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Two transplants

Jay County natives have undergone double lung transplants

By **BAILEY CLINE**
The Commercial Review

Two sisters. Two double lung transplants.

Beth Hunley was diagnosed in 2014 with pulmonary fibrosis, a life-threatening disease occurring when lung tissue becomes scarred. She received a double lung transplant nearly five years later.

Less than a few months after the transplant, her sister, Linda Davidson, was diagnosed with the same disease.

"I was too shocked, I think, to cry," Linda said. "I was devastated."

"You knew too much about it, didn't you?" asked Beth.

"Yeah. I knew what I was up for," Linda said. "I knew what was coming, and it was hard."

Diagnoses

In the middle of a snowstorm in January 2014, Beth started feeling sick. She checked herself into Jay County Hospital — she worked there as the patient registration manager — and learned she had double pneumonia with traces of pulmonary fibrosis.

After she returned home from the hospital, she spiked a fever and watched her blood oxygen level drop to 88%. That's when she checked into Parkview Health in Fort Wayne.

"I knew something was wrong, because I had never been that sick in my life," Beth said.

She was officially



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Beth Hunley and Linda Davidson show off their matching shirts. The Portland natives and sisters are both survivors of pulmonary fibrosis, a terminal disease that causes scarring on the lungs. Both women received double lung transplants. The numbers on their shirts, 2230 and 2370, denote the number of transplants the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center had performed at the time of their surgery.

diagnosed with pulmonary fibrosis, which comes with an average life expectancy between three to five years. There is no known cure for the terminal disease that claims about 40,000 lives each year, about the same number as breast cancer, according to the American Association for Respiratory Care. The only

option is an organ transplant.

Within six months of her diagnosis, she asked her doctor to refer her to Michigan Health in Ann Arbor.

"I'm the type of person that's not going to sit around and wait. I want, instant results is what I want, but I don't get that," she laughed. "I thought, this is too

serious to just wait and see."

Even with a proactive mindset, Beth spent three years on the facility's waiting list. During that time, the hospital called her once for a "dry run," meaning she didn't leave with new lungs. The organs weren't viable, she explained.

Eventually, her doctor

gave it to her straight — she needed to move to Pennsylvania for a chance at treatment.

"He came into my room, and he said, 'I'm not here as your doctor. I'm here as your friend. You have to get to Pittsburgh,'" Beth recalled. "I count him as one of the (people) that saved my life."

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Purdue set to launch a new program

Foundation provided more than \$20 million in funding

By **JOSEPH S. PETE**
The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

A new finance program at Purdue University's business school will be named after the late Region billionaire Dean White, a hotel and billboard magnate who amassed a great fortune.

Purdue University's School of Management is launching the Dean V. White Real Estate Finance Program after the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation made the largest monetary donation in the school of management's history. The foundation has pledged \$20.8 million.

"Dean's true love — second to his family — was real estate and the creative nuances of crafting the perfect deal, a deal that starts with a new vision for an area and that results in new businesses, jobs and a stronger community," said Bill Hanna, executive director of the Dean and Barbara White Family Foundation. "This program will help cultivate a similar passion in students aspiring to do great things in business and in their communities."

Purdue will offer the Dean V. White Real Estate Finance Program as an academic minor in the 2022-23 school year. It will be available to management, business and other students.

It will focus on teaching students how to plan, develop and manage commercial real estate projects to prepare them for a career in the real estate industry.

The donation will help fund four new faculty positions and create space at the Krannert Center for Executive Education and Research to house the program.

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Russia cutting off gas

By **NABIH BULOS**
and **LAURA KING**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

KHARKIV, Ukraine — Moscow on Wednesday turned off the natural-gas spigot to the front-line Eastern European states of Poland and Bulgaria, signaling its willingness to take sharp economic aim at those who aid Ukraine, where Russian forces rained shells in the east as they pressed ahead with their devastating 2-month-old invasion.

Along a 300-mile battlefield in Ukraine's Donbas region, Russian forces managed to capture a small town, Zarichne, the Ukrainian military said in an early morning operational report. The giant Azovstal steelworks in the battered southern port city of Mariupol, which has become a symbol of Ukrainian resistance, also came under new bombardment, the military said.

State-run fuel company halting delivery to Poland and Bulgaria

Russia has been trying since the start of the war to capture Mariupol, and the city's last-ditch defenders and some civilians are holed up inside the sprawling Soviet-era steel complex laced with tunnels and bunkers. Even though fighting continues, Russian President Vladimir Putin has already claimed victory in the siege of the city, which Ukraine refuses to acknowledge.

Amid fears of a widening war,

officials in a pro-Russian break-away region of Moldova — Ukraine's small, impoverished western neighbor — accused Ukraine on Wednesday of attacking it. Russia last week telegraphed its aim of seizing Ukraine's southern seacoast in order to link up with that break-away region, Transnistria, as well as with the Crimean peninsula, which Moscow seized illegally from Ukraine in 2014.

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Sidewalk work

Brooks Construction workers dig out a sidewalk at the intersection of Votaw and Meridian streets Tuesday in Portland.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 49 degrees Tuesday. The low was 30.

Tonight's low will be in the mid 30s. Expect a high of 56 Thursday.

There is a chance of rain beginning Thursday night and continuing through Friday, with showers likely Saturday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

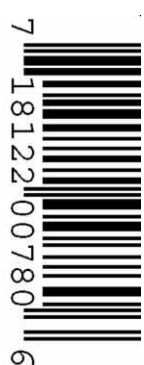
In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

Coming up

Thursday — Results from tonight's JCHS golf match against Monroe Central.

Saturday — A last look at the candidates for Tuesday's primary election.



Transplants ...

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Her doctor referred her to University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. In order to receive a transplant from the facility, she needed to live close enough to be able to arrive within a few hours if lungs became available.

Beth remembers her fears about moving to seek treatment. She asked Linda for advice. Linda's response: she would go with Beth.

They found a modular home in West Newton, less than an hour away from Pittsburgh, and moved in July 2019.

About four months later, Beth received the call for her transplant. The doctor asked her to arrive in five hours.

"That was the longest five hours of my life," she said.

Doctors completed the surgery, but not without some complications. Beth spent about a month in the intensive care unit. The lungs she had received were too large, meaning doctors had to trim them.

"It doesn't always go the way you plan it to go," she said.

While Beth healed, Linda visited her physician in March 2020 to have her health checked because of a recurring cough. She tried multiple facilities, with doctors

unable to pinpoint what the problem was, until she visited the Lung Institute of Columbus Regional Health.

That's when she learned she had the same disease her sister had been fighting for years.

"I was her primary caregiver and moved to Pennsylvania with her for a year, not knowing I had the same thing," Linda said. "(I) was floored, to say the least ... Especially after everything I had just been through with Beth. I didn't understand how that could happen."

Both sisters have mixed connective tissue disease, a rare autoimmune disorder. It generally impacts women younger than 30, according to the National Institute of Health website. (Linda is 68 years old, and Beth is 60 years old.)

Looking back, the sisters recalled their father had what they had assumed to be asthma. Linda and Beth now wonder if he had an undiagnosed case of pulmonary fibrosis. (They're planning on doing genetic testing to learn more.)

Linda, who lived in Columbus, Indiana, and grew up in rural Portland, didn't want to share the news with her family.

"You know, one of the things

that I regret the most is having to tell Beth," Linda said. "That was hard ... it's just such an emotional thing, and the family already had been through so much with Beth. So much worry, so much emotional and psychological struggles, and now here I dump it on them again. Say, 'Oh, here goes round two.'"

She decided to follow Beth's footsteps and moved to West Newton. Linda quickly joined the transplant program at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Beth took turns with Linda's partner, Penny, as her caregiver.

Like Beth, Linda waited. During the interim, they found activities to pass the time.

Beth sewed and made crafts. Linda read.

Waiting, however, meant symptoms would progress. Those with pulmonary fibrosis have a recurring cough and have to be administered oxygen. It causes lungs to inflame and scar, Beth explained.

"It runs you down because you're so short of breath," said Beth.

Both sisters also spent their time doing pulmonary rehabilitation prior to their surgeries. The process includes losing

weight and exercising to extend their life expectancy and get them prepared for a new set of lungs. They used treadmills, lifted weights and walked.

Linda received the call in January for her transplant. The same doctors performed the surgery without complications. Now, she's more than three months into recovery.

Post surgery

Recovery, both sisters said, is the most challenging part.

"It's been the most difficult thing I've ever been through in my life," Linda said. "It tests you in ways you've never been tested before, for sure."

Lately, she explained, her condition varies from day to day. She's still staying in Pennsylvania while she recovers.

"It's been an up and down, one day you feel better, the next day, it's not, you know, not so good," Linda said. "But then, they always tell you there that this is a marathon, not a sprint. And you have to be there for the long haul," Linda said.

"That's what our surgeon told us," noted Beth.

Rehabilitation is an important part of the recovery process. It includes physical therapy and

occupational therapy to revitalize the new lungs.

Strength, Linda said, is the largest barrier to cross post-surgery.

"You do what you can, and you push yourself every day to do just a little bit more," said Beth. "Don't you think, Linda?"

"Yeah, having a major surgery like that is very debilitating," Linda responded. "It's amazing how much strength you lose," Linda said.

The challenge, they agreed, was worth it.

They encouraged everyone who is able to take the potentially life-saving action to become an organ donor when signing up for their driver's license. (April is National Donate Life month.)

"I probably wouldn't be here now, if I wouldn't have had my transplant two years ago," said Beth, a registered organ donor herself.

Linda and Beth now have matching "clam shell scars," which are the result of double lung transplant.

"We've decided that we're warriors," said Linda. "Or Wonder Women. I don't know, what's a better term?"

"I don't know either," Beth said, "but we're survivors."

CR almanac

Thursday 4/28	Friday 4/29	Saturday 4/30	Sunday 5/1	Monday 5/2
56/42	60/46	62/53	71/50	70/51
Mostly cloudy skies are expected Thursday, with a 30% chance of showers possible at night.	Rain may continue into Friday, with showers more likely at night. The low may reach 46.	There's an 80% chance of thunderstorms on Saturday. The high may reach 62.	Sunday's weather calls for another chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise, partly sunny.	Rain is possible Monday. It may be partly sunny, with a high reaching 70.

Lotteries

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$454 million
Quick Draw: 1-6-11-21-22-24-25-33-38-39-52-53-54-55-58-66-68-69-76-77
Cash 5: 3-13-26-32-36
Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

Mega Millions
5-7-19-46-69
Mega Ball: 2
Megaplier: 4
Estimated jackpot: \$43 million

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 3-5-4
Daily Four: 4-9-8-4
Quick Draw: 3-4-14-22-25-28-30-32-38-39-43-48-52-55-59-61-74-76-77-78
Evening
Daily Three: 2-5-1
Daily Four: 1-5-3-0

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 5-0-9
Pick 4: 8-9-4-3
Pick 5: 2-1-5-1-0
Evening
Pick 3: 2-1-6
Pick 4: 7-2-0-5
Pick 5: 5-4-3-4-1
Rolling Cash: 9-22-31-34-35
Estimated jackpot: \$130,000

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....8.18
May corn.....8.18
Wheat8.84

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....8.18
May corn.....8.18
June corn8.24

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn8.01
May corn.....8.01
Beans16.79
May beans16.79

Wheat 9.88
May wheat9.88

Central States Montpelier
Corn.....7.99
May corn.....8.01
Beans16.75
May beans16.75
Wheat.....10.13

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....8.02
May corn.....8.02
Beans16.57
May beans16.57
Wheat.....10.27

Today in history

On April 27, 1994, former President Richard M. Nixon was remembered at an outdoor funeral service attended by all five of his successors at the Nixon presidential library in Yorba Linda, California.

In 1521, Portuguese explorer Ferdinand Magellan was killed by natives in the Philippines.

In 1972, Portland Fire Chief Ray Ray "Bud" Williams announced the promotion of Harold Lee to captain. Lee had been with the department for 15 years.

In 1992, Russia and 12 other former Soviet republics won entry into the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank.

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Citizen's calendar

Today	Friday
6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.	2 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, executive session, commissioners' room, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Felony arrests

Dealing drugs

A Salamonina man was arrested this morning for dealing in methamphetamine.

Branden T. Ashcraft, 37, 4031 S. 600 East, was preliminarily charged with a Level 2 felony, along with a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He was arrested in connection with a separate Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine, which was filed in Jay Superior

Court in March. He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$40,000 bond.

Probation violation

A Muncie woman was arrested Tuesday for violating her probation.

Amanda M. Mansfield, 38, 4309 North Ball Ave., has two original Level 6 felony charges for non-support of a dependent child.

She's being held on a \$1,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

Capsule Reports

Eggs everywhere

A New York man lost control of the semi he was driving on State Line Road, causing it to roll into a ditch and spread its cargo about 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

Kuldeep Singh, 25, Richmond Hill, was driving south in A 2023 Volvo Truck near county road 600 South and hauling eggs when the vehicle went off the road. Singh wasn't able to get back on the road. The semi continued for 200 feet before rolling over into a ditch, where its trailer came apart and spilled its contents, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report.

Damage is estimated at more than \$100,000. The vehicle — it is registered to Jot Rock Trans of Greenwood — was towed.

Intersection collision

A Pennsylvania man drove his vehicle into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Indiana 18 and Indiana 1 about 11:03 p.m. Saturday.

Louis D. Gagliardi, 58, Pittsburgh, was driving his 2008 Cadillac Escalade east on Indiana 18 when he drove through the intersection with Indiana 1 without stopping, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. He drove into a southbound 2014 Chrysler, driven by 28-year-old Francisco J. Sanchez of Muncie.

Gagliardi told police he was having a medical

issue, causing him to drive through the stop. Sanchez was cited with an infraction for driving without a valid drivers license.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Both vehicles were towed.

Highway crash

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000 after a Hartford City woman crashed into a Dunkirk man's truck about 10:50 a.m. Saturday.

Mandy J. Redden, 45, was stopped in her 2021 Chevrolet Silverado on Indiana 26 at the intersection with Indiana 1. She proceeded into the intersection and crashed into a 2014 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 68-year-old Gary W. Rodgers, and struck a tank on the back of the truck. Redden told police she thought Rodgers had his turn signal on. Rodgers told police he had his hazard lights on and was driving below the speed limit while traveling to his farm.

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NEWTON FOR SHERIFF

More information at Larry "RAY" Newton, Jr. for Sheriff on Facebook

(Pd. Pol. Adv.)

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Virus transferred to baby

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are expecting our second child. Our first pregnancy ended in miscarriage, so we were overjoyed to find out I was pregnant again, this time with a little girl. We've already given her the name "Mandy."

Everything was going well until a month ago. My mother-in-law came over for her birthday to have cake. I hadn't seen her all weekend. Because our relationship isn't as good as it could be, I didn't ask her why. Two days later she announced to my husband she had COVID and we should get tested, too. She had spent that entire weekend out, running around, seeing people and going places. Then she came to our home where I was 21 weeks pregnant and doing everything to keep this pregnancy.

I became violently ill for two weeks and, although I recovered, I spent three nights in the hospital because our baby is now suffering from my being sick. I am now on bed rest. We have no option other than getting through day by day to help buy Mandy more time inside to grow. I am struggling with anger and resentment toward my MIL, but I'm trying to stay positive and avoid the toxicity so that Mandy has a fighting chance. When all this settles down, how do I even begin to address this with my MIL? — INCENSED IN THE EAST

DEAR INCENSED: You are doing the right thing now by

Dear Abby



focusing on your little girl. How you deal with this in the future should be guided by the answer to this question: When your mother-in-law learned you had gotten sick because she exposed you, did she apologize?

If she knew she "had a little something" and came over anyway, let that guide you and your husband in your interactions with her in the future because her judgment is atrocious. If not, try to forgive her for this awful scare and let her build bridges if she's capable of it.

DEAR ABBY: Four years ago, I found out my husband of 28 years had a fling with a co-worker. Two weeks after it was exposed, the girl quit. I was devastated, but we reconciled.

During our reconciliation, I learned that five or six years before the affair, my best friend, "Molly," had made some moves on my husband on an overnight work trip. (She is known to be a little loose.) She was the manager of a seasonal store, and they had to go to another store about five hours away, which entailed stay-

ing overnight. He never again mentioned the affair.

I have ghosted Molly ever since. She was my best friend since childhood, and I felt it was the ultimate betrayal. As far as I'm concerned, she's out of my life. She has recently begun sending me requests on Facebook. I know in time she will call again. I don't want to talk to her, nor do I know what to say. Please help me. — BURNED IN THE SOUTH

DEAR BURNED: Stop hiding. If Molly calls you, accept her call, tell her you know what she did with your husband on that trip, that you feel it was the ultimate betrayal and you do not want to hear from her again. Then end the call.

DEAR ABBY: I was wondering, even though we call our priests "Father," can I also call him "Dad"? Why or why not? — PONDERING IN THE WEST

DEAR PONDERING: I posed your question to Father Guy Gurath, a longtime friend in the Milwaukee archdiocese. He chuckled and told me this is a standing joke among Catholics, who have been known to refer to the rectory as the "Home for Unwed Fathers." (!) He went on to say the formal answer to your question is no. Calling a priest "Dad" is likely to offend some people. He suggests the correct terms "Father," "Reverend" or "Pastor" be used. Thank you, Father Guy.

Having faith is a commitment

By KWAME DAWES

Kimberly Blaeser's creed "What I Believe" unfurls as a series of loaded riddle-like koans that lend themselves to meditative practice. For her, the cost of faith and belief is a commitment to personal reflection and not the giving of "indulgences." At the heart of these reflections is a productive relationship between the human body and nature, and yet, in the end, there is a wonderful expression of the connections that exist between

American Life in Poetry

the living and the dead, and the spirits that populate our seen and unseen worlds: "... and that eyes we see in water are never our own." Sometimes a poem, like a prayer, rewards the ritual of repetition. This is such a poem.

What I Believe

I believe the weave of cotton will support my father's knees, but no indulgences will change hands.

I believe nothing folds easily, but that time will crease—retrain the mind.

I believe in the arrowheads of words and I believe in silence.

I believe the rattle of birch leaves can shake sorrow from my bones, but that we all become bare at our own pace.

I believe the songs of childhood follow us into the kettles of age, but the echoes will not disturb the land.

I believe the reach of the kayak paddle can part the blue corridor of aloneness, and that eyes we see in water are never our own.

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Junior cheer team announced

Jay County Junior High School recently held cheerleading tryouts.

Cheerleaders for the 2022-23 school year will be Emmarie Barton, Dakota Blalock, Brooklyn Bright, Peyton Carpenter, Tessa Frazee, Trinity Glassford, Lucy Mace and Paycie McCoy.

Also Kelsey Muhlenkamp, Hina Ohba, Adria Roessner, Moa Sakamoto, Brenna Schmiesing, Alexis Schoenlein, Macee Stephen and Allie Westfall.

Taking Note

Classes offered

Free adult education classes are available. John Jay Center for Learning is

offering free classes for adults to receive a High School Equivalency diploma. The state has also supplied funding to help students pay for their final High School Equivalency Test in 2022.

Classes are available from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays. For more information, call (260) 729-5525 or visit the building at 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

Bryant High School will hold its alumni banquet on May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Portland High School will celebrate its 50th anniversary from June 17 to June 19. For more information, email alicemiley23@gmail.com or wsanders317@gmail.com.

Today

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Begin-

nings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance

at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

Thursday

LAWYERS IN LIBRARIES — Free and confidential consultations with a lawyer are available from 10 a.m. to noon at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. Consulting is available on topics including divorce, custody, guardianship, tenant-landlord issues, bankruptcy, debt collection, estates and immigration. Those interested in participating should sign up in advance at the library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland, or by calling (260) 726-7890.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

MISSISSINAWA CHAPTER OF NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at Jay County Historical Museum. Any woman over 18 years of age who has direct lineage to a Patriot ancestor who aided in achieving American Independence may join. NSDAR is dedicated to patriotism, education and conservation. Any questions, please call Regent Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678.

Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

4	5	7	9	8	1	2	3	6
3	6	1	4	7	2	9	5	8
9	2	8	3	5	6	1	7	4
7	8	6	1	9	3	5	4	2
2	4	3	5	6	7	8	9	1
1	9	5	2	4	8	3	6	7
5	7	2	6	1	9	4	8	3
8	3	4	7	2	5	6	1	9
6	1	9	8	3	4	7	2	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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Let them know they have mattered

Editor's note: The following column is being reprinted from April 21, 2021. It seems especially appropriate this week, following Jack Ronald's passing Saturday. Please, heed his advice.

By JACK RONALD

The Commercial Review

Don't wait. Don't wait until someone is gone before expressing how much they mean to you.

That's the lesson driven home over the past month.

Melodi Haley was my classmate. She was my friend. And in the words of many of my contemporaries, she was the glue that held us all together.

Every high school graduating class is different. Some go their separate ways minutes after that tassel is moved from one side of the mortarboard to the other.

Others stay connected.

I'm lucky enough to say mine stayed connected.

Back in the Saddle



And Melodi was the primary reason for that.

She's the one who cajoled committees together for reunion after reunion. She's the one who corralled us for monthly luncheons before COVID-19 set in. She's the one who carried a magic wand that could turn the biggest slacker into the busiest volunteer. That last one I know for sure. I was the slacker, and Melodi put me to work on projects I never would have dreamed of taking on.

There was something about the word "no" that didn't work when she asked you to help.

We lost Melodi this month. And by the word "we," I mean the Portland High School Class of 1966, the farming community she served for years at Harvestland Coop in Geneva, the folks at Jay County Retirement Center, her co-workers at Adams Physical Therapy and her fellow members of the congregation at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church.

And more. I've lost track of how long Melodi had been dealing with cancer. She'd fight it. She'd beat it. Then it would turn 180 degrees and she'd be fighting it again.

But a funny thing happened. When most of us might have felt sorry for ourselves, Melodi decided her mission was to offer advice and support and hope to others facing the same affliction. Ask around and you'll find folks she reached out to, setting aside her own battle to provide encouragement to others in theirs.

The best thing I've done in 2021 and the best thing I've done in a long while was to let her know — while she was still alive — how much I admired her.

In other words, I didn't wait.

A couple of months ago, when it was clear that her situation was dire, I sent her an email.

Words may not be sufficient. But sometimes they are all we have:

Melodi, I'm not at all happy about the news I hear coming from 910 S. Vine St.

(Anonymous) has been in touch.

First, it was to let me know about his situation. Then it was to fill me in on yours.

Neither one qualified as good news.

Connie and I have been optimistic about both of you.

So this is discouraging.

But here's something worth remembering:

A lot of folks stumble through life without much of a clue.

And then there are others, others whose lives make a difference, others who matter.

You matter. You have mattered.

It may have been with your smile. It may have been with your laughter. It may have been with your leadership.

But there is no doubt, you matter. You have mattered.

Not everyone can say that. Actually, few can say that.

But you matter. And you continue to matter to your friends, your family and your classmates. So keep that in mind.

When the night seems long and dawn seems far away, remember this: You have mattered.

Love, Jack and Connie

Insufficient? Probably.

But my advice is still this: Don't wait.

Do infractions merit police stops?

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Tribune News Service

One big question deserves to be on every police officer's mind when pulling a motorist over for a relatively minor offense: Is this stop really worth the violent confrontation or death that could follow?

Even if cops aren't asking that question, city governments are, and they increasingly are concluding that, no, it's better to let the offender move on than risk yet another tragedy that undermines public trust in the police.

On April 4 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, an officer stopped a Black driver for having a license plate that didn't match his car. The unarmed driver, Patrick Lyoya, made a series of horrendous decisions that escalated into confrontation. In video, the officer wrestles Lyoya to the ground and straddles his back. He then pulls his gun and shoots Lyoya in the back of the head. A license plate violation effectively yielded a death sentence.

There are scores of other horrific examples that resulted in the suspect's death — which is not to suggest that the suspects weren't at fault. Ideally, police training would be revamped so that officers' first reaction in tense situations would not be to assume the worst if the suspect seems distrustful of police. Ideally, civilian interaction with police would be so common that trust between both sides would build rather than deteriorate to today's levels, where some people, particularly Black young men, worry that they could die simply for asserting their rights or feeling they have to run to save their own lives.

Until that magic day arrives, several cities are deciding that the next best thing is for police to stand down from stopping motorists for minor infractions — like, say, a non-functioning turn signal or an expired tag — to avoid potentially deadly escalations. Law enforcers argue that denying police such pretexts eliminates the potential for searches that could lead to discoveries of contraband guns or drugs.

Los Angeles has ordered cops to stop pulling over motorists for minor infractions. The New York Times

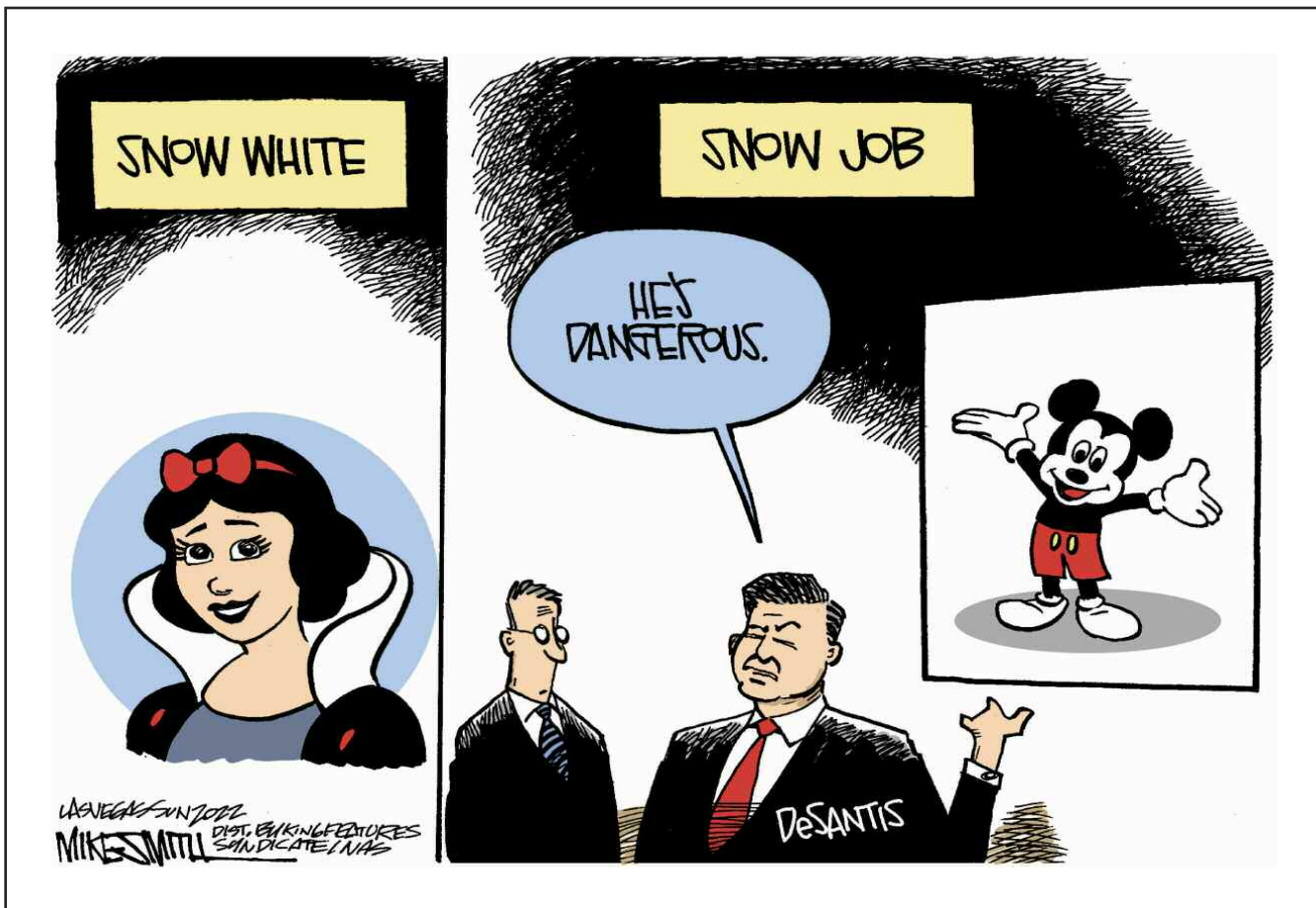
Guest Editorial

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reports that other cities such as Pittsburgh and Seattle — and the entire state of Virginia — have imposed similar restrictions. Some prosecutors now say that if cops turn up drugs or other contraband during a minor infraction stop, they won't bring charges related to the contraband.

St. Louis Mayor Tishaura Jones has spent the past year redefining police functions and how to de-escalate situations before they result in tragic outcomes. By all means, police should step up efforts to stop motorists from engaging in the kinds of conduct that puts others' lives in danger — particularly racing through red lights and speeding. But it's also worth looking at the experience of other cities to see if their new stand-down policies are yielding positive results.

One thing's for sure: It's time to change the dynamic in which a police stop for a broken tail light yields a tragic outcome.



Instincts working in Ukraine

By DOYLE MCMANUS

Los Angeles Times

Tribune News Service

When President Joe Biden took office last year, he had three top foreign policy priorities: to revive NATO and other alliances that President Donald Trump had savaged, to withdraw the last American troops from Afghanistan, and to compete more effectively with a newly assertive China.

Russia, a declining power, seemed almost an afterthought. All Biden wanted from Moscow, he said last year, was "a stable, predictable relationship."

Vladimir Putin had other ideas. Two months ago, Putin invaded Ukraine — and the result has been not only a tragic war, but a sea change in U.S. policy.

The struggle for Ukraine is now Biden's main national security focus. The United States and Russia appear locked in a long-term confrontation reminiscent of the 20th century's Cold War. The challenge of China is still out there, but strategists who hoped to shift U.S. troops from Europe to Asia have put those plans on hold.

Last week, Biden announced that he was sending an additional \$800 million in military aid to Ukraine, bringing the total over the last two months to more than \$3 billion. More important than the dollar figure were the weapons included: heavy artillery, helicopters, armored personnel carriers, anti-aircraft radar systems and the Phoenix Ghost, a new kamikaze attack drone.

The shopping list reflected a gradual escalation since the opening weeks of the war, when Biden and his aides emphasized the limits of what the United States was willing to do — in part to avoid risking direct conflict between Russian forces and

Doyle McManus



the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

There would be no boots on the ground, they said, no long-range offensive weapons, and no U.S.-enforced "no-fly zone" to stop Russia's air force from bombing Ukrainian cities. Nor would the United States agree to move MiG-29 aircraft from Poland through Germany to Ukraine.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy and American hawks complained, but last week, Zelenskyy said the new aid package was "just what we were waiting for."

What changed? As Ukraine's armed forces performed better than expected — and Russia's performed worse — the administration's commitment to Kyiv deepened.

"Our policy is unequivocal that we will do whatever we can to help Ukraine succeed," Biden's national security adviser, Jake Sullivan, said in a TV interview. "At the end of the day, what we want to see is a free and independent Ukraine (and) a weakened and isolated Russia."

The administration's attitude was also hardened, he added, by "what the Russians have done, frankly — killing civilians, atrocities, war crimes."

More broadly, Biden's commitment to Ukraine appears to signal the end of a period of retrenchment in which Presidents Barack Obama and Trump sought to disengage from the military entanglements launched by President George W. Bush.

Columbia University scholar Stephen Sestanovich has long argued that U.S. foreign policy tends to alternate between cycles of assertive international engagement, which he calls "maximalism," and retrenchment.

"What puts an end to retrenchment is almost always some sort of shock," he told me last week, something that "makes people think that downsized policies, however desirable they might have seemed a few years earlier, just won't cut it in a more dangerous world."

"Putin's war has been exactly that sort of mind-focusing stimulus, and its effects are likely to be lasting ones," he said.

If he's right, the broader effects of the Ukraine crisis could include a Cold War-style division of the world into two blocs, one led by the United States, the other by China and Russia; long-term pressure from Congress for higher defense spending; and perhaps even a modest revival of bipartisanship in foreign policy.

Those trends will all feel familiar to Biden, who served on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee during the last half of the Cold War. A year or two ago, his fondness for NATO and other traditional U.S. alliances may have sounded like a throwback, but it has come in handy now.

He and his aides worked to focus NATO on Putin's threats long before the invasion, enabling the alliance to impose coordinated sanctions as soon as the tanks rolled. His old-fashioned return to alliance-building turned out to be exactly what the West needed.

Biden's foreign policy has been far from perfect. His withdrawal from Afghanistan, to take only the most painful example, was a fiasco.

But in Ukraine, at least, the president's experience and instincts have served him well.

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Gas ...

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Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in an overnight address, said developments show that the Kremlin's ultimate goal is "not just to seize the territory of Ukraine, but to dismember the entire center and east of Europe and deal a global blow to democracy."

Because of that, he said, "the free world has the right to self-defense. And that is why it will help Ukraine even more."

Wednesday's announcement by Russia's state-run fuel company, Gazprom, of the cutoff of Poland and Bulgaria came a day after Western

allies, at U.S. urging, vowed to redouble shipments of weaponry to help Ukraine fight off Russian forces for what could prove to be a protracted confrontation.

Germany, in a policy shift, said it would ship armored anti-aircraft systems to Ukraine. U.S. Defense Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III, speaking at Tuesday's gathering of NATO and other allies at a U.S. air base in western Germany, called on those who want to help Ukraine to "move at the speed of war" to rush in more heavy armaments.

As Russia readies more troops and armor for its expanded offensive in

eastern Ukraine, its defense ministry said 59 Ukrainian military targets were destroyed overnight in airstrikes. It said targets included hangars containing foreign-supplied weapons and ammunition, but did not provide specifics. The claims could not be independently verified.

The suspension of gas exports to Poland and Bulgaria came after both countries, along with most other European Union nations, rejected Russia's demand that energy shipments be paid for in rubles, which would help prop up the Russian currency. Existing contracts almost uni-

formly specify dollar payments.

The EU promised Wednesday it would forge a unified response to the cutoff, which Ursula von der Leyen, the president of the European Commission, called a Russian attempt to "blackmail" Europe.

"This is unjustified and unacceptable," Von der Leyen said in a statement. "And it shows once again the unreliability of Russia as a gas supplier."

Poland has drawn particular Russian ire because it has not only supplied Ukraine with weapons, but has been a key conduit for arms from other NATO countries.

Capsule Reports

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Redden's vehicle was towed. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of a Portland woman's vehicle on county road 400 South, causing a collision about 6:40 a.m. this morning.

Abby Forthofer, 37, Portland, was driving west on the road near the intersection with county road 425 West when a deer ran in front of her 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe. She wasn't able to avoid a collision with the animal, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage.

Program ...

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"We are seeing fascinating changes in real estate markets to how and where people live, work and recreate. These changes represent a fundamental challenge and opportunity for business," said David Hummels, the Dr. Samuel R. Allen Dean of the Krannert School of Management. "We have brought together an outstanding group of faculty with deep subject matter expertise and significant experience leading and teaching in some

of the world's best real estate programs. Graduates from this program will be ready to take a leadership role in confronting these challenges and seizing these opportunities."

White, a World War II veteran, attended the University of Nebraska and the Merchant Marine Academy in King's Point, New York before spending most of his life in Crown Point, where he became one of Indiana's wealthiest business leaders and a prominent philanthropist.

He and his family have been longtime supporters of Purdue University. His son Bruce White's company White Lodging recently helped renovate Union Club Hotel at Purdue, turning it into a boutique hotel and a learning laboratory for Purdue hospitality students. Dean White died at the age of 93 in 2016.

"We are grateful for the foundation's generosity and will ensure the program positively represents Dean's legacy," Hummels said.

Deeds

Phillip R. Hatfield to Jay Petroleum, easement — Part of Section 8, Richland Township; Lots 5, 6 and 7, Moores Addition; Part of Lot 19, Moores Third Addition

Victor Gonzalez I to himself and Courtney S. Nichols, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 6, Block 7, East Addition Portland

Karl P. Blakely (deceased) and Amy C. Blakely, deed affidavit — Part of Section 23, Richland Township, 2.36 acres

Karl P. Blakely (deceased) and Amy C. Blakely to Amy Blakely Living Trust, quit claim deed — Part of Section 23, Richland Township, 2.36 acres

Karl P. Blakely (deceased) and Amy C. Blakely to Amy C. Blakely, deed affidavit — Part of Section 34, Jackson Township, 1.393 acres

Karl P. Blakely (deceased) and Amy C. Blakely to Amy Blakely Living Trust, quit claim deed — Part of Section 34, Jackson Township, 1.393 acres

Andrew and Jay Houck to David and Florine Golden, warranty deed — Lot 6, Meeker Addition

Richards Restaurant to Pioneer Warehousing, corporate warranty deed — Part of Section 16, Wayne Township, 3.1359 acres

William T. Reynolds to Tomas G. Marentes Chavarria and Rosa V. Diaz Triana, quit claim deed — Part of Section 27, Greene Township, 3.77 acres

Elizabeth J. and Fredric L. Bailey to Landry and Pride Inman, warranty deed — Part of Section 6, Pike Township, 10 acres

Greg J. Broering to himself and Brenda Y. Broering, quit claim deed — Parts of Section 21, Noble Township, 118.68 acres

Brenda Y. Broering and Greg J. Broering to Chelsea R. and Aaron G. Broering, quit claim deed — Part of

Section 21, Noble Township, 22.571 acres

Glenn R. Hambrock (deceased) and Carrie S. Hambrock to Larry Heston, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 4, Woodlawn Park Addition

Joyce Tipton to Taylor L. Jellison and Taylor N. Jellison, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 5, Block 2, West Addition of Portland

Janice R. and Larry A. Muhlenkamp to Mark A. Muhlenkamp, quit claim deed — Part of Section 10, Wabash Township, 39 acres

Heritage Commons Portland, Barbara Lindsey, Janet Barrett, Beverly J. Bennett, Robert H. and Vivian K. Morehouse, Linda L. Ashcraft, David A. and Joy J. Scotten, Jeni J. Lingo, Ralph W. Liggett, Alan L. and Joan M. Smith, James E. and Marilyn Peterson, Gary L. and Philip J. Whitenack and Mary C. Juillerat to Heritage Commons Portland Condominium, quit claim deed — Units A001, A002, B001, B002, C001, C002, D001, D002, F001, F002, G001 and G002, Heritage Commons Portland

Korsm Inc to American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 16, Wayne Township, 0.67 acres

Ruth E. Stephenson to City of Portland, warranty deed — Part of Lot 31, Mangold's Third Addition

Betty and Charles A. Muhlenkamp to Jay and Jessica Muhlenkamp, quit claim deed — Part of Section 16, Wabash Township, 2.49 acres

City of Portland to Kunkle Realty, deed affidavit — Lots 5, 6 and 8 and part of Lot 7, Block 22, original plat of Portland

David A. Crabtree and Charrie D. Eason (also known as Charrie D. Crabtree) to Amy J. and Brian M. Devoss, warranty deed — Part of Section 15, Jefferson Township



How to self test for skin cancer

Skin cancer is a global threat. According to the World Health Organization, incidences of non-melanoma and melanoma skin cancers have been increasing for decades. Near the end of the second decade of the 21st century, there were between two and three million new cases of non-melanoma and more than 130,000 new cases of melanoma skin cancers each year.

Though skin cancer poses a significant threat, it's a threat that can be contained, especially when prevention methods are embraced from an early age. In fact, the Prevent Cancer® Foundation reports that individuals who protect their skin during the first 18 years of their lives can reduce their risk for some types of skin cancer by as much as 78 percent.

Self-care is essential in cancer prevention. When it comes to protecting yourself against skin cancer, self-care includes self-testing skin. Self-tests are simple, and the American Academy of Dermatology Association offers

this guide on how to perform a skin self-exam.

- Know what to look for. The AAD's body mole map (available at aad.org) provides useful information on what to look for when conducting a skin cancer self-test. Look for spots that are different from others or any spot that changes, itches or bleeds.

- Examine your body in a full-length mirror. Look at your entire body, including areas that are not necessarily exposed to the sun. Examine your body front and back. Raise your arms when examining the right and left sides of your body.

- Examine the underarms, forearms and palms. When conducting a skin self-test, bend your elbows and examine forearms, underarms and palms carefully.

- Be just as meticulous with your lower body. It's not just your upper body that requires examination. Also examine your legs, the area between your toes and the soles



of your feet. Don't forget to check the back of your legs in the mirror as well.

- Examine your neck and scalp. The neck and even the scalp is vulnerable to exposure to the sun and potentially harmful ultraviolet rays. Use a hand mirror to examine the back of your neck and your scalp. When inspecting the scalp, part your hair so you can get a closer look.

- Check your back and buttocks with a hand mirror. Keep the hand mirror out af-

ter examining your neck and scalp and use it to check your back and buttocks for warning signs.

The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends that individuals conduct self-exams once per month. When conducted correctly, these exams can increase the chances of catching skin cancer in its earliest, most treatable stages. TF226048

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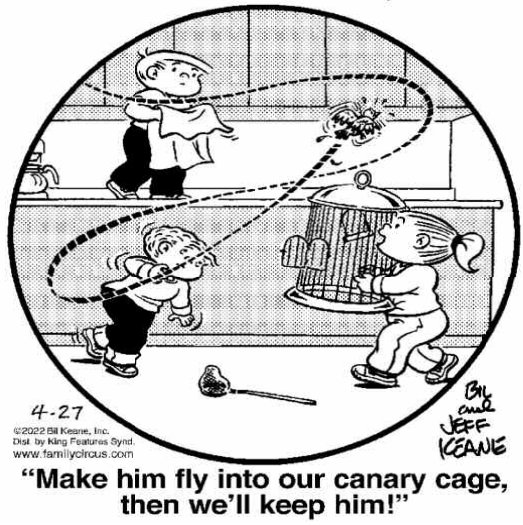
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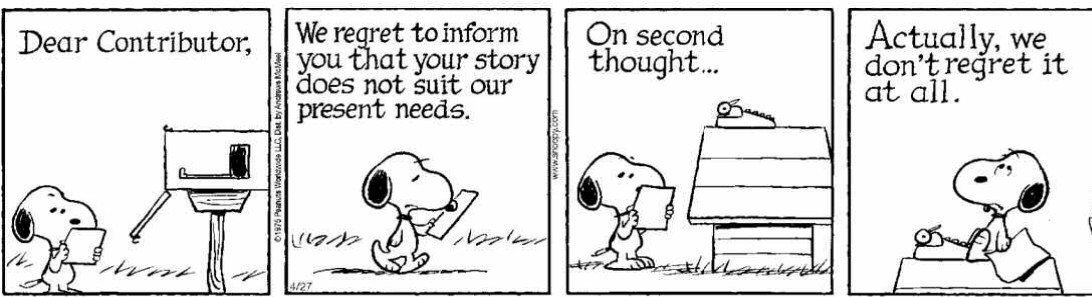


Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Play it again, Sam

South dealer. North-South vulnerable. NORTH: A 8 6 3, A Q 8, J 10, A K 8 2. WEST: Q 7 2, J 7 3 2, 6 3 2, 9 5 3. EAST: J 10 4, K 10 9 5, Q 8 7 5 4, 10. SOUTH: K 9 5, 6 4, A K 9, Q J 7 6 4. The bidding: South West North East 1 Pass 1 Pass 2 Pass 6 Pass. Opening lead - two of hearts. There's many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, and this is especially true in the play of a slam contract. This deal occurred in a match between Great Britain and Norway. When the Norwegians held the North-South cards, they reached six clubs with minimum fanfare as shown. Certainly, the contract was not bad; in fact, it was rather good. The slam depends at worst on a heart finesse, and without a heart lead, the South can make 12 tricks if the opposing spades are divided 3-3. But West did lead a heart, nullifying the possibility of establishing dummy's fourth spade. With declarer immediately confronted by the heart situation, he finessed the queen, lost to the king and later lost a spade trick to go down one. No one will ever know whether South would have made the slam had he played differently, but there is no doubt that he misplayed the hand. He erred when he played the queen from dummy on the opening lead. Instead, he should have played the eight!

Peanuts



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Agnes



Hi and Lois



Funky Winkerbean



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



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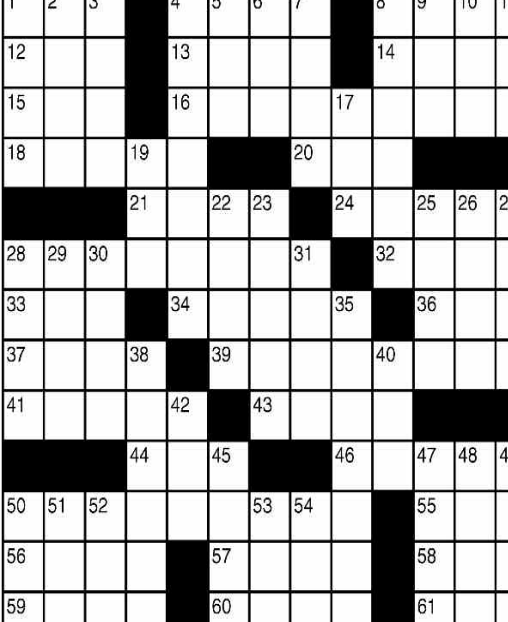


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4-27 QGST UVBL BRSL JSDF XLS GVJMKTD FVESCCKTD CKDGCJU NSCQSST CGSE, CGSU'LS CGS CGKDGDF CGXC NKT M. Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A SNAKE HAS BECOME MUCH TOO BIG FOR ITS OLD SKIN, I SUPPOSE IT'S REACHED THE MOLTING POINT. Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals P

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS: 1 "Quiet", 4 Innocent one, 8 Designer Gucci, 12 Writer Harper, 13 Asia's - Sea, 14 Wedding cake layer, 15 Pie - mode, 16 In this place, 18 Kebab accompaniment, 20 Hot temper, 21 Active one, 24 Early Peruvians, 28 Uneaten, 32 Summer month, in Aries, 33 Oahu or Kauai (Abbr.), 34 Sandwich shops, 36 Big D.C. lobby, 37 On - with, 39 Boxing punch. DOWN: 23 Ignited anew, 25 Pt. of speech, 26 Mystique, 27 Wild guess, 28 Actor Hems-worth, 29 Glimpse, 30 Dieter's target, 31 Latvia's capital, 35 Sacred places, 38 Unkempt, 40 Highland hat, 42 Society newbie, 45 Wild revelry, 47 Dumb-struck, 48 Battleship color, 49 Literary Jane, 50 Race segment, 51 "Xanadu" band, 52 Fish propeller, 53 Motorist's org., 54 Co. that created Watson. Solution time: 23 mins. Yesterday's answer 4-27



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Lifts ...

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With Melana serving in the sixth game of the second set, they closed out the match when a shot by the Indian duo went long.

The Patriots' No. 1 doubles pair of Holly Hemmelgarn and Madison Dirksen was equally dominant, as Union City's Andrew Sanders and Camryn Fischer struggled to get the ball past the 6-foot-tall Dirksen at the net. A Hemmelgarn winner to the left corner followed by a shot into the net by the Indians ended the first set, and the JCHS pair closed out their match less than a minute after the Zimmermans.

The victory set up defending champion Jay County as the sectional favorite again this year following their 4-1 victory Friday over Winchester. Union City had already beaten Winchester and the other sectional squad, Randolph Southern.

Grace Brewster, who rallied for a three-set win Friday against Winchester, nearly fought back to force a third set again at No. 1 singles.

After dropping the first set 6-1, Brewster fell behind



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Melana Zimmerman of Jay County hits a shot Tuesday as she and her twin Kaylee rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 victory over Union City.

5-2 in the second. But then she started clawing back, pulling even after fighting off a match point opportunity for Union City's Carla Rismiller in the 10th game and then hitting a winner that dropped just inside the baseline. She served herself to a 6-5 advantage before Rismiller held serve to force the tiebreaker.

That's when the comeback halted, as Brewster hit a couple of shots long on the first two points and went on to drop the match 6-1, 7-6 (7-0).

Lilly Hedges had her hands full at No. 2 singles as she took on Hannah Fischer of the Indians. Fischer used a powerful serve to control the match as she handed Hedges a 6-1, 6-2 defeat.

"Their No. 1 and No. 2 singles are really, really good," said Cramer.

"No. 1 had no weaknesses," he added. "She could cover everything.

"And No. 2 had a powerful serve. We had trouble handling that big, powerful serve."

Roundup ...

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The FRHS boys team scored 30.5 points to place fifth, with New Knoxville (17) in sixth. Anna won the meet with 130.5 points.

Abbie Francis of the Indians was the top sprinter at the meet. She was first in the 100-meter dash in 13.34 seconds and the 200 dash in 27.53.

Whitley Rammel recorded a toss of 37 feet, 8.5 inches to win the shot put for Fort Recovery.

Trevor Heitkamp picked up the only win for the Tribe boys, crossing the line first in the 3,200 run in 10 minutes, 6.12 seconds.

Tribe softball loses

FORT RECOVERY — The Coldwater Cavaliers scored twice in the top of the first inning and never trailed as they handed the Fort Recovery softball team a 5-2 defeat Thursday.

The Indians (11-4, 3-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) posted one run in the bottom of the first inning, but Coldwater (14-1, 4-0 MAC) pushed its advantage to 5-2. The only other run for the Tribe came in the bottom of the seventh.

Jackie Homan took the loss, giving up five runs — four earned — on eight hits in six innings. She struck out seven.

Emma Will was 3-for-4 with a pair of runs for Fort Recovery, and Sophie Pearson had two hits and an RBI.

JC track falls

MONROEVILLE — Jay County's track teams both came up short against an

Allen County Athletic Conference rival Tuesday, with the girls falling 70-53 to host Heritage while the boys lost 78-45.

Sprinter Natalie Wehrly led the JCHS girls with victories in the 100-meter dash and 200 dash. She also joined Morgan DeHoff, Jenna Dues and Kylie Klopfenstein for first in the 4x100 relay.

Gabi Bilbrey (discus) and Jenna Dues (high jump) gave Jay County a pair of wins in field events, and Lindy Wood won the 3,200 run.

Bryce Collins swept the throwing events for the JCHS boys with wins in the shot put and discus. Dylan Knapschafer was first in the long jump, Isaac Kunkler took the 110 hurdles and Aaron Funkhouser won the 100 dash. Skyler Bee, Cristian Marentes, Knapschafer and Kunkler teamed for a victory in the 4x100 relay.

Indian baseball falls

COLDWATER, Ohio — Fort Recovery's baseball team couldn't keep up with the Coldwater Cavaliers on Tuesday, falling 7-0.

Coldwater (10-4, 5-0 Midwest Athletic Conference), which was 12th in the most recent Division IV poll voting, scored the only run it would need in the first inning. It added two more in the second, three in the fourth and one in the sixth.

Troy Homan suffered the defeat, giving up five runs on eight hits and two walks in three innings. He struck out three batters.

Cale Rammel, Marcus Gaerke, Rees Tobe and Bo Thien each recorded a hit for the Indians (8-6, 3-3 MAC).

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Boys golf at Monroe Central - 4:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Minster - 5 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Boys golf at Blackford - 4:30 p.m.; Softball at Adams Central - 5 p.m.; Baseball at Adams Central - 5 p.m.;

JV baseball vs. Adams Central - 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Adams Central - 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball vs. Minster - 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Minster - 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Coldwater Invitational - 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champi-

ons League - Villarreal at Liverpool (CBS)
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ball: San Diego Padres at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League - Chelsea at Manchester United (USA)
7 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Phoenix Suns at New Orleans Pelicans (TNT)
7:45 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Arizona Diamondbacks at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — NFL football: Draft (ESPN)

10 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Dallas Mavericks at Utah Jazz (TNT)

Local notes

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Sports

Haines lifts Jay

Sophomore rallies to win 11 consecutive games to lift Patriots to victory over their sectional rival

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

UNION CITY — Against a sectional rival, the Patriots needed a comeback.

Brenna Haines delivered.

The Jay County High School sophomore rallied from a slow start to win her final 10 games Tuesday and lift the Patriot girls tennis team to a 3-2 victory over the Union City Indians.

"Brenna came through," said JCHS coach Dave Cramer, whose team topped Union City 4-1 in last season's sectional championship match. "She was down to start with and she fought back and did real well."

"I think she just got serious. ... She picked it up. ... Once she knew we had to have her, she picked it up, took control of it real well."

The pattern emerged quickly. The Patriots were dominating the doubles matches. Union City was ahead at all three singles positions.

Haines won her first game against the Indians' Emily Evans, but then struggled as she fell behind 4-1. She split the next two games for a 5-2 deficit, but never lost another.

After winning four straight games for a 6-5 advantage, she broke



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Jay County High School No. 3 singles player Brenna Haines hustles to hit a shot during her 7-5, 6-0 victory Tuesday over Emily Evans of Union City.

Evans' serve to take the first set. The final point came when her service return smacked off the edge of her racket but still went over and she was able to follow it up with a drop-shot winner on her next swing.

Haines rolled through the first five games of the second set and was serving for the match when

she hit a shot long to fall behind love-15. She took the next three points to earn a double match point, then finished off the comeback with a winner to the left corner.

Her rebound from the early struggles kept her perfect on the year, a mark she hopes to carry through the season.

"My goal is to go unde-

feated this season," said Haines. "I was getting extremely fed up with hitting it out the whole time. So I was like, 'No matter what I do, I'm not going to lose this.'"

She initially thought there was no chance of a comeback, but as points started to come her confidence grew.

"I just had to get out of

my head and start actually playing," she said.

Jay County (4-1) cruised to its pair of victories in doubles matches. Twins Melana and Kaylee Zimmerman handled No. 2 doubles, finishing off their sweep of Elizabeth Prinkey and Kalam Denney in the first set on an ace by Kaylee.

See **Lifts** page 7

Patriots split with AC, SA

CELINA, Ohio — The Patriots were 10 strokes better than one conference foe.

They couldn't quite keep up with the other.

Jay County High School's boys golfers finished in the middle of a three-team

meet Tuesday at Celina Lynx

Local roundup

Golf Club with a score of 183. The Adams Central Jets won with a 177 while South Adams finished at 193.

Gage Sims, playing from the No. 4 spot, racked up five pars as he led the Patriots with a 42. His round included pars on the first, second, third, fifth and ninth holes.

Tristan Dailey of South Adams was the match medalist with a 41. Jayden Sharpe's 42 led Adams Central.

Kyle Sanders followed Sims for the Patriots with a 10-over-par 46. Ricardo Nava was next at 47, and Caleb DeRome and Brock DeHoff turned in matching totals of 48.

Francis leads

ANNA, Ohio — Fort Recovery's girls track team posted a third-place finish Tuesday in a six-team meet at Anna. The Indians scored 92 points to trail the host Rockets (136) and Fort Loramie (124) while New Knoxville was a distant fourth with 24.

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