state would leave the federal programs effective June 19.

See **Benefits** page 2

## Library book inspired military goal

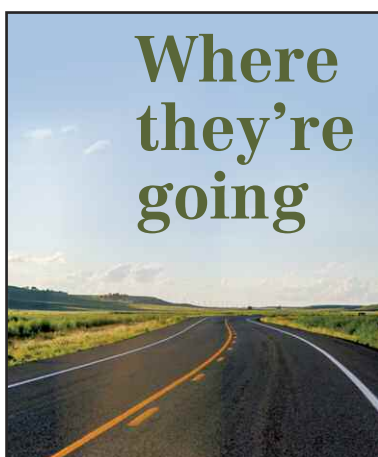
*Editor's note: This story is the first in our summer series about local 2021 graduates' plans after high school. It will run on Saturdays through August. If you have a suggestion of someone to include, email details to news@thecr.com.*

By AMY SCHWARTZ  
The Commercial Review

When Blake Pruett was in fourth grade, he and a friend were in the library looking for something to read.

Pruett picked up a book about the Marine Corps while his friend grabbed a book on the Navy Seals. After some debate as to which was the best institution, the friends vowed to join the groups later in life to officially decide which is superior.

"We said we'd both grow up



and join the groups to see which is really the best," recalls Pruett, who graduated from Jay County High School on Sunday.

Though alone in his commitment to the childhood

promise, Pruett will live out his Marine Corps dream as he goes to basic training July 12.

"Life is full of challenges, my life has been especially," said Pruett. "The Marine Corps seems like the hardest challenge there is. I might as well take it and better myself."

Pruett will be at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, for three months at boot camp. From there, he will move to Camp Pendleton in Northern California to undergo basic infantry rifleman training, learning how to use weapons such as grenades and machine guns, including the new M-27 assault rifle.

Pruett is originally from Richmond and has lived in Portland for three years. Being in the foster system,

Pruett was constantly moving before landing in Portland. Though the constant change was rough at times, he said, he also gives credit to the system for helping him become the person he is.

"Where I was originally at, I wouldn't have made it to where I am today," he said. "(The foster system) gave me another chance."

While attending Jay County High School, Pruett was a member of the track and wrestling teams. He also played in the school's marching, jazz and concert bands.

Pruett plans to serve at least eight years in the Marine Corps and then decide whether to continue his military service full-time or to work toward becoming a state police officer.

## Retrospect

# Expanded golf course was ready to open

Thirty years ago this week, area golf enthusiasts had a new 18-hole course to play.

The June 26, 1991, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the expanded Wabash Valley Golf Club, which was set to open two days later.

The opening of the expanded club — it had 10 new holes — had been delayed by inclement weather, including floods and mud. There had also been a change in contractors and various other delays to the planned schedule.

"I'm going to play Friday, but really, I just want to be around to hear what people have to say," said Wabash Valley

president Alan Baumgartner. "I even want to hear the criticisms, because that's how we're going to know what we still have to work on."

The \$1 million project involved expanding what had been a nine-hole course to an 18-hole format that looped around Rainbow Lake.

Golf course architects Gary and Ron Kern designed the 10 new holes, working them around trees and the waters of the Limberlost swamp and Wabash River.

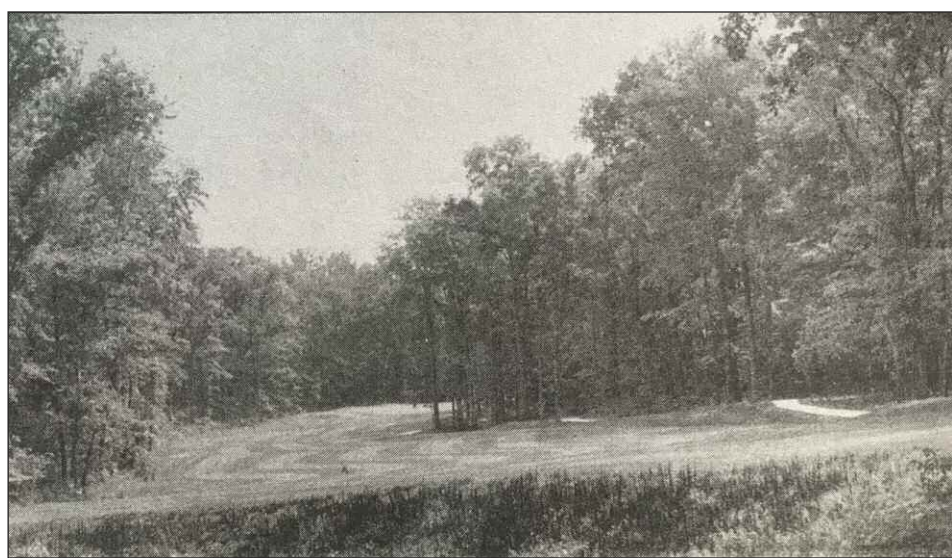
Construction had started in 1989, but heavy rains limited work on the new holes. Then a new contracting

— Eichmiller Golf — took over the project.

Baumgartner admitted the process had its frustrations, but said he was happy to be preparing to see the first golfers tee off on the expanded course.

"There were times when we felt we were just about at the top of the mountain, and then there was a mudslide and we started sliding down," he said. "We were washed out a few times, but we never quit."

Also the golf course was taking shape, a new housing subdivision — Limberlost Trails — was also in process. At the time of the opening of the course, 20 lots had been sold.



The Commercial Review/Tom Casey

This is the view golfers were getting ready to see for the first time 30 years ago this week from the 12th tee at the newly expanded Wabash Valley Golf Club in Geneva. The course launched in its 18-hole format on June 28, 1991.

### Deaths

**Inger Rathbun**, 93, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's high temperature reached a high of 79 degrees Friday.

Today's forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a high of 87 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Tonight's low will be in the lower 70s with rain possible beginning about 11 p.m. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

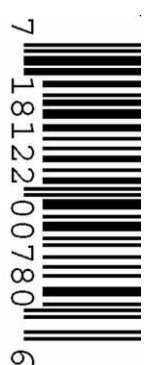
### In review

The Jay Circuit Court jury trial that was scheduled to begin Monday has been canceled. Jurors do not need to report.

### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

**Thursday** — A feature about the grand marshals of the 4th of July parade.



# Obituaries

## Inger Rathbun

June 28, 1927-June 23, 2021  
Inger Sofie Rathbun, age 93, a resident of Portland, passed away on Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at her daughter's home in Ankeny, Iowa.

Inger was born on June 28, 1927, in Drammen, Norway, the daughter of Petter and Olga Ragnhilde Torgersen Pedersen. She was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Portland. Inger married Carl Rathbun on Oct. 8, 1945, and he passed away

on January 12, 1997.

Survivors include:

Two daughters — Ingrid Saxman (husband: Vernon), Indianapolis, Indiana, and Nancy Kertz (husband: James), Ankeny, Iowa  
Nine grandchildren — Angie, Ivy, Ingrid, Abbey, Leslie, Matt, Andrew, Evan and Briann)  
Eleven great-grandchildren  
She is also survived by her



Rathbun

niece, Ruth Zicht and nephews Paul and Roy Rathbun and their families.

As a teenager, Inger was a brave member of the Norwegian Resistance and a World War II war bride. She was an avid poker player, a voracious reader and a CNN "news junkie."

She baked the best tea rings, apple pie and chocolate cake. "Bestemom" was known for "making" her grandchildren eat French toast.

Visitation will be held on

Monday from noon to 1 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Inger's life will follow at 1 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home. Pastor Bruce Phillips will officiate the service and burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey. Live-streaming of the funeral will be available on the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home Facebook page.

Memorials may be directed towards Riley Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

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.

## CR almanac

Sunday 6/27	Monday 6/28	Tuesday 6/29	Wednesday 6/30	Thursday 7/1
<b>88/72</b>	<b>88/71</b>	<b>88/70</b>	<b>84/67</b>	<b>81/66</b>
The rainy weekend may continue with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms. Otherwise, sunny.	Rain is expected Monday as well with a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms.	Cloudy skies will continue Tuesday with a 60% chance of thunderstorms.	Another potentially stormy day. There is a 60% chance of rain and thunderstorms.	Rain is likely with a thunderstorm possible. Otherwise, skies will be partly sunny with a high of 81.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 6-1-5 Daily Four: 6-2-5-2 Quick Draw: 01-03-05-06-13-14-18-27-31-32-33-34-35-39-48-50-51-66-68-78	Pick 4: 2-1-7-0 Pick 5: 0-4-0-2-8 Rolling Cash 5: 3-11-18-25-32 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 8-4-0 Pick 4: 1-9-0-0 Pick 5: 3-3-5-1-8 Evening Pick 3: 9-9-2	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$75 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.17 July corn.....6.20 Wheat .....6.12	Wheat ..... 6.27 July wheat ..... 6.27
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....6.40 June corn .....6.40 Aug. corn .....5.90	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....6.64 July corn.....6.62 Beans .....13.70 Nov. beans .....12.43 Wheat ..... 6.27
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.15 July corn.....6.15 Beans .....13.69 July beans .....13.69	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.38 July corn.....6.38 Beans .....13.48 July beans .....13.48 Wheat .....5.96 July wheat.....5.96

## Today in history

**On June 26, 2013**, in deciding its first cases on the issue, the U.S. Supreme Court gave the nation's legally married gay couples equal federal footing with all other married Americans and also cleared the way for same-sex marriages to resume in California.  
**In 1483**, Richard III began his reign as King of England (he was crowned the following month at Westminster Abbey).  
**In 1917**, the first troops of the American Expeditionary Force deployed to France during World War I landed in St. Nazaire.  
**In 1919**, the New York Daily News was first published.  
**In 1945**, the charter of the United Nations was signed by 50 countries in San Francisco.  
**In 1948**, the Berlin

Airlift began in earnest after the Soviet Union cut off land and water routes to the isolated western sector of Berlin.  
**In 1963**, President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where he delivered his famous speech expressing solidarity with the city's residents, declaring: "Ich bin ein Berliner" (I am a Berliner).  
**In 1977**, Elvis Presley performed his last concert at Market Square Arena in Indianapolis.  
**In 1997**, the first Harry Potter novel, "Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone" by J.K. Rowling, was published in the United Kingdom (it was later released in the United States under the title "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone").  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 1 p.m. — Jay County Council special meeting, commissioners room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 1:15 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management	District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. <b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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## Offering invocation

Mariah Gross delivers the invocation Sunday afternoon at the beginning of Jay County High School's commencement ceremony.

# About 650 troops will stay

By **LOLITA C. BALDOR** and **ROBERT BURNS**  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Roughly 650 U.S. troops are expected to remain in Afghanistan to provide security for diplomats after the main American military force completes its withdrawal, which is set to be largely done in the next two weeks, U.S. officials told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Several hundred additional American forces will remain at the Kabul airport, potentially until September, to assist Turkish troops providing security, as a temporary move until a more formal Turkey-led security operation is in place, the officials said. Overall, officials said the U.S. expects to have American and coalition military command, its leadership and most troops out by July 4, or shortly after that, meeting an aspirational dead-

## U.S. will keep military presence in Afghanistan for security

line that commanders developed months ago.

The officials were not authorized to discuss details of the withdrawal and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity.

The departure of the bulk of the more than 4,000 troops that have been in the country in recent months is unfolding well before

President Joe Biden's Sept. 11 deadline for withdrawal. And it comes amid accelerating Taliban battlefield gains, fueling fears that the Afghan government and its military could collapse in a matter of months.

Officials have repeatedly stressed that security at the Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul is a critical requirement to keeping any U.S. diplomatic staff in Afghanistan. Still, the decision to keep additional troops there for several more months makes it more complicated for the Biden administration to declare a true end to America's longest war until later this fall. And it keeps the embattled country near the forefront of U.S. national security challenges, even as the White House tries to put the 20-year-old war behind it and focus more on threats from China and Russia.

# Benefits ...

Continued from page 1  
Indiana also ended its participation in a federal program that made gig workers and the self-employed eligible for assistance for the first time and another that provides extra weeks of aid.  
"The state of Indiana took the appropriate steps to terminate its participation in federal pandemic unemployment program. The agreement ended on June 19," the governor's office said in a statement Friday, adding that Holcomb and the state's Workforce Development office "will discuss an immediate appeal of the judge's order with the Attorney General."  
The decision to withdraw the state from the federal programs came as many businesses blame the extra \$300 weekly payment and the ease of obtaining unemployment benefits with mak-

ing it more difficult to fill job openings. Republican legislative leaders additionally urged Holcomb to withdraw Indiana from those federal programs.  
The \$300 payments have more than doubled Indiana's average \$280 weekly unemployment payment, which has a maximum of \$390 a week, according to the state Department of Workforce Development. The changes could cut off or reduce unemployment benefits to more than 220,000 people in the state.  
Holcomb said jobs are available around the state and pointed to Indiana's 3.9% unemployment rate for April, which was down from the pandemic peak of 16.9% a year earlier. Ending the benefits early will also help Indiana businesses find and hire qualified employees for thousands of open positions, he said.

## SERVICES

### Saturday

Cliff, Rodger: 2:30 p.m., St. Stephen United Church of Christ, 905 E. Perkins Ave., Sandusky, Ohio.

### Monday

Rathbun, Inger: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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## To wed July 17

### Phoebe Robinette and Joshua Zimmerman

Phoebe Diana Robinette and Joshua Jerome Zimmerman are planning a wedding for July 17 at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Joshua is the son of Annie Wines of Pennville and Robert Zimmerman of Upland. Phoebe is the daughter of the late Charlie and Margaret Dick.

The prospective bride is a 1998 graduate of Penn Foster. She is currently enrolled at Indiana Wesleyan University.

The prospective groom is a 2000 graduate of Blackford High School. He works at Red Gold.



Phoebe Robinette and Joshua Zimmerman

## Seniors can apply for food vouchers

Vouchers for produce are available through an organization that serves Jay County.

LifeStream Services is accepting applications for its Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program Vouchers.

The vouchers can be used to purchase items such as beans, peppers, tomatoes, apples and other fruits and vegetables from qualifying locations. They are worth \$20 and are provided by the state on a first-come, first-serve basis.

To be eligible, applicants must be 60 or older and meet income guidelines.

For details, visit [lifestreaminc.org/nutrition](http://lifestreaminc.org/nutrition) or call (800) 589-1121.

### On the list

A couple of Portland residents were named to the Manchester University dean's list for the spring semester.

Kendal Garringer, a biology-chemistry major, and

### Taking Note

Tyler Leonhard, a history major, were both named to the list. To earn the honor, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher for at least 12 credit hours.

### Planetarium open

Charles W. Brown Planetarium at Ball State University is now open again for public shows.

The planetarium will host "We Are Stars" on July 1, 2, 15 and 15, and "To Space & Back" on July 22, 23, 29 and 30. All shows begin at 6:30 p.m.

Registration for the free shows is required at [brown-planetarium.eventbrite.com](http://brown-planetarium.eventbrite.com). The planetarium is located at 2111 W. Riverside Ave., Muncie.

## Boy's death came amid rift in friendship

DEAR ABBY: Last year, after a falling out with someone I have been friends with for more than 20 years, I was OK with writing this person off and going on with my life. From my understanding, this person felt the same way.

Last week, their teenage son died in a terrible accident. I was heartbroken. I truly cared about the boy and had watched him grow up. I reached out and received no response (as I expected). I'm torn about whether I should go to the funeral and how it would be perceived. I want to show support, but I'm concerned I'm not wanted there. I'm also concerned that if I don't go it will look awful and disrespectful, since I have been a part of this boy's life. I don't know what to do. — CARED FOR HIM IN OHIO

DEAR CARED FOR HIM: You may not have heard from

### Dear Abby



the family because they are grieving and not communicating with everyone. As I see it, you have several choices: Send a condolence card, send flowers, contribute to a charity in the young man's name and/or go UNOBTRUSIVELY to the funeral and sit in the back. If, however, you decide to do this, do not go with any expectation it will heal the breach in your relationship.

DEAR ABBY: I was happily

married for almost 20 years. Suddenly my husband became withdrawn, obviously unhappy, and moved out. He keeps telling me we are going to spend the rest of our lives together, that we aren't divorced, just "taking a break."

Although I had a great relationship with his family, they no longer speak to me. My family still treats him the same. He has a friend who is always whispering in his ear about how terrible I am. My husband denies it, but I have seen the text messages. As far as I know, I haven't done anything to this friend.

Between my husband's paydays, I help him out financially. We're both close to retirement age because we married late, and we still have a teenager at home. Do I wait for him to come

around, or move on with my life? I still love him, but I'm feeling used. — DISILLUSIONED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR DISILLUSIONED: You are not only being used, but also being lied to. In addition, your in-laws' behavior is emotionally abusive. (Could they have been told things about you that aren't true?) Offer your husband the option of marriage and family therapy and a chance to repair what went wrong. However, if he refuses, quit being so accommodating, close your checkbook and move on with your life.

DEAR ABBY: After an invitation to visit, how long can I stay before I'm imposing? — TOO LONG IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR TOO LONG: It

depends upon the relationship you have with the person who invited you. Usually, when an invitation is extended, it is for a specified time period — a week, a weekend, etc.

Two truisms apply here: "Guests, like fish, begin to smell after three days" (Benjamin Franklin), and "One of the most important things that Hollywood teaches is to always leave your audience hungry for a little more" (Howard Bragman).

P.S. When in doubt, ask!

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 [DearAbby.com](http://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](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Today

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Is open from 8 a.m. to noon each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

### Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER —

Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

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.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 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.

### Tuesday

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

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group.

## Sudoku

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	8	6						
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			8					2
	1	6						3

Level: Advanced

### Friday's Solution

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

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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# Little things often matter the most

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

"It's the little things" is one of the most overused phrases. But there's a reason it's used time and time again.

Last week, when a tornado ripped through northeastern Jay County and into Mercer County, it took along with it pieces from almost two dozen homes and even more outbuildings. There were no injuries, thank God, but the damage still remained.

Driving along those country roads last Friday, I noticed a steady amount of traffic flowing through the area. Road closed signs didn't mean a thing to responders, friends and family of those affected by the storm. As I walked up to Betsy Minnich on her ravaged property, some-

## On the Line



one handed her a case of water. Another placed it in a truck. Voices of concern and friendly gestures echoed from others throughout our conversation.

Inside, Matt Minnich bustled through his home as others bombarded him with questions. Where should this go? Should we take this? What about this? In the moment, I don't think he knew for sure what to do.

Who would? Natural disasters invoke

sheer chaos. When a twister tears into your rural home, littering your walls and foundation across the yard and scattering your personal items across the countryside, what do you do in the aftermath?

In the hours following the tornado, Matt could only revel at the amount of help their family had streaming through their door. Help continued through the weekend and began to die down by the following Monday, when nearly 100 people attended Mass at the Minnichs' property to pray for them.

The Minnichs weren't the only local residents impacted by the storm. Many others recounted varying damage across their properties, including destroyed silos, farm and outbuildings. For each resident affected, sev-

eral more came to offer their help. Volunteers didn't always know whose house they were unpacking or whose property they were removing debris from. But, in the moment, it didn't matter.

I doubt any of us expected a natural disaster that day. I know the Minnichs, the Davidsons and others located along the tornado's path didn't expect it. Whether or not we expected it, though, it still happened.

When nature strikes, the community reacts. I'm proud to live in a county where neighbors will offer aid in a time of crisis. It's what makes this place home.

There's still work to do, though. It can take months or even years to recover from a natural disaster. And despite the support they've already

received, those affected can always use a helping hand.

It doesn't have to be a large gesture. Donating food, clothing or toiletries to those who may be living in less than ideal conditions is also a viable option.

Following the tornado, Matt paused while talking to me about the amount of folks stopping through. I wasn't sure if he was choked up or just trying to formulate a "thank you." Maybe both.

"Instead of being stressed out about the fact that, you know, (the house is) all tore up, I would say that I'm more moved by the fact that I live in a neighborhood and community that showed up," he said. "That means more than anything."

It's the little things, after all, that often mean the most.

## New holiday is worth celebrating

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

The designation of Juneteenth as a national holiday is a decision worth celebrating.

Also worth celebrating is the bipartisan nature of the action. The bill passed unanimously through the Senate before winning approval in the House by a vote of 415-14.

That level of agreement is nearly unheard of in our divided Congress.

The holiday commemorates June 19, 1865, the day Union Gen. Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, to deliver General Order No. 3.

"The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free," the order began. "This involves an absolute equality of rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves ..."

The news prompted rejoicing across the island, and to this day, residents of all races gather in Galveston on June 19 to mark the occasion.

Juneteenth was first recognized by the state of Texas in 1980, and as of this year, the observance had been recognized in 48 states.

Now, more than 150 years after Granger made that announcement, federal lawmakers have finally set the day aside as a federal holiday.

The observance marks the official end of an institution that remains a stain on our nation's history.

Some have argued that while erasing that stain is worth celebrating, Juneteenth isn't really the day that came about. They suggest it might be more appropriate to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's signing of the Emancipation Proclamation or maybe the end of the Civil War.

Better yet, they say, we could mark passage of the 13th, 14th or 15th amendments.

Known collectively as the Civil War Amendments, those three measures were intended to ensure equality for the recently emancipated slaves.

The fact is, though,

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*Our nation's newest holiday is a day for those of all races to celebrate how far we have come.*

that Juneteenth signifies more than just the day the slaves in one Texas city learned of their freedom.

It also signifies freedom delayed, the continuing struggle for the equality promised in the general's order.

The announcement that this day celebrates came more than two years after Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation and more than two months after the fall of Richmond and the signing of the Confederate surrender at Appomattox.

The celebration by those former slaves might have begun June 19, 1865, but the struggle for equality continued on through the Jim Crow era and the march across the Edmund Pettus Bridge, through the rise of the Ku Klux Klan and the toppling of Confederate statues across the country.

The struggle continues to this day.

Our nation's newest holiday is a day for those of all races to celebrate how far we have come. It's also a day to steel ourselves for the continuing struggle ahead.



## Privacy key to regulating tech

By HUGH HEWITT

Special to The Washington Post

The Republican Study Committee is one of many caucuses within the House Republican Conference, the largest, the one identified with traditional, mainstream conservatism. It numbers more than 125 members and is headed by Rep. Jim Banks, R-Ind., who asked me to take some questions at its annual retreat sponsored by the Heritage Foundation last Thursday evening in Alexandria, Va.

I was happy to do so, in part because the RSC had decided that the party must focus on forging consensus on three issues to put Republicans back in control of the House and Senate.

Two are fairly easy to define. The first is immigration, where in my view the GOP must press for completion of the border wall and a return to most of former President Donald Trump's border policies in tandem with a generous policy toward those already in the country without legal permission, especially the "dreamers."

Overseas, Republicans must unify on the defense of Taiwan and candor about goals and ambitions of the Chinese Communist Party of the sort championed by former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Sen. Tom Cotton, R-Ark. That candor must be married to robust hikes in defense spending and a focus on the needs of the Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Space Force ahead of the Army.

But the question of "Big Tech" is terrain on which the party fractures, because many free-market conservatives do not share the idea that any company is suspect simply because it is "big."

My view, which I presented at the gathering, was preceded by the disclosure that I contribute columns for this newspaper, which is owned by Amazon founder Jeff Bezos. That's a routine disclosure for The Washington Post and does not affect my point of view any more than Salem Media Group's syndication of my radio show or my contract with NBC affects what I write or say. Disclosures are

important, however; so when Big Tech is the issue, it's always crucial to know by whom commentators are paid.

So: Adjust for the "lie of the green," as they say in golf. I am most influenced by Shoshana Zuboff's "The Age of Surveillance Capitalism" and traditional antitrust theory such as powered a unanimous Supreme Court to hand the National Collegiate Athletic Association a major defeat this week. (A terrific primer on antitrust is available in Justice Neil Gorsuch's majority opinion, just as Justice Brett Kavanaugh's concurrence is a bright-letter warning to the NCAA about decisions to come. The NCAA is a cartel, and the court has now served notice.)

Big Tech is most definitely not a cartel, but the organizing principle for regulating Silicon Valley should not be our traditional antitrust law, ill-equipped to the tech revolution, but good, old-fashioned criminal law, especially around the crimes of theft and fraud, and conspiracies to commit either.

The biggest flaw in most tech companies' business models is a general willingness to loot an individual's personal information (and thus his or her privacy) without payment for this data and without informed consent.

This last point is crucial. If you are the very, very rare individual who reads, understands and agrees to the "Terms and Conditions" thrust upon you by the apps on your phone, I salute you. But at least 99 percent of Americans don't read the fine print (or could understand it if they tried). Did you know that a small percentage of all apps provide your consent to remotely turn on your phone's microphone and record you? So states

Zuboff in her book, and that made me stop and think: "What the hell? I'd never agree to that."

Perhaps you now understand why so many ads related to your recent conversations are eerily arriving on your phone without any search trail online to their point of origin.

That's a small but scary point. The much broader point is tech companies, like the Chinese Communist Party, like hackers everywhere, are amassing vast dossiers of information — on you, your children and your grandchildren. That data is not a benign thing, though its use and manipulation are sometimes disguised by practitioners in the most vanilla of terms: It is used to "nudge" you into actions or purchases. It is unlikely to remain just a "nudge" forever; some unseen hand — governments or companies or both will eventually use the data to predict or change individual behaviors they do not like. Congress must forbid uncompensated data collection and allow citizens to challenge as theft and fraud any Terms and Consent agreement that is rooted in terminology alien to anyone without deep knowledge of computer science.

The GOP, I told the RSC, must defend individual liberty by defending every individual's privacy. Data is the new frontier of that battle. Forget how big any company is; there is always another competitor ready to enter the space, and most of them from abroad. Protect instead the citizen.

Did that presentation change minds? I don't know. But I am certain a hard line on personal privacy would have greater appeal to the public than many other issues currently separating the parties. Watch that vast uncharted space and which party moves to restore data that has been taken and to repair walls of privacy that were breached long ago.

Whoever gets there first will be a long-term winner.

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# I&M announces leadership changes

An electrical company that serves Jay County has announced leadership changes.

Indiana Michigan Power this week announced Toby Thomas will become senior vice president of the energy division for its parent company American Electric Power. Steve Baker will take over Thomas' role as president and chief operating officer of Indiana Michigan Power.

The changes are effective July 31.

Thomas has led Indiana Michigan Power since 2017. He will be based in Columbus, Ohio, and will oversee distribution engineering standards, construction, operations and other aspects of AEP's business.

Baker joins Indiana Michigan Power after serving as vice president of distribution operations for Public Service Company of Oklahoma since 2010. He previously worked for AEP Texas.

"I'm delighted to join I&M as its new president and COO, to serve our customers, employees and communities, by providing them a superior customer experience with energy that is safe and reliable," said Baker in a press release. "I will be focused on building on the great work of Toby and the leadership team to transform I&M, including innovating, offering new services to

## Business roundup

customers and bringing 1600 megawatts of new renewable generation to Indiana and Michigan by 2030."

### Cooper presents

Cooper Farms recently presented its 2021 V.H. Cooper Scholarship to 29 graduates in its services area.

Among the honorees were Clark Knapke, Hope Wendel, Paige Fortkamp, Kyra Clark, Kendra Metzger and Owen Moorman of Fort Recovery High School. Others were from Union City, Coldwater, St. Henry, Celina, Marion Local, Van Wert, Paulding, Ansonia, Kalida, Hicksville, Crestview and Lincolnview high schools.

The scholarship is presented in remembrance of Virgil Cooper.

"When our father passed away in 1984, we wanted to continue celebrating his life and how much he truly enjoyed giving back," said Dianne Cooper. "Our dad was always giving back to

the community through a variety of different organizations and clubs in the area."

### New VP named

Ivy Tech Community College announced this week that Lewis Eakins will become its vice president for public safety and emergency preparedness beginning Thursday.

Eakins currently services as chief security officer and director of public safety at Idaho State University. He formerly served as a member of the METRO Transit Police in Houston and was police chief for Oakwood University in Huntsville, Alabama.

"Safety is top priority at Ivy Tech, for our students, faculty, and staff," said Ivy Tech president Sue Ellspermann in a press release. "Dr. Eakins brings a wealth of knowledge and experience from higher education and via formal training. We look forward to him working with our incredible teams across the state to ensure Hoosiers have a safe environment ..."

### Program launched

Indiana Manufacturers Association has launched its Healthy Business Certification program in an effort to focus on workplace safety.

The program features a three-hour training course designed to teach best practices and prepare manufacturers for potential future pandemic responses. Participants will learn about standards and regulations put in place by Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization.

Upon completion of the course and submission of a company's Business Prevention Plan, participants will receive a Healthy Business Certification letter, certificate and decal. Certification is good for one year.

For more information, or to sign up, email kgundle@indianamfg.com.

### IU dedicates

Indiana University on Wednesday dedicated its new Luddy Center for Artificial Intelligence.

The new \$35 million, 58,000-square-foot facility will be the university's hub for "multidisciplinary research in advanced AI and machine-learning applications." It is part of a \$60 million gift from IU alumnus Fred Luddy in 2019.

"Our campus is the perfect space for this fabulous, synthe-

tic, future-looking center," IU Bloomington provost and executive vice president Lauren Robel said in a press release. "It is filled with world-renowned experts, and the opportunities for collaboration across disciplines abound. These experts, moreover, bring with them vast networks of connection outside the university, which only provide rocket fuel to the ongoing conversations and collaborations happening across campus."

### Plans unveiled

The City of Greenwood on Thursday unveiled plans for a new \$8 million, 40-acre sports complex, Indianapolis Business Journal reported this week.

The complex plans, presented by Greenwood Mayor Mark Myers during his State of the City Address, include four softball diamonds, four baseball diamonds, a multi-use field for soccer, cricket and other sports, a splash pad and playground equipment. It is to be located on the southeast side of the city near the intersection of Interstate 65 and Worthsville Road.

"It's another exciting amenity that we're confident will bring tremendous benefits to our community," Myers said during his speech.

## EU deal reached on farm policy

By MEGAN DURISIN and EWA KRUKOWSKA  
Bloomberg

The European Union reached a provisional agreement on reform of its farming policy for 2023-2027 that aims to make it simpler and more sustainable.

Portugal, representing national governments in the EU Council, negotiators from the European Parliament and the European Commission agreed to the final shape of the reform at a meeting on Friday. The Common Agricultural Policy supports farm incomes and accounts for about a third of the bloc's overall budget.

"The deal paves the way for a simpler, fairer and greener CAP that will provide a sustainable future for European farmers," the Council said in a statement. "The new CAP bolsters environmental measures and also includes provisions to ensure greater support for smaller farms and help young farmers enter the profession."

The EU — one of the world's top wheat and pork exporters — is aligning its entire economy with its Green Deal, an ambitious strategy to reach climate neutrality by 2050. As part of it, the bloc stepped up its 2030 emissions-reduction target to at least 55% from 1990 levels. Last year, the EU unveiled a new "Farm to Fork" strategy, mapping out ways to halve pesticide and antibiotic use, promote plant-based protein and boost organic farming.

"This reform will accompany the transition in a way that is consistent with the Green Deal, in particular through the new eco-schemes," Dacian Ciolos, president of the Renew Europe Group that represents Liberals in the European Parliament, said in a statement.

However, the Greens in the legislature said the agreement "falls far short" of the goals in the EU's climate agenda, including pledges to use fewer pesticides and to promote organic farming. The group plans to vote against the CAP reform when it comes up for a vote.

"The CAP was supposed to be the big building block of the Green Deal," said Green party member Bas Eickhout. "What remains is a series of empty slogans with big agri-business as usual or, in many cases, a deterioration of the status quo."



Photo provided

## Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce on Friday held a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Cryo Beauty & Wellness, which is located inside the Clear Choice Chiropractic office, 406 W. Votaw St., Portland. The business offers facials, cellulite reduction, body sculpting and pain management services using carbon dioxide freezing methods.

## Robinhood IPO plans slowed

Bloomberg

Robinhood Markets Inc., which had sought to go public this month, has seen its listing plans slowed in recent weeks by a back-and-forth with regulators over its prospectus, according to people familiar with the matter.

Robinhood's growing cryptocurrency business, which was rolled out in 2018 and now allows customers to trade Bitcoin, Ethereum and even Dogecoin, has

drawn questions from the Securities and Exchange Commission, one of the people said, asking not to be identified because the matter is private.

While a listing might come this summer, the popular trading app's plans could also slip into the fall, one of the people said. The company aims to reveal its financials as soon as possible and to go public once the SEC finishes its review, they said.

## Regulators OK new solar farm

FRANKFORT, Ind. (AP) — State regulators have approved a deal by utility AES Indiana to build a sprawling solar farm in central Indiana that could generate enough electricity to power more than 30,000 homes.

The Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission on Wednesday unanimously approved the project, which will stretch across nearly 1,800 acres in Clinton County, in an area about 50 miles northwest of Indianapolis.

The project, called Hardy Hills, will include 581,594 solar panels and generate 195 megawatts of electricity, making it one of Indiana's largest solar farms, the Indianapolis Business Journal reported.

AES Indiana, formerly known as Indianapolis Power & Light Co., said it

will pass along the project's costs to its residential customers, who would see a "slight increase" in rates.

The utility, which provides electricity to more than 500,000 central Indiana customers, is buying the project from Chicago-based Invenergy for an undisclosed price. Invenergy will develop and manage the farm's construction.

Work is expected to begin this fall, with the project reaching commercial operation in 2023.

The solar farm represents the latest big move into solar power by an Indiana utility. In recent years, utilities have begun developing thousands of acres of farmland for massive solar farms as they shift away from coal-fired plants and into renewable and other cleaner forms of energy.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF PEOPLE ARE ALWAYS ATTEMPTING TO WOO THE CITIZENS OF ITALY'S CAPITAL, ARE THEY ROMANIZERS?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals K

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to safety. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = T)
A. 8 1 13 12 10 23 25
Clue: Care taken
B. 14 24 23 12 21 8 12
Clue: Prevent harm
C. 10 25 2 13 24 9
Clue: Damage or hurt
D. 6 1 26 21
Clue: Protected

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to safety.
UDEGCNIA
Answer: Guidance

Guess Who?
I am an actress born in Hawaii on June 20, 1967. I worked as a massage therapist to help my mother after her cancer diagnosis. My roles have been varied. I've played a singing star, a tragic British novelist and even Aquaman's mother.
Answer: Nicole Kidman

SAFETY TERMS WORD SEARCH
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O B L I F T S R H Y F A T U Y G E N Y E
Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS
ACCIDENT
BODY
CRITICAL
DANGEROUS
DATA
EGRESS
GEAR
HAZARDOUS
HEALTH
HELMET
HOOD
ILLNESS
INGRESS
INJURY
LIFT
LOCKOUT
MACHINE
MANUAL
MONITORING
NOSH
OCCUPATIONAL
OSHA
RISK

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 34 -Mex cuisine
1 Somewhat (Suff.)
4 Move, as freight
8 "The Conners" actress Gilbert
12 Old French coin
13 Monster
14 Opposite of "sans"
15 America's uncle
16 Zilch
17 Tarzan's transport
18 Fruit-filled pastry
21 Jargon suffix
22 Bliss
23 Dracula's title
26 Nourished
27 Compass pt.
30 Car door damage
31 Morsel
32 Rip
33 Hit show letters
53 Sprite
19 Fasting period
20 Doze (off)
1 "Insecure" actress Rae
2 Daytime drama
3 Camel
4 Truthful
5 Marble type
6 Pakistani language
7 Executive's aircraft
8 Cabbage choice
9 Tel
10 Painter Magritte
11 Computer brand
38 Latin word
39 Pocket bread
40 Goad
41 Nest egg choices
42 Stupor
43 Daring
44 Coral formation
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Solution time: 26 mins.

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48 49 50
51 52 53

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The pause that refreshes
North dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH
10 4
A 10 8 5
A K
A K Q 10 3
WEST
A 7 5
K 3 2
10 8 7 5 4 2
J
EAST
K Q J 9 8 3
6
Q 9 6
8 7 4
SOUTH
6 2
Q J 9 7 4
J 3
9 6 5 2
The bidding:
North East South West
1 2 Pass 3
Dble Pass 4
Opening lead - ace of spades.
Assume you're declarer at four hearts and West leads the ace of spades. East signaling for a spade continuation with the nine. Despite the signal, West shifts to the jack of clubs at trick two. You win with dummy's queen and there you are, faced with the danger of a club ruff because West's club is surely a singleton.
It would be easy to panic at this stage by playing the ace and another trump in an effort to avoid the ruff. If you did, though, West would win the second trump lead and put his partner on lead with a spade, and East would return a club to sink the contract.
You could, of course, blithely shrug this off as just bad luck. However, the fact remains that West is likely to have the king of hearts for his raise to three spades opposite East's pre-emptive jump-overcall. Furthermore, West is also a favorite to have at least three trumps to the king rather than just the doubleton king.
So, with defeat staring you in the face after the ominous club shift, you should start looking for another approach that might give you a chance to survive.
As it happens, there is an excellent counter to West's club shift. After winning the club at trick two, you cash the A-K of diamonds and then lead a spade from dummy.
East wins the spade and returns a club, which West ruffs. But you don't mind this at all because West can then do you no harm, whatever he returns. If he leads a spade or a diamond, you ruff in your hand and return the trump queen, planning to finesse. Keeping a cool head can work wonders.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
North dealer. East-West vulnerable.
NORTH
K 6 5 4
Q 10 9
A 10 4
K 6 5
WEST
J 8 3 2
A 2
Q 9 7 6 2
9 2
EAST
-
3
K J 8 5 3
A Q J 10 8 7 4
SOUTH
A Q 10 9 7
K J 8 7 6 5 4
3
The bidding:
North East South West
1 Pass 1
1 4 5
5 Pass 6
Pass Rdbld
Opening lead - six of diamonds.
When the defenders allow declarer to make a redoubled slam missing two cashable aces, the guilty parties can only hope that all memory of the painful incident will quickly fade away.
The last thing you'd expect is that one of the victims would voluntarily divulge the details of the disaster in a daily newspaper distributed to 10,000 bridge players attending a national tournament. But that's exactly what happened when Richard Pavlicek suffered just such a debacle in the Spingold team championship some years ago and then published his tale of woe for all to see in the Daily Bulletin.
Pavlicek was East and started his side off on the wrong foot by passing North's opening club bid. He then tried to make up for lost ground by leading to four clubs at his next turn. This elicited a cuebid of five clubs from South, supposedly showing first-round control of the club suit.
When South subsequently bid six hearts, Pavlicek doubled, hoping his partner would work out that he wanted a spade lead. South then muddied the waters even further by redoubling. At this point we quote Pavlicek's own account:
"Here we were, defending six hearts redoubled with two cashable aces and a ruff for frosting - but it didn't work out that way. My partner knew my double showed a void in spades or diamonds, but which one? Could the opponents be concealing a nine-card spade fit? Very unlikely. But they certainly could have an eight-card diamond fit.
"So partner led a diamond, and away went our ace of clubs and the spade ruff. We did carefully manage to score the trump ace to prevent an overtrick. Minus 1,570 was not a pleasing result when we were cold for six diamonds. Next time I'll just overcall with one diamond to avoid all this nonsense."
Tomorrow: The only way to go.
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CRYPTOQUIP

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QKP QXA XYQXTA XHHODOCI
XU WDWCUA QXT UPW WXHYT:
DONXY AP-APPC.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: I WOULDN'T INTERACT WITH THAT MAN FROM TOPEKA WHO ESCAPED FROM PRISON. HE'S A LOOSE KANSAN.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals Y

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
A
B
Answers: 1. Birds in sky 2. Polka dots on girl's swimsuit 3. Missing items in background 4. Woman has straps on swimsuit

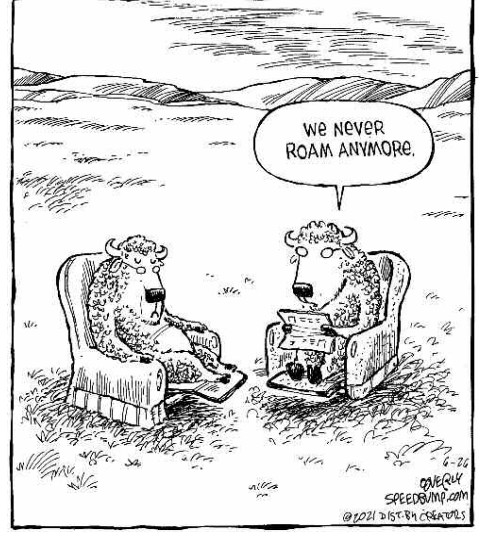
Did You Know?
SMALL TUBE FEET ON THE UNDERSIDE OF SEA STARS HELP THEM TO MOVE ACROSS THE OCEAN FLOOR.
GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: SEA TURTLE

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 38 Quarter-back Brady
4 Painter Frida
9 Embassy VIP
12 Scale member
13 - the hole (hidden advantage)
14 Up to
15 Free
17 Chapel vow
18 "Shoo!"
19 Enticingly unusual
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25 Smack
26 Jurist
28 Weary sounds
31 Airline to Tel Aviv
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35 Lacking slack
36 Wizardry
38 Quarter-back Brady
40 Land in la mer
41 Meadows
43 Noted showman
45 Patriotic chant
47 Misery
48 Press for payment
49 Without haste
54 Tolkien monster
55 Chowder-heads
56 Nemesis
57 Born
58 Uneasy feeling
59 Texas tea
20 Last write-up
21 Throat clearer
22 Oscar-winner
23 Upon quick examination
27 Mel of baseball
29 Video-streaming site
30 Flower part
32 Stead
34 Spider's traps
37 Honeydew alternative
39 Zedong follower
42 Squelchec
44 In medias -
45 Japanese noodle
46 "Absolutely!"
50 Journal
51 ET's craft
52 King, in Cannes
53 Slithery fish
Solution time: 21 mins.

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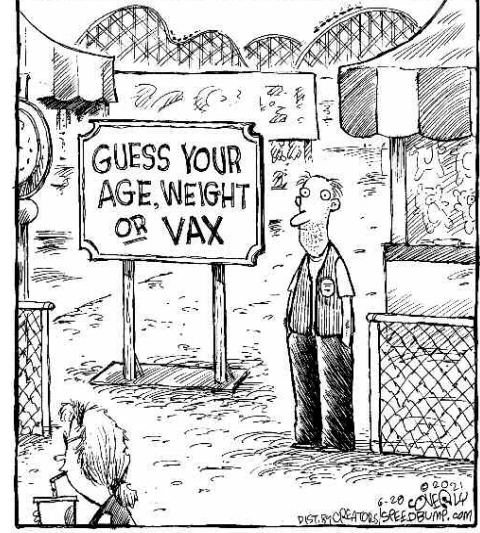
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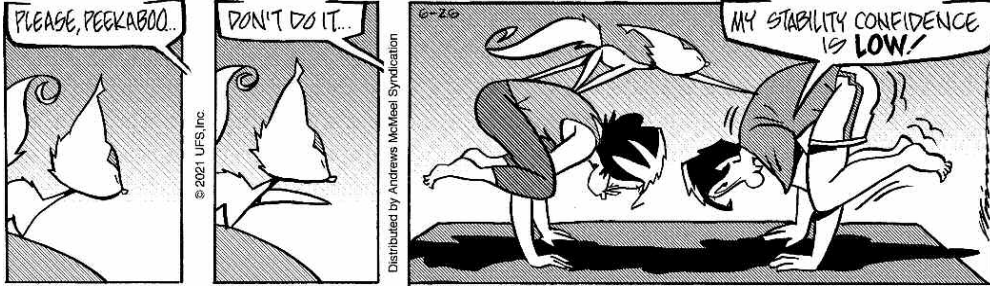
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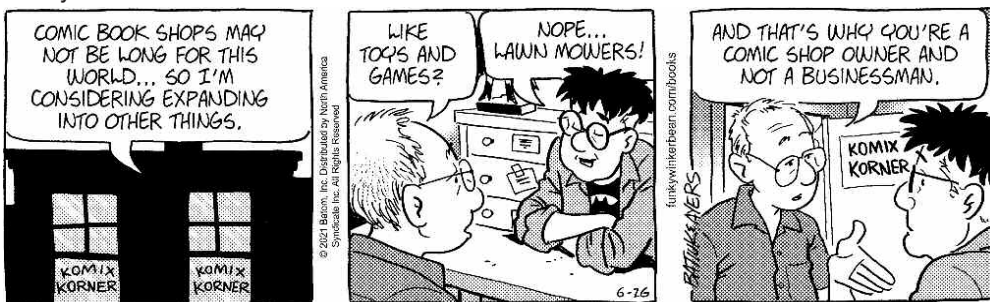
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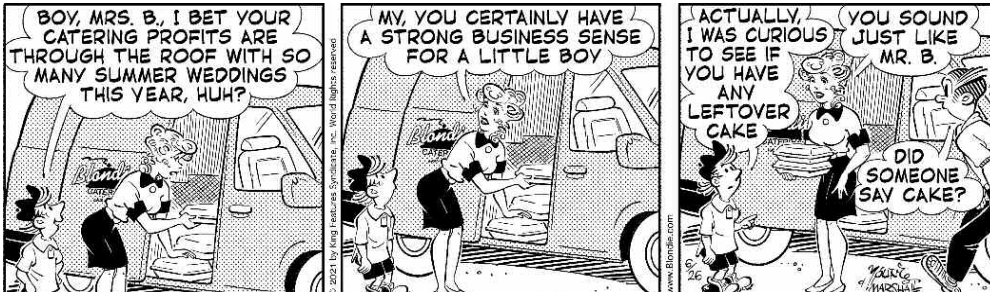
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# Djokovic, Federer could meet in Wimbledon final

By HOWARD FENDRICH

AP Tennis Writer

Defending champion Novak Djokovic and eight-time titlist Roger Federer were placed on opposite halves of the Wimbledon bracket in Friday's draw, meaning they only could meet in the final — which would be a rematch of their epic 2019 title showdown.

The reigning women's champion, No. 3-ranked Simona Halep, pulled out of the field just before the draw began, citing a torn left calf that also forced her to sit out the French Open. That means two of the top three players in the WTA rankings are missing from the field; No. 2 Naomi Osaka withdrew last week.

"I can honestly say that I'm

really down and upset about having to take this decision. This period has been difficult but to miss the last two Majors has made it even more challenging mentally and physically," Halep wrote in a posting on social media. "We will see what the future holds but I'm hoping it will make me a stronger person and athlete."

Two of the top five men are out, too: No. 3 Rafael Nadal, a two-time champion at Wimbledon, and No. 5 Dominic Thiem, the 2020 U.S. Open champ.

The top-seeded Djokovic will have a lot at stake when play begins at the All England Club on Monday, a year after the grass-court tournament was canceled because of the pandemic. That was the first time

since World War II that Wimbledon wasn't contested.

Djokovic, a 34-year-old from Serbia, seeks a 20th major title, which would tie the men's record shared by Federer and Nadal; he can move closer to a calendar-year Grand Slam after winning the Australian Open in February and the French Open this month; he will be trying to win his third consecutive trophy, and sixth overall, at Wimbledon.

Two years ago at Wimbledon, Djokovic edged Federer in a fifth-set tiebreaker after saving two championship points in the final.

Federer, who turns 40 on Aug. 8, is coming off a pair of operations to his right knee last year and has played only

eight matches in the past 16 months.

While Djokovic pursues Slam No. 20, Serena Williams will once again take a shot at No. 24, which would tie her with Margaret Court for the most major singles titles in tennis history. As it is, Williams' 23 — including seven at the All England Club — are the most in the Open era, which began in 1968 when professionals were allowed to compete at the majors.

Williams, seeded No. 6, will open against 100th-ranked Aliaksandra Sasnovich, who reached Wimbledon's fourth round in 2018. The 39-year-old American could meet No. 25 Angelique Kerber — who beat Williams in the 2018 final — in the third round, and No. 20 Coco

Gauff — a 17-year-old American who beat Williams' older sister, Venus, at the All England Club in 2019 — in the fourth.

If Williams gets to the quarterfinals, her opponent could be No. 3 Elina Svitolina, who lost to Halep in the semifinals two years ago. Other potential women's quarterfinals, based on seedings: No. 1 Ash Barty vs. No. 5 Bianca Andreescu, No. 2 Aryna Sabalenka vs. No. 7 Iga Swiatek, and No. 4 Sofia Kenin vs. No. 8 Karolina Pliskova.

The possible men's quarterfinals: Djokovic vs. No. 5 Andrey Rublev, No. 3 Stefanos Tsitsipas vs. No. 8 Roberto Bautista Agut, Federer vs. No. 2 Daniil Medvedev, vs. No. 6 Federer; and No. 4 Alexander Zverev vs. No. 7 Matteo Berrettini.

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They did, in fact, flip results last year when Harvick and Hamlin went 1-2 in Saturday's race and Hamlin and Harvick went 1-2 in Sunday's race. Pocono Raceway is the site of the only NASCAR doubleheader this season (325 miles Saturday; 350 Sunday).

"There is a panic button. I'm not really there yet," Hamlin said. "Frustrated, yeah, because you want to go to the race-track and know that you've got a car capable of being the fastest, but again, we've got a few weeks to really start looking at that and say, 'OK, we really have to catch up here.'"

Harvick finished fifth last week at Nashville and Hamlin was 13th — he has one top 10 over his last four starts.

Harvick won the 2014 NASCAR championship in his first season driving for Stewart-Haas Racing. He hasn't finished worse than eighth — with a championship, a runner-up, three third-place finishes and a fifth — over his time at SHR. But the team has struggled all season and none of its four Cup drivers have a win through 17 races. Harvick had four wins at this point last season but he's led only 39 laps this year. SHR doesn't have the speed to challenge Larson or Hendrick Motorsports.

Harvick said the No. 4 Ford team is "not to that point" where it can start winning weekly.

Hamlin would pass Jeff Gordon for most wins at the 2 1/2-mile track, with two wins for Joe Gibbs Racing in 2006, and one each in 2009, 2010, 2019 and 2020.

"I don't think we can correlate, just because we had success last year, it's going to equal success this year," Hamlin said. "Now, over the long term, I would say whatever I'm doing at the race track is working because it's working with multiple

cars, multiple different aerodynamic packages. I think we always will have an advantage when we go there simply because of how my driving style fits that track."

Larson, meanwhile, has been the talk of NASCAR as he rebounded from a nearly season-long suspension into the hottest driver in the field. Jimmie Johnson in 2007 was the last to win four straight Cup races.

### SILLY SEASON

It's the time of the NASCAR season when drivers start the process of trying to find a job for next year.

Matt DiBenedetto is again on the free agent market because Team Penske

announced already that Xfinity Series champion Austin Cindric would move to the Cup Series next year in the No. 21 Ford with the Wood Brothers. DiBenedetto is in his second season driving the No. 21, a car that has a Penske affiliation and is easily the best job of his NASCAR career.

But there could be hope for DiBenedetto to hang onto that seat, after all.

Brad Keselowski appears headed to Roush Fenway Racing for next season, which would free the No. 2 Ford at Penske. Keselowski said he's months away from being able to announce his 2022 plans.

"We have a contract with Brad for the rest of the season and anything he's going to do or we're going to do, we'll make the announcement properly at the right time," Roger Penske said.

But with the No. 2 open, could Cindric, son of Team Penske president Tim Cindric, instead go directly into that car? Penske was noncommittal.

"The season isn't even over yet, so at the moment we haven't made any permanent decision on drivers and obviously there's a lot of moving parts," Penske said.



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## Isla flies

Isla Kaiser of the Fort Recovery Eels swims the butterfly leg of the girls 9-and-10-year-old 100-yard medley relay Thursday against the Jay County Summer Swim Team at Portland Water Park. Hope Evers, Rozlyn Diller, Kayden Ranly and Kaiser took third in the race.

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Asked how players react when officials don't enforce the rule, Okongwu just shrugged.

"That's up to the referees to make the call, definitely," Okongwu said. "We can do what we want but at the end of the day the referee makes the call."

The officials also have noticed, at least occasionally.

Antetokounmpo has been called for 10-second violations twice during the postseason. He was called for his first with just over a minute left in regulation in the Bucks' 109-107 overtime victory over Miami in Game 1 of the first round. The second came during the Bucks' 86-83 Game 3 triumph in their second-round series with Brooklyn.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Fort Recovery Eels at Celina Pentathlon - TBD  
Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend Cubs - 7:05 p.m.

**Sunday**  
Fort Wayne TinCaps at South Bend Cubs - 2:05 p.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County Summer Swim at Catalina - 6 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Jay County Summer Swim at Randolph County - 6 p.m.  
Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Jackers - 7 p.m.  
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Great Lakes Loons - 7:05 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
Fort Wayne TinCaps vs. Great Lakes Loons - 7:05 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
Noon — Soccer: UEFA Euro 2020 - Wales vs. TBA (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Euro 2020 - Italy vs. TBA (ABC)  
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series at Pocono 325 (NBCSN)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Travelers Championship, Third round (CBS)  
4:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Kansas City Royals at Texas Rangers (FS1)  
5:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Sporting Kansas City vs. Los Angeles FC (ESPN)

7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)

8 p.m. — Stanley Cup Playoffs: Conference Semifinal - Montreal Canadiens at Vegas Golden Knights, Game 7 if necessary (NBCSN)

9 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Western Conference Finals - Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Clippers, Game 4 (ESPN)

**Sunday**  
Noon — Soccer: UEFA Euro 2020 - Netherlands vs. TBA (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Euro 2020 TBA (ABC)

3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Travelers Championship, Final round (CBS)  
3:30 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Monster Energy Cup Series at Pocono 350 (NBCSN)

7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)  
8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Eastern Conference Finals - Milwaukee Bucks at Atlanta Hawks, Game 3 (TNT)

**Monday**  
Noon — Soccer: UEFA Euro 2020 - TBA (ESPN)  
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Euro 2020 - TBA (ESPN)  
9 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Western Conference Finals - Los Angeles Clippers at Phoenix Suns, Game 5 if necessary (ESPN)

**Tuesday**  
8:30 p.m. — NBA Playoffs: Eastern Conference Finals - Milwaukee Bucks at Atlanta Hawks, Game 4 (TNT)  
10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Francisco Giants at Los Angeles Dodgers (ESPN)

### Local notes

**Outing is July 23**  
The Jay County Chamber Classic

Golf Outing will be July 23 at Portland Golf Club.

Cost is \$250 per four-person team, and they must be members of the Jay County Chamber of Commerce. Lunch will be provided.

Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Deadline to register is July 12, and sponsorship opportunities are available.

For more information, call the chamber office at (260) 726-4481.

**Swiss Days tourney set**  
The Swiss Days 3-on-3 basketball tournament is set for July 31 at South Adams Middle/Elementary School gym.

Cost per four-person team is \$60, and there will be boys and girls elementary, middle and high school divisions as well as men's and women's adult divisions.

It will be a double-elimination tournament beginning at 10 a.m.

Deadline to register is July 26, and walk-up registrations may be accepted if there is available space.

For more information, contact SAHS boys basketball coach Josh Hendrixson at jhendrixson@southadams.k12.in.us.

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# Sports

## Watson overcomes snapped driver at Travelers

CROMWELL, Conn. (AP) — We pause now to fondly remember Bubba Watson's neon pink driver, which broke apart mid-swing on the second tee in the Travelers Championship on Friday.

And, if the three-time Travelers winner is going to have luck like this over the weekend, please spare a thought for the rest of the field at the TPC River Highlands, too.

Watson recovered after snap-

ping his driver to make birdie at No. 2 on his way to a second straight 66 that left him at 8 under, one stroke behind 36-hole leader Jason Day.

"It was a perfect tee shot right down the middle. Chipped it in there and made the putt for birdie," Watson said wryly. "Hohum."

Day shot 62 for the day's low score and a chance at his first top three finish in more than three years. The former world No. 1

missed three straight cuts before he tied for 44th at the PGA Championship, then withdrew from the Memorial with a back injury and did not qualify for the U.S. Open.

Day seemed to fidget with his back on the course Friday, but still had eight birdies in a bogey-free round.

"Sometimes when you do have sort of an injury or stiffness, even if you're sick, sometimes you can come out and play some

good golf," he said. "I was fortunate enough to not really get in my own way today."

First-round co-leader Kramer Hickok was at 10 under before flying the green on the par-3 16th hole and then three-putting from 18 feet for a double bogey; he finished with a 69 to tie Watson for second.

Justin Rose and Kevin Kisner each shot 63 and were among seven players tied for fourth at minus-7. Satoshi Kodaira, who

was 7 under after the first round, shot a 2-over 72 in the second.

A total of 79 players made the cut at minus-2 on the 6,841-yard, par-70 course outside of Hartford. Just squeaking in on the number: defending champion Dustin Johnson and two-time winner Phil Mickelson.

Watson, who won the tournament in 2010, '15 and '18, started at No. 10 Friday and was 1 under for the day when he arrived at the par-4, 350-yard second hole.

## Refs facing pressure to keep FT count

By CHARLES ODUM

AP Sports Writer

Giannis Antetokounmpo's lengthy free-throw routine might be too long to be legal.

Officials are under renewed pressure to enforce the 10-second rule, placing the Milwaukee Bucks' two-time MVP further in the spotlight Friday night in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference finals against the Atlanta Hawks.

The NBA said Antetokounmpo should have been called for 10-second violations on both free throws he shot with 5.3 seconds remaining in the Hawks' 116-113 Game 1 win on Wednesday night. Antetokounmpo made both free throws, trimming the Hawks' lead to 114-113.

"He's got his routine," Bucks coach Mike Budenholzer said Friday before the game. "It's been a big topic of conversation. I get it. I understand it. I think he's in a good place. I just always say we want to get him to the free throw line. We want him attacking. The more he gets there the better."

Budenholzer said the NBA isn't officiated with a stopwatch, whether on a 10-second rule at the free throw line or the three seconds players are allowed to be in the paint.

"If you took a clock on an out-of-bounds play, how many times would it take more than five seconds if they wanted to put a stopwatch on it?" Budenholzer asked.

Hawks coach Nate McMillan had a simple reply to that argument.

"Call it," McMillan said, before adding: "He's right, though. There are guys that are camping in the lane three seconds and sometimes that's not called."

"What we have to do is try to bring that to the attention of the league and to the officials during the game and hopefully they make those calls. It's the same thing with 10 seconds at the free throw line. ... It's not called every time and the officials, sometimes they miss that, but we want them to be consistent in making those calls."

Antetokounmpo's habit of taking longer than the maximum 10 seconds allowed by NBA rule is not new.

"I think the whole league notices it, to be honest," Hawks rookie center Onyeka Okongwu said Friday. "Everyone knows Giannis gets 10-second violations at the free throw line. ... Everyone knows it's longer than most people's routine is."

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## First for the Fort

Jalyn Bruns, who just completed her junior year at Fort Recovery High School, signed her national letter of intent recently to play golf for the Indiana University-East Red Wolves. Bruns, seated in the middle next to mother Denise and father Joe, becomes the first FRHS female to earn a golf scholarship.

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## Harvick, Hamlin hope to end skid

By DAN GELSTON

AP Sports Writer

LONG POND, Pa. — Denny Hamlin swept Pocono as a rookie in 2006 and won again last season, his track record-tying sixth victory. Kevin Harvick joined Hamlin in the win column on the same weekend at Pocono in 2020, his first victory at the tri-oval track, and they both left the June twinbill weekend seemingly positioned as the drivers to beat in the championship race.

Chase Elliott spoiled their chances when he won the 2020 title.

This season, NASCAR wonders, can anyone catch Kyle Larson, who goes to Pocono Raceway for a weekend doubleheader on a four-race winning streak that includes the non-points \$1 million All-Star Race?

Hamlin and Harvick suddenly have a more pressing question to answer than whether they can win the championship.

Can either star driver win a race?

Both are winless — a year after Harvick won a series-best nine races and Hamlin counted the Daytona 500 among his seven victories — and hope to reverse the trend at Pocono.

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