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Field discussion



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

The concession stand and restroom building at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field has been a frequent topic of discussion at Portland Park Board meetings over the last year-plus.

Miller presents plans for Rockets' facility, says concession building needs attention

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

With the introduction of a new program, improvements are planned for Runkle-Miller Field.

Proponents are hoping to ultimately have a new or renovated restroom and concession facility as well.

Portland Park Board spent the bulk of its meeting Tuesday hearing from Portland Rockets manager Randy

Miller about the field at Portland Memorial Park and discussing planned and possible future improvements.

Miller visited the board and explained that Runkle-Miller Field, the home of the Rockets, will be getting more use this year as Jay County Junior-Senior High School fields a junior high baseball team for the first time. (There has been junior high baseball in the community previously, but

this marks the first time it has been an official school team.) With the addition of the junior high squad along with the varsity and junior varsity teams, Runkle-Miller Field will be used as a site for practices and games.

He listed a series of improvements the Rockets plan for the field this year, including a new sound system, wind screen, padding for poles in the field of play and along

the backstop, batting cage and warning track. (He noted the new batting cage will cost \$15,000.) A new flag pole has been installed, with a planned ceremony prior to the Rockets' opening game May 22.

Atop the list of other needs, Miller said, is an expanded or new restroom and concession facility for the field. He estimated an expansion and renovation at \$75,000

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Group names court finalists

Holcomb will choose replacement for David

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A state commission has selected three finalists Gov. Eric Holcomb will choose from to fill a vacancy on the Indiana Supreme Court when Justice Steven David retires later this year.

The Judicial Nominating Commission voted Tuesday to select as its three finalists Grant Dana Kenworthy, state appeals court judge Derek Molter and Justin Forkner, who is the high court's chief administrative officer.

Once the three nominees' names are sent to Holcomb, the Republican will have 60 days to choose one of them as David's successor on the five-justice court.

They were chosen as finalists after commission members interviewed 19 candidates and chose 10 finalists in early March. Those 10 were invited to appear Tuesday for a second round of interviews.

The high court said Tuesday that in selecting the three finalists the commission considered the applicants' "legal education, writings, reputation in the practice of law, and other pertinent information."

Chief Justice Loretta Rush announced in November that David would retire from the court in the fall of 2022 after 12 years on the court.

David was appointed to the court by then-Gov. Mitch Daniels in 2010 upon the retirement of Justice Ted Boehm and he is the court's longest-serving current justice.

More sanctions coming

By ADAM SCHRECK and ANDREA ROSA

Associated Press

ANDRIIVKA, Ukraine — Ukrainian authorities searched for bodies and gathered evidence of Russian atrocities on the ruined outskirts of Kyiv, as the two sides geared up today for what could be a climactic push by Moscow's forces to seize Ukraine's industrial east.

Western governments were set to toughen sanctions against the Kremlin and send more weapons to Ukraine, after President Volodymyr Zelenskyy accused the world of failing to act decisively to end Moscow's invasion and what he said was a campaign of murder, rape and wanton destruction by Russian forces.

In the scarred and silent streets of towns around Ukraine's capital that Russian recently troops left, investigators sought to document what appeared to be widespread killings of civilians, some apparently shot at close range, others with their hands bound or their flesh burned. Specialists also cleared mines from the areas.

Western governments plan changes after Zelenskyy's call for decisive action

In Andriivka, a village about 40 miles west of Kyiv, two police officers from the nearby town of Makariv came Tuesday to identify a man whose body was in a field beside tank tracks. Capt. Alla Pustova said officers had found 20 bodies in the Makariv area.

Andriivka residents said the Russians arrived in early March and took locals' phones. Some residents were detained and then released; others met unknown fates. Some described sheltering for weeks in musty, cramped cellars normally used for storing vegetables for winter.

With the sixth week of the war drawing to a close, the soldiers

were gone, and Russian armored personnel carriers, a tank and other vehicles sat destroyed on both ends of the road running through the village. Several buildings were reduced to mounds of bricks and corrugated metal. Residents struggled without heat, electricity or cooking gas.

"First we were scared, now we are hysterical," said Valentyna Klymenko, 64. She said she, her husband and two neighbors weathered the siege by sleeping on stacks of potatoes covered with a mattress and blankets. "We didn't cry at first. Now we are crying."

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline

New gas lines

Anthony May (left) and James Davis of Miller Pipeline cut into the road at the intersection of Main and Harrison streets in Portland on Monday. The company is installing new gas lines for Ohio Valley Gas this week.

Deaths

Gregory Franklin, 66, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 59 degrees Tuesday. The low was 39.

Tonight's low will be around 40. Expect partly sunny skies early Thursday with a 30% chance of showers in the afternoon and winds gusting to 25 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

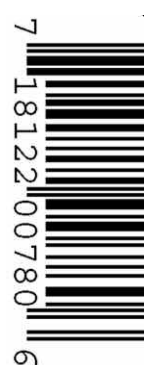
In review

Today's edition of The Commercial Review features our spring sports preview section with stories about the baseball, softball, girls track, boys golf, girls tennis and boys track teams.

Coming up

Thursday — JCHS Early College Program performs well in state evaluation.

Saturday — Results from Friday's FRHS softball game against Fort Loramie.



Obituaries

Gregory Franklin

Aug. 17, 1955-March 22, 2022
Gregory Gene Franklin, age 66, of Portland passed away Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at his residence.
Born in Portland on Aug. 17, 1955, he was the son of Melvin and Mary (Worth) Franklin. He was married on July 25, 1976, to Dixie Nixon who survives.
Greg was the owner of Franklin Electric in Portland. He

was a member of New Mount Pleasant Church, where he was on the Board of Trustees, a member of Jay County Chamber of Commerce and a 1974 Portland High School graduate.
Surviving are his wife Dixie; one daughter Audrey Rose Franklin of Portland; his mother,



Mary Boozier of Portland; one brother, Mark Franklin of Cape Coral, Florida; one sister, Diana Stewart (husband: Gary) of Portland; stepbrother Steve Boozier (Ronda Link) of Hartford City; father-in-law Dick Nixon of Portland; brother-in-law Ed Nixon (wife: Debi) of Portland; sister-in-law Sara Sanders (husband: Steve) of Portland; sister-in-law Bettie Caldwell (husband: Chris) of Vermont; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Friday, April 8, 2022, at 2 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with burial in the Gravel Hill Cemetery in Bryant. The family will also hold a reception at Asbury United Methodist Church on Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in honor of Greg.
Memorials can be made to the Jay County Fair Board for Floral Hall Renovation.
The family requests that masks be worn to the services.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.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
Thursday 4/7, Friday 4/8, Saturday 4/9, Sunday 4/10, Monday 4/11
49/37, 44/33, 42/31, 55/40, 65/51
There's a 30% chance of showers after 2 p.m. with wind gusts reaching up to 25 mph.

Lotteries
Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$246 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$94 million
Hoosier MIDDAY Daily Three: 0-7-4 Daily Four: 7-8-1-4 Quick Draw: 4-10-12-14-17-20-22-28-31-33-50-56-60-62-63-68-70-71-76-78 Evening Daily Three: 3-5-2 Daily Four: 3-7-6-6
Quick Draw: 1-3-6-8-13-15-19-21-26-30-32-33-37-41-51-57-66-69-74-76 Cash 5: 2-14-31-40-45 Estimated jackpot: \$323,500
Ohio MIDDAY Pick 3: 1-7-2 Pick 4: 4-4-7-3 Pick 5: 5-9-0-6-6 Evening Pick 3: 0-4-5 Pick 4: 3-4-2-0 Pick 5: 8-2-7-9-7 Rolling Cash: 1-5-14-22-34 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000

Markets
Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn: 7.51 May corn: 7.54 Wheat: 8.54
POET Biorefining Portland Corn: 7.54 May corn: 7.64 June corn: 7.69
The Andersons Richland Township Corn: 7.40 May corn: 7.40 Beans: 16.07 May beans: 16.07
Wheat: 9.59 May wheat: 9.59
Central States Montpelier Corn: 7.37 Late April corn: 7.40 Beans: 16.09 Late April beans: 16.09 Wheat: 9.93
Heartland St. Anthony Corn: 7.39 May corn: 7.39 Beans: 15.89 May beans: 15.89 Wheat: 9.40

Today in history
On April 6, 1896, the first modern Olympic games formally opened in Athens, Greece.
In 1862, the Civil War Battle of Shiloh began in Tennessee as Confederate forces launched a surprise attack against Union troops, who beat back the Confederates the next day.
In 1864, Louisiana opened a convention in New Orleans to draft a new state constitution, one that called for the abolition of slavery.
In 1909, American explorers Robert E. Peary and Matthew A. Henson and four Inuits became the first men to reach the North Pole.
In 1917, the United States entered World War I as the House joined the Senate in approving a declaration of war against Germany that was then signed by President Woodrow Wilson.
In 1943, "Le Petit Prince" (The Little Prince) by Antoine de Saint-Exupery was first published by Reynal & Hitchcock of New York.
In 1972, Jesse Jones led the Pennville High School boys track team with wins in the 110-meter hurdles and 300 hurdles as the Bulldogs earned eight victories out of 14 events but fell 63-55 to host Southern Wells.
—AP and The CR

Citizen's calendar
Thursday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Plan Commission, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.
6 p.m. — Jay County Regional Sewer District, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., 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.

Field ...

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Upgrades for Runkle-Miller Field were a regular topic of discussion at park board meetings last year. (At the March 2021 meeting, park board president Brian Ison suggested the Rockets create a multi-year plan for upgrades similar to those that Portland Junior League and Jay County Pee Wee Football have presented. Such a plan could help prioritize projects, he said.)
The board had agreed in August to contribute half of the cost of a new large storage shed — \$6,000 — if the Rockets could come up with the other half. The Rockets have not moved forward with that purchase.
Parks department employee Matt Shauver also got estimates last summer of \$4,550 for water lines for the concession stand area and electricity for the restrooms and a \$2,700 estimate for new stall doors in the restrooms. The board did not take action on those estimates.
"I just hate to see us put some money in it and then turn around and decide that's not good enough either and end up ripping out what we did," Shauver said.
The board on Tuesday asked parks department employees to

remove the dilapidated older storage shed at the facility. Ison said he would also look into options for water lines in the concession stand.
Ison also reported that the city's five-year parks plan, with some minor modifications, has been approved by Indiana Department of Natural Resources. Having the approved plan in place opens the door for the city to apply for grant funding.
Board members Shauna Runkle, Glen Bryant, Michael Brewster and John McFarland unanimously approved the revised plan, which included additional information about nature features and landscapes, social and economic factors, and a handful of other small items.
Ison also reiterated Portland Mayor John Boggs' update from Monday's city council meeting that problematic tiles at Portland Water Park have been removed. Installation of new tiles can begin after the average temperature reaches 60 degrees. The opening of the facility — typically Memorial Day weekend — will be delayed this year. The board had set a goal of July 4, but Ison noted that the facility

could be opened earlier if the work is complete.
The board is continuing to look for a new manager for the water park. Those interested in the position should contact Ison, Runkle or city hall.
In other business, the board:
• Heard from Shauver that most park restrooms are now open. (Work is being done on the floors in the Hudson Family Park restrooms with plans to open those Friday.) Shauver said he is getting quotes for new roofing for structures at Weiler-Wilson park. (Ison asked him to get quotes for Runkle-Miller Field as well.)
• Learned from Ison in reference to a comment made by Bryant last week that Haynes Park was built in a flood zone, according to Jay County surveyor Brad Daniels. Bryant had expressed concern about flooding in the park. (Parks are often built along waterfronts or in flood zones because those areas are not viable for housing or businesses.)
• Approved the purchase of a new Kubota utility vehicle from Affolder Implement Sales of Berne at a cost of \$10,192.16.

Iowa man is linked to killings

By RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press
INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana State Police said Tuesday that they used genealogical data and crime scene evidence to link an Iowa man who died in 2013 to the killings of three female motel clerks and sexual assault of a fourth in Indiana and Kentucky from 1987 through 1990.
Harry Edward Greenwell, who died at age 68 in New Albin, Iowa, in January 2013, was the so-called "I-65 killer," State Police Sgt. Glen Fifield said during a news conference in Indianapolis. The killings earned that moniker because they happened at motels near Interstate 65.

"Greenwell had an extensive criminal history and had been in and out of prison several times, even escaping from jail on two separate occasions," he said. "He was known to travel frequently in the Midwest."
Greenwell was born in Kentucky and died in Iowa of cancer, according to his obituary.
Fifield said evidence linked Greenwell to the Feb. 21, 1987, killing of Vicki Heath, 41, who was sexually assaulted and fatally shot while working a night shift at a Super 8 Hotel in Elizabethtown, Kentucky. It also linked him to the March 3, 1989, killings of Margaret "Peggy" Gill and Jeanne Gilbert.
Gilbert, 34, was slain while working the night shift at a Days Inn in Remington, Indiana, while Gill, 24, was killed while working at a Days Inn in Merrillville, Indiana. Both were sexually assaulted and fatally shot.
Fifield said investigators also linked Greenwell to the Jan. 2, 1990, sexual assault of a 21-year-old female clerk at a Days Inn in Columbus, Indiana.
"This victim was able to escape her attacker and survive. She was later able to give an excellent physical description of the suspect and details of the crime," he said. "She is the only known victim to have survived the vicious, brutal attacks of this killer."

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Every culture tries to make sense of others

By KWAME DAWES

Marianne Chan, in her riddle of a poem, "Momotaro in the Philippines," reminds us of how the world contracts by migration, by communication technology and by trade, and how every culture finds a way to make sense of the cultures that somehow find their way into their worlds.

Momotaro is best known as the boy hero birthed from the seed of a peach in Japanese folklore. For Filipino-American poet, Chan, peaches evoke alienness: Europe, cans, boy-heroes, Japan,

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and America — peaches are part of the global world of trade. Her "peach girl" becomes a counter-hero. She is not "a warrior, no hero." She loves and she stingily consumes delicious peaches for her survival.

I find her defiant self-awareness strangely comforting.

Momotaro in the Philippines

Here, peaches come from boxes that smell like Europe, from cans made of a tin-coated steel.

I lie with the peaches soaking in saccharine darkness until freed. I don't recognize the children who run toward me. Their faces like the feathers on the feet of birds. Their slippers repeating that melancholic drone. "Wake up," they say. "Wake up." And as I rise from the dreamy fluid-oh, the America, which preserves me - I press my sticky forehead on your sun-freckled hand. I love you, am sorry, am not a warrior, no hero. I fight for nothing, am stingy. I ate all the peaches from the can from the box from which I came.

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Fort Recovery FFA banquet

About 325 community members attended Fort Recovery FFA's annual banquet at Fort Recovery Middle School auditorium. Pictured are Macy Brunswick, who received the Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award; Ben Wellman, who got the Star in Agribusiness Placement award; Marcus Gaerke, who was awarded as Star Farmer; and Zach Schoenlein, who was named Star Greenhand. Larry Hart and Kevin Will were also named Honorary FFA Members for their dedicated service to the chapter. The chapter raised \$3,450 from its pie auction at the banquet.

Friend traumatized by murder

DEAR ABBY: A dear friend I have known since we were children was murdered. She was lovely in every way, and I am bereft. I cannot process my grief over her untimely passing because it was accompanied by such trauma.

Images of her murder flash through my mind, especially at night while I'm trying to go to sleep. They also wake me up in the morning. Talking about it makes it worse because it revives the horror, and also because people want to know details as though it is just a story. I feel it is disrespectful to her memory and my affection for her to reduce it to that. I'm usually a resourceful person, but I have no road map for this. It is of

Dear Abby



considerable relief that her killer was found, but the details revealed by the media have added to my trauma. I have had friends die at even younger ages from other causes, but not this. Some of our mutual friends are in the same boat as I am, so any guidance you can provide would be appreciated. — BESIDE MYSELF IN ILLINOIS

DEAR BESIDE MYSELF: I am so sorry for your friend's untimely and tragic death. Clearly, it was shocking and traumatizing for everyone she left behind. You are not obligated to satisfy the curiosity of anyone about the "details." (There is no limit to the amount of curiosity something like this can generate.) All you have to say is you do not wish to discuss it. Period! Although you didn't mention how long it has been since you lost your friend, because it is causing you to have nightmares, please discuss this with a licensed mental health professional. It may be painful, but it's the most effective way to work through this.

Community Calendar

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

Today
AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, 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 - BRIANNA'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.
PENNVILLE FAIR BOARD — Will meet at 7 p.m. the first Wednesday of each month at the Pennville Community Center.

Thursday
PTSD SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

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 - BRIANNA'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.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Saturday
JAY COUNTY REPUBLICANS — Will host a breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at Richards Restaurant in Portland. State Rep. Matt Lehman of Berne will be the guest speaker.

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

BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Tuesday's Solution

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9	6	1	7	5	2	3	8	4
6	8	9	4	2	5	1	7	3
1	7	5	8	9	3	4	2	6
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Indiana's Braun is way off track

By JACK RONALD
The News and Sun

Where do they find these guys?

Even if you are willing to accept Sen. Mike Braun's walk-back of his comments on interracial marriage, even if you are willing to accept his claims that his heart is devoid of bigotry, it is clear that the senator has embraced a wrong-headed and profoundly ignorant view of the U.S. Constitution. The philosophy he espouses

Back in the Saddle



was junked with the Articles of Confederation, was the focus of the Civil War and was the founding premise behind the shameful history of Jim Crow.

Let's take a look at the Ninth Amendment.

Concerned that the Bill of Rights was too constraining, the Founding Fathers went a step further. They wrote: "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people."

The Founding Fathers knew that over the passage of time and as the nation grew more complex, other rights retained

by the people had to be protected.

What sorts of rights? The right to love who we want to love, the right to vote without impediment, the right to conscience, the right to marry who we want to marry, the right to privacy from government intrusion in our bedrooms, the right to an equal opportunity for an education. And more.

Braun and those of his ilk would have none of that. "States' rights" is their mantra.

Trouble is, the Founding Fathers were spelling out American rights, not Hoosier rights or Buckeye rights or Mississippi rights, but American rights that can be freely exercised across this great land.

The next time you hear someone bellow about "states' rights," recognize it for what it is, a call for a given state's majority to bully its minority into submission.

It's hard to imagine anything less American than that.

Veto override is out of step

KPC News Service

Why exactly do we have a governor?

With the Indiana General Assembly now adjourned, Gov. Eric Holcomb has been spending this month signing the many enrolled acts that have come out of this year's short legislative session.

So far, Holcomb has reviewed 177 pieces of legislation that made it to his desk. Like most years, almost all of that legislation gets the final signature from the governor and is then ready to become new public law.

This year, Holcomb signed 175 of those bills. He vetoed two — HEA 1211 "State and Local Administration," which he rejected because he felt it would derail ongoing broadband investment in the state, and HEA 1041 "Participation in School Sports," which would ban transgender girls from participating in girls sports.

The veto on the transgender sports ban infuriated many on the social conservative right who have made transgender individuals the most recent target of an ongoing culture crusade, with state lawmakers swearing they'll override Holcomb's veto.

And, we suspect they'll have absolutely no issue doing so, as Indiana is one of a very small minority of states that maintains a perplexing majority-only veto override for legislation.

Considering that all bills require at least majority support to get to the governor's desk in the first place, legitimately any and every piece of legislation can be forced through, even over veto, as long as lawmakers don't have a change of heart from their initial approval.

Calling it a veto "power" is an overstatement, since the governor has, in practice, absolutely no power to stop any piece of legislation.

Indiana is one of just six states to relegate their governor to a figurehead when it comes to new laws, with only West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas and Alabama having majority-only veto override rules.

Seven states — Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, Ohio, Illinois and Nebraska and North Carolina — require at least three-fifths of the legislature to override a veto. Alaska is unique in requiring two-thirds vote of a joint session of its chambers.

The 36 other states and the federal Congress all require a two-thirds

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majority to override an executive veto.

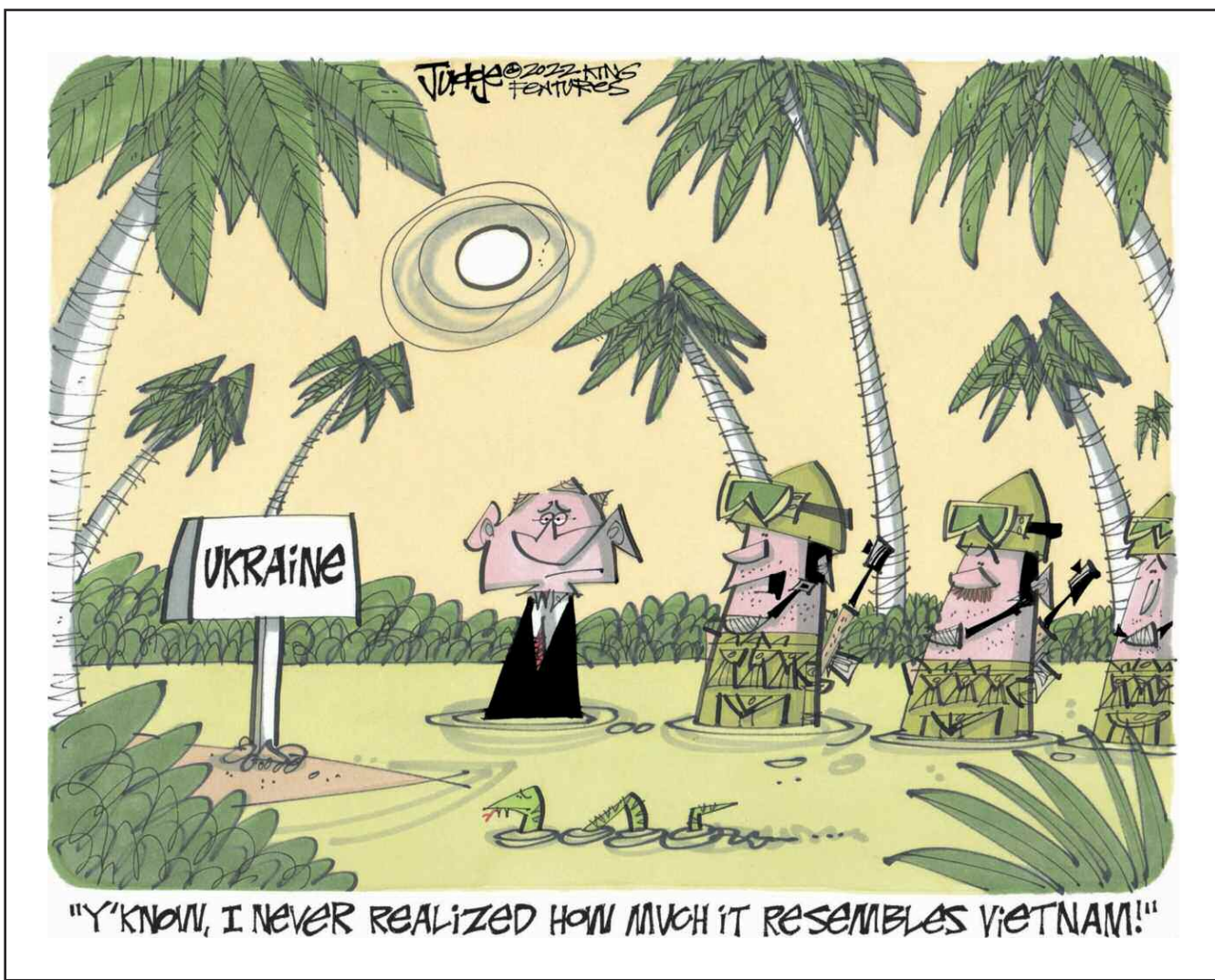
The threat of veto — in states and Congress where it actually can be considered a "threat" — is one more check and balance that can help ensure rounded legislation that is agreeable across party lines or, even in the case of a state like Utah where its governor also vetoed a transgender sports ban, that even intra-party forces have had their concerns heard.

But as we saw frequently this session, the Indiana General Assembly has little interest in taking input and critique, perfectly content to ignore the general public and bludgeon forward over the concerns even of other members of the GOP supermajority who might dare to have qualms.

Indiana has a robust Republican supermajority, so even having a two-thirds veto override bar might not prevent lawmakers from overturning vetoes. But with a narrower margin for success, it would force the caucus to accommodate the concerns of those on the border and give more credence to those who raise issues they want addressed.

But with a majority-only veto override, the concerns of any individual Hoosier, any group of protestors no matter how large, any individual lawmaker, even the governor of Indiana, can be summarily ignored.

It's the feared "tyranny of the majority" fully realized and one that lawmakers should — but likely won't voluntarily — correct to bring Indiana into the norm of American representative governance.



Atrocities are no aberration

By MAX BOOT

Special To The Washington Post

Russian dictator Vladimir Putin got one thing right: His invasion did lead to Ukrainian civilians greeting troops as liberators. Only they weren't greeting Russian troops. They were greeting the Ukrainian troops who in recent days have entered villages around Kyiv that had been occupied by the Russians for more than a month.

The Ukrainian government proclaimed on Saturday that all of the Kyiv administrative region had been freed of Russian control. It was as if the Free French forces were entering Paris in 1944.

The reason civilians were so jubilant to be liberated has become grimly apparent. Sickening pictures from Bucha, a suburb of Kyiv, show the corpses of residents who had been bound, shot and left by the side of the road. The mayor of Bucha said that some 270 people had been found in two mass graves and another 40 were lying dead in the streets.

The atrocities in Bucha were no aberration. There is ample evidence of other war crimes by Russian troops across Ukraine. Human Rights Watch has documented Russian troops committing rape, summary execution and looting.

In Mariupol, the Russians bombarded a theater where civilians were sheltering. The word "CHILDREN" was printed in Russian in huge white letters outside. An effort to discourage aerial attack may have actually invited it. Some 300 people in the building were reported killed by Russian bombs on March 16.

But it is one thing to kill civilians with bombs and missiles. It is another to kill them with bullets to the back of the head. This is a different level of evil — the kind of organized atrocity that Europe has not seen since the Srebrenica massacre in Bosnia in 1995. Russia's "anti-Nazi" operation has led Russian troops to act precisely as

Max Boot



the Nazis once did. If there is any justice in the world, Russian war criminals, from Putin on down, will someday face the kind of justice that the Nazis received at Nuremberg.

This, sadly, is the Russian way of war. It is how Putin's forces fought in Chechnya and Syria — and before that, how Soviet forces fought in Afghanistan and in central Europe during World War II. They commit war crimes to terrorize the population into surrender. But it hasn't worked in Ukraine. Russia's savagery has simply caused the Ukrainians to resist all the harder because they know they are fighting not just for their freedom but for their very survival.

In the past week, the invaders have been driven out of the Kyiv area, with crippling losses. The Russians have lost, according to open-source reporting, at least 400 tanks and, according to the State Department, at least 10,000 troops; by a standard military metric, that means another 30,000 Russian soldiers may have been wounded. So roughly a fourth of the initial Russian assault force — which included Putin's best troops — is probably out of action.

Some still suggest, incredibly, that the Russian attack on Kyiv was a feint or a brilliant maneuver by Putin to distract his enemies. History will, in fact, record it as a catastrophic military blunder.

Having failed in their initial objective of regime change, the Russians are trying to reorganize their battered and depleted forces to capture the Donbas region of eastern Ukraine. This would have

been much easier to do at the outset of the war, without those heavy losses. Now the Russians will be hard-put to encircle the Ukrainian forces in the east, which have been fighting Russian-backed separatists since 2014.

How will this war end? No one can yet say. The Ukrainians are rightly enraged by Russian atrocities and will be less likely to make territorial compromises with the invaders, knowing that to do so would be to consign their fellow citizens to a Stalinist hell. But as a former Putin adviser says, "Russia cannot afford to 'lose,' so we need a kind of a victory."

The 1995 Dayton Accords, which ended the war in Bosnia, should remind us that it is possible to make peace even with war criminals — but only after they have been defeated. There is no indication yet that Putin feels he has lost this war. That is why it is so essential that Russia suffer a decisive defeat in the Donbas.

The West must continue to ramp up aid to Ukraine, providing it with the kind of heavy combat systems needed to drive back the Russians in the south and east as they have already done in the north. It is good to see the Biden administration getting ready to transfer tanks to Ukraine.

Other weapons, including artillery, fighter aircraft and long-range air defense systems, must follow. The only way to achieve peace at this point is not by negotiating with the Russians but by defeating them.

As for the Europeans: It is time, finally, to stop all oil and gas purchases from Russia. Germany, in particular, cannot continue paying blood money that subsidizes today's version of the Nazi Einsatzgruppen mobile killing squads. Enough is enough.

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Sanctions ...

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To the north of the village, in the town of Borodyanka, rescue workers combed through the rubble of apartment blocks, looking for bodies. Mine-disposal units worked nearby.

Thwarted in their efforts to take the capital and forced to withdraw, President Vladimir Putin's forces are now pouring into the Donbas, Ukraine's eastern industrial eastern heartland, where the Ukraine military has said it is bracing for a new offensive.

Overnight, Russian forces attacked a fuel depot and a factory in Ukraine's Dnipropetrovsk region, just west of the Donbas, the region's governor, Valentyn Reznichenko, said on the messaging app Telegram.

In the Luhansk region, which lies in the Donbas, shelling of Rubizhne on Tuesday killed one person and wounded five more, regional governor, Serhiy Haidai, said on Telegram.

Ukrainian forces have been fighting Russia-backed rebels in Luhansk and the other Donbas region, Donetsk, since 2014. Ahead of its Feb. 24 invasion, Moscow recognized the regions as independent states.

Ukrainian officials have stepped up calls for civilians to evacuate from towns in the east near the front line ahead of the anticipated Russian offensive, and some essential services were being moved away. Local authorities in Sloviansk said that postal and pension operations were being moved out and bank branches in town were shutting down.

Ukrainian authorities have said the bodies of at least 410 civilians have been found in towns around Kyiv, and Associated Press journalists in one town, Bucha, counted dozens of corpses in civilian clothes and



For The Washington Post/Heidi Levine

Nikita Horbonos, 25, and Olla Korobka, 55, try to help rescue a calf that was trapped a dairy farm where dozens of cattle were killed by Russian forces Monday in Lukashivka, Ukraine.

interviewed Ukrainians who told of witnessing atrocities.

In a video address Tuesday to the U.N. Security Council, Zelenskyy said that civilians had been tortured, shot in the back of the head, thrown down wells, blown up with grenades in their apartments and crushed to death by tanks while in cars.

He said that those responsible should face war crimes charges in front of a tribunal like the one established at Nuremberg after World War II. And he sharply challenged the U.N. to remove Russia from the Security Council and show the world the organization's worth.

“Where is the peace that the United Nations was created to guarantee?” he asked.

In the wake of the gruesome images out of Bucha and other towns, Western nations have expelled scores of Moscow's diplomats and were expected to roll out more sanctions Wednesday, including potentially a ban by the European Union on Russian coal imports.

A senior U.S. administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity to discuss the upcoming announcement, said the addi-

tional punitive measures would also include a ban on all new investment in Russia.

Russia has insisted its troops have committed no war crimes.

Moscow's U.N. ambassador, Vassily Nebenzia, said “not a single local person” suffered from violence while Bucha was under Russian control. Using a tactic Russian officials have often relied on in the face of accusations of atrocities, he said scenes of bodies in the streets were “a crude forgery” staged by the Ukrainians.

On Wednesday, China, which has so far refused to criticize

Moscow over the war, called for a probe into the killings, saying that images of civilian deaths are “deeply disturbing” but that no blame should be apportioned until all facts are known.

Elsewhere in Ukraine, the aid group Doctors without Borders said its staff witnessed an attack Monday on a cancer hospital in a residential district of the southern city of Mykolaiv. The group said it was the third known strike in recent days on a hospital in the port city, whose capture is key to giving Russia control of the Black Sea coast.

It said it had no overall death toll, but its team saw one body.

The group said it also saw numerous small holes in the ground, scattered over a large area, that suggested the use of cluster bombs. Russia has denied using cluster munitions in Ukraine. The use of such weapons against civilians can be a violation of international law.

Attacks on medical facilities and workers are deemed war crimes, and Russia has been accused of striking multiple medical facilities during the conflict, including a maternity hospital in the besieged southern port city of Mariupol, scene of some of the worst suffering of the war.

British defense officials said 160,000 people remained trapped by Russian air strikes and heavy fighting in that city, without electricity, communication, medicine, heat or water.

A team from the Red Cross has been trying to get into Mariupol since Friday and got within 12 miles, but the organization said it was too dangerous to enter.

Negotiators from Russia and Ukraine have been discussing ways to end the fighting. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said those talks continue despite the war crime allegations.

Court reinstates rule about water

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Wednesday reinstated for now a Trump-era rule that had curtailed the power of states and Native American tribes to block pipelines and other energy projects that can pollute rivers, streams and other waterways.

The justices agreed to halt a lower court judge's order throwing out the rule and sending it back to the Environmental Protection Agency. Four justices said they disagreed with the decision.

The Biden administration has said it intends to rewrite the rule. Work on a revision has begun, but the administration has said a final rule is not expected until the spring of 2023. The Trump-era rule will remain in effect in the meantime.

The Biden administration had told the justices in a court filing that it agreed that the U.S. District Court Judge William Alsup lacked the authority to throw out the rule without first determining that it was invalid. But the administration had urged the court not to reinstate the rule, saying that in the months since the Alsup's ruling, officials have adapted to the change, reverting to regulations in place for decades. Another change would “cause substantial disruption and disserve the public interest,” the administration said.

Alsup was nominated to the bench by President Bill Clinton.

The section of federal law at issue in the case is Section 401 of the Clean Water Act.

Capsule Reports

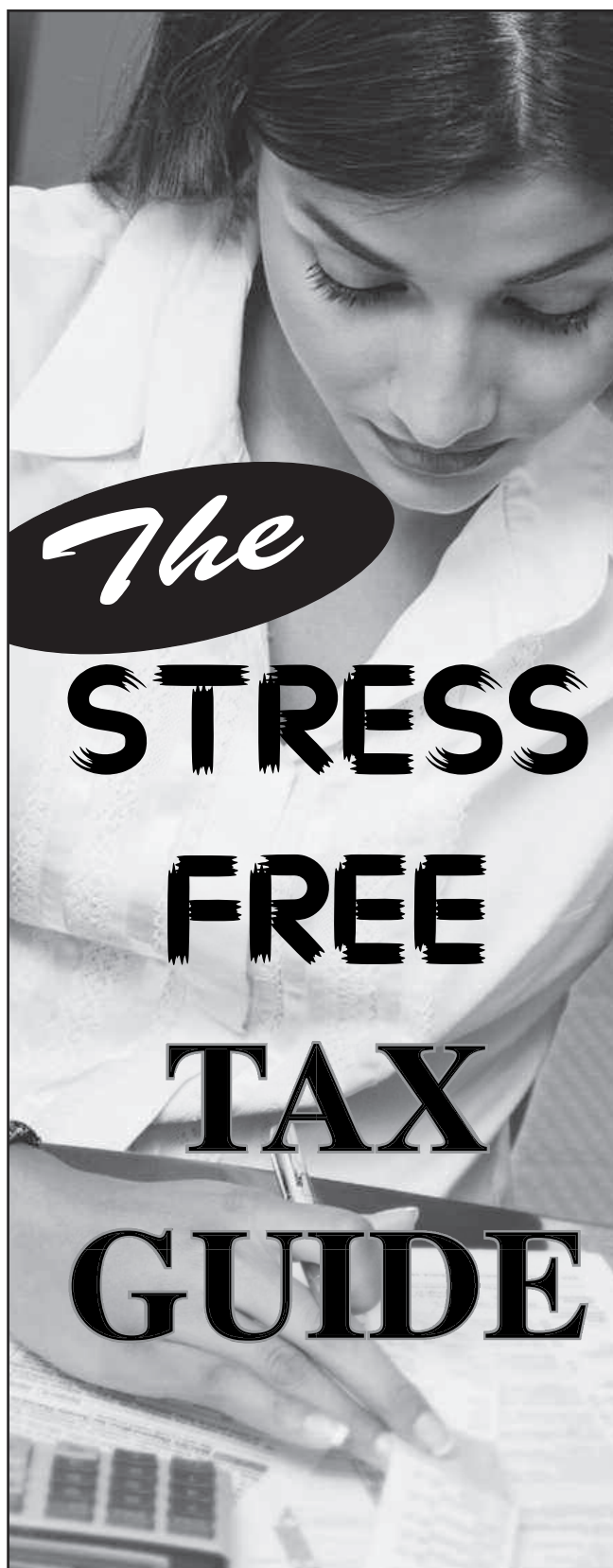
Animals hit

Two Jay County residents struck animals with their vehicles recently.

Fay E. Moles, 63, Pennville, was driving east on county road 50 North near county road 500 West about 2:29 p.m. Monday when a small dog ran across the road. Moles wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal with her

2017 Dodge Journey, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

Clifton S. McIntire, 57, Ridgeville, was driving north on Como Road about 6:19 a.m. this morning when his 2016 Chevrolet Equinox hit a deer. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.



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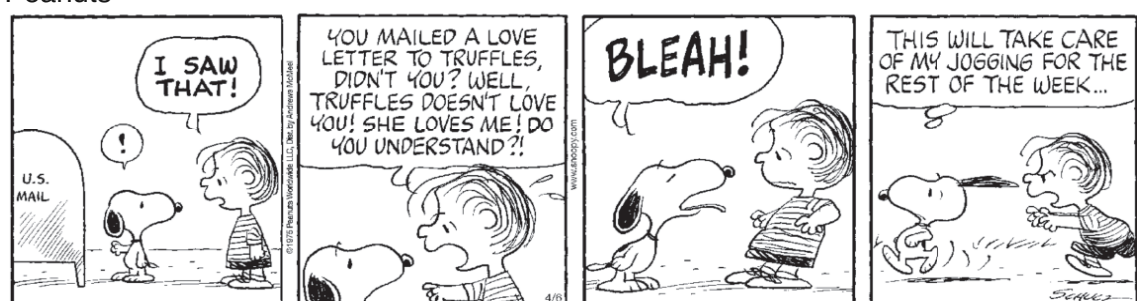


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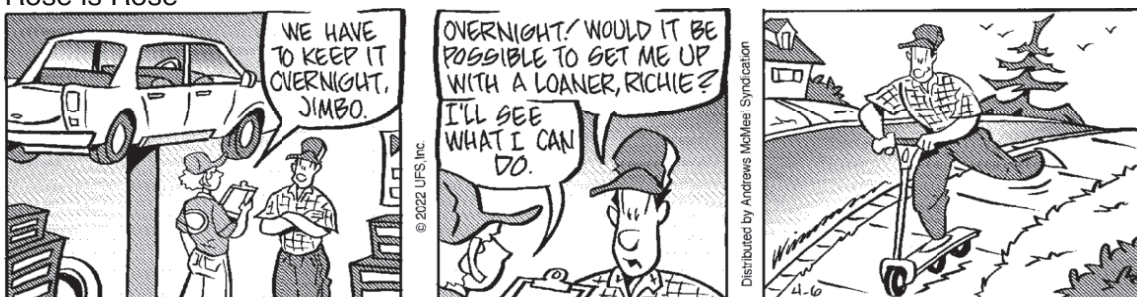
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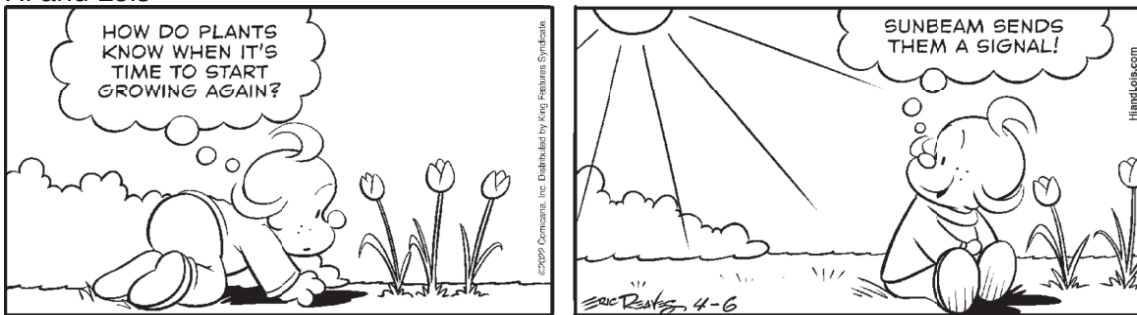
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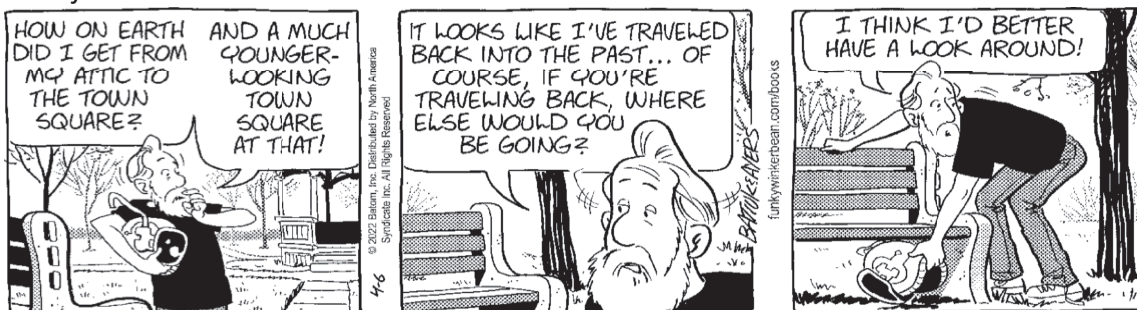
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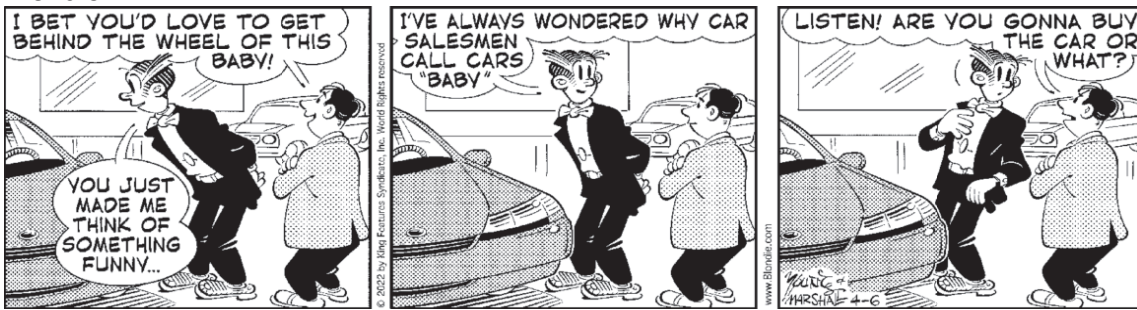
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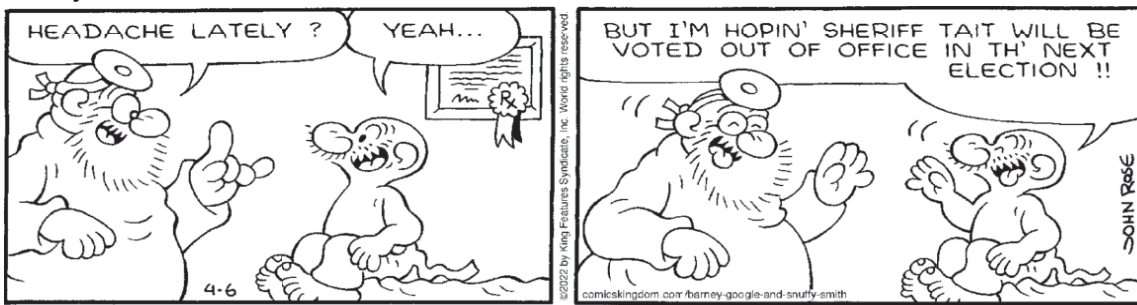
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Contract Bridge

By Steve Becker

The percentage play

South dealer.
Neither side vulnerable.
NORTH
♠ Q
♥ K 10 8 2
♦ J 8 4 3
♣ A Q 10 6

WEST
♠ A K J 10 9 7 4 2
♥ 9 5
♦ 9
♣ 8 3

EAST
♠ 6 3
♥ A 7 4
♦ Q 10 6
♣ J 9 7 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 8 5
♥ Q J 6 3
♦ A K 7 5 2
♣ K 4

The bidding:
South West North East
1♦ 4♣ 5♠
Opening lead — king of spades.
Usually, when a player makes a bid — or a series of bids — he is trying to describe his hand to his partner as accurately as he can. In doing so, though, he cannot help revealing his hand to the opponents at the same time. They also have ears, and they can't be stopped from listening in on what is intended as a private conversation.
As a result, both sides are frequently able to take advantage of knowledge gleaned from the adverse bidding. Thus, in the pres-

ent case, West's four-spade bid gives South vital information that he can put to good use during the play.
Assume West leads the king of spades and shifts to a club. Since South must lose a heart, his sole problem is to escape a trump loser. If he plays normally — that is, if he cashes the A-K of diamonds — he will make the contract if the trumps divide 2-2 or either defender has the singleton queen.
However, with West marked by the bidding with seven or eight spades, he is far more likely to have one or no diamonds than to have two. If he has none, South is a dead duck whatever he does, so he should proceed on the assumption that West has a singleton. And if West does have a singleton, it is twice as likely to be the nine or ten as the queen.

Accordingly, declarer should win the club with dummy's queen at trick two and lead the jack of diamonds, planning to let it ride if East follows low. If East covers with the queen and West produces the nine or ten, South should return to dummy with a club to take a diamond finesse.

In the actual hand, this method of play succeeds, and South makes the contract.

Tomorrow: A hairsplitting decision.
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CRYPTOQUIP

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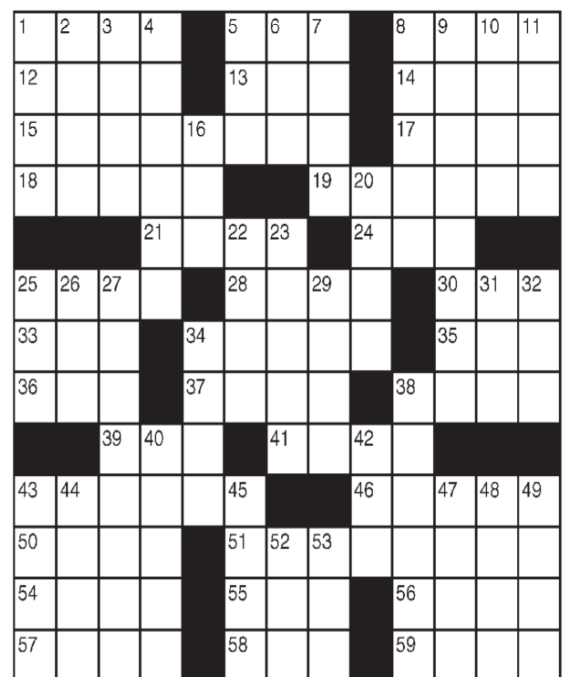
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| 1 Gush | 41 Campus VIP | 1 "Pygma-lion" writer | 20 October birthstone |
| 5 "Say what?" | 43 Light lunches | 2 Haydn nick-name | 22 Sunup |
| 8 Hoodlum | 46 Country estate | 3 K thru 12 | 23 Mor-timer the dummy |
| 12 Sainly ring | 50 Olympic speed skating | 4 Stereo component | 25 Existed |
| 13 Simile part | 51 Dove's medalist | 5 "Bali —" | 26 — Royal Highness |
| 14 Plotting saying | Jackson | 6 Aircraft carrier | 27 Utopian's vision |
| 15 Wise teeny bit | 51 Dove's belief | 7 Soccer star Mia | 29 Swiss artist Paul |
| 17 Teensy urchins | 54 Tree home | 8 Tropical fruit | 31 Buddy |
| 18 Street entrants | 55 Pi follower | 9 "Glass half-full" | 32 "Top Gun" target |
| 21 LAX postings | 56 Accomplishment | 10 Okla-homa | 34 Conked out |
| 24 "The Office" character | 57 Highland hats | 11 Aliases | 38 Takes a whiff of |
| 25 Blender sound | 58 "Rah!" tribe | | 40 Trousers |
| 28 Singer Paul | 59 Bygone fliers | | 42 Bird (Pref.) |
| 30 "Big Blue" | | | 43 Emailed |
| 33 Succor | | | 44 Bailiwick |
| 34 Reside | | | 45 Agile |
| 35 Lanka lead-in | | | 47 Fibs |
| 36 Away from NNW | | | 48 Future atty.'s exam |
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| 38 Urban haze | | | 52 "Caught ya!" |
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Jay County High School senior Aaron Funkhouser takes off on the final leg of the 4x400-meter relay Tuesday during the Patriot boys track team's 74-49 victory over the visiting Blackford Bruins. Funkhouser won the 100 dash and 400 dash.

Speed ...

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Jay County also racked up points in the field events, with Bryce Collins winning the shot put at 39 feet, 2 inches, to lead a sweep along with Sean Guntle and Joseph Kunk. Kunk took first in the discus at 111 feet, 5 inches, Knapschafer was first in the long jump at 17 feet, 4.5 inches and Kunkler hit a career-best height of 5 feet, 10 inches, to win the high jump. Kunkler also dominated the 300 hurdles, winning by nearly six seconds in 44.37 with teammate Adam Alig in second place. "His split was the second fastest split in the 4x4," said Imel of Kunkler. "His 300 hurdles was the fastest 300 hurdles he's ran by far." The Patriot girls were expected to be strong in the throwing events and junior Gabi Bilbrey did her part to

make sure that was the case. She was nearly 20 feet better than her closest competitor as she won the discus at 109 feet, 11 inches. And she launched the discus 33 feet to lead a sweep ahead of teammates Kylie Klopfenstein and Chelsea Frontz. Freshmen handled the jumps for JCHS, with Jenna Dues clearing the bar at 4 feet, 10 inches, to win the high jump and Morgan DeHoff leaping 13 feet, 9 inches, to go one-two with sophomore teammate Cash Hollowell (13 feet) in the long jump. DeHoff was a double winner in her varsity debut with her time of 18.17 in the 100 hurdles. Natalie Wehrly matched Bilbrey and DeHoff with two individual wins, dominating the 100 dash by 0.7 seconds in 13.54. She also took the top spot at 27.85 in the 200 dash.

Wehrly was part of four wins overall as she anchored the 4x100 relay and ran the lead lap for the 4x400 relay. Makinsey Murphy, Dues and DeHoff joined her in the former for a time of 47.54 while Breanne Siegrist, Muhlenkamp and Murphy teamed with her in the latter to finish in 4:42.27. "Natalie Wehrly is just a workhorse," Imel said. "She did extremely well. ... She's really strong." Senior Lindy Wood owned the 3,200 run, winning by about a half a lap as she finished in 13:07. Molly Muhlenkamp fought off a strong challenge from Blackford's Allie Clamme to take the 800 run by one second in 2:56. In the 4x800 relay, Lotta Berkert and Willow Hardy joined Wood and Muhlenkamp for a winning time of 11:33.22.

Falls ...

Continued from page 8
Jay County has hit two homers in each of its first two games of the year. (It smashed 35 home runs last season.) Mallory Winner shouldered the loss. She surrendered seven runs — four earned — on 12 hits. She struck out three and walked a pair.

FR girls cruise

ROCKFORD, Ohio — A dozen event wins carried the Fort Recovery girls track team to a victory in a three-team meet on Tuesday at Parkway. The Indians finished first against the New Bremen Cardinals and host Panthers. Fort Recovery's boys finished third. Final team scores were not provided.

Abbie Francis and Whitley Rammel each won a pair of events for the FRHS girls. Francis was first in both the 100-meter dash and the pole vault, while Rammel handled the high jump and shot put. Anna Roessner (200 dash), Megan Diller (800 run), Natalie Brunswick (1m600 run) and Mara Pearson (long jump) all had individual victories as well. The Tribe girls also swept all four relays. Trevor Heitkamp and Ross Pearson had two wins apiece for the boys. Heitkamp beat the field in the 1,600 run and 3,200 run. Pearson was first in high jump and the was only pole vault competitor. Reece Guggenbiller (100 dash) also won his event.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Thursday
Jay County — Softball at Delta — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis vs. Belmont — 5 p.m.; Track at Adams Central — 5:30 p.m.; Baseball at Elwood — 5:30 p.m.; JV softball at Delta — 6:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Delphos St. John's — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Delphos St. John's — 5:30 p.m.
Friday
Fort Recovery — Track at Celina Relays — 4:45 p.m.; Baseball vs. Houston — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Fort Loramie — 5 p.m.
Saturday
Jay County — Boys golf in Yorktown Invitational — 9 a.m.; Girls tennis vs. Hagerstown — 10 a.m.; Baseball vs. Mississinewa — 10 a.m.; JV baseball vs. Mississinewa — noon
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Ansonia — 11 a.m.; Softball at Franklin-Monroe — 3 p.m.
Monday
Jay County — Boys golf at Richmond — 5 p.m.; Baseball at Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Softball at Huntington North — 5:30 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Coldwater — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Southern Wells — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Tri-Village — 5 p.m.; Softball at St. Marys

Memorial — 5 p.m.; Junior high track at Versailles — 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
3 p.m. — UEFA Champions League Soccer: Real Madrid vs. Chelsea FC (CBS)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Masters Par-3 Contest (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Brooklyn Nets at New York Knicks (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at Washington Capitals (TNT)
8 p.m. — NHL hockey: Seattle Kraken at St. Louis Blues (BALLY)
10 p.m. — NHL hockey: Calgary Flames at Anaheim Ducks (TNT)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)
Thursday
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: The Masters — Round 1 (ESPN)
3 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — Martinsville qualifying (FS1)
5 p.m. — Men's college hockey: NCAA Tournament Frozen Four — Denver vs. Michigan (ESPN2)
5:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Xfinity Series — Call 811 Before You Dig 250 qualifying (FS1)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)
8 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — Martinsville (FS1)

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL SESSION

The Jay County Commissioners will meet in a special session Monday, April 11, 2022, at 4:00PM.

The meeting will be held in the commissioners' room on the second floor of the Jay County Courthouse at 120 N. Court Street, Portland, Indiana, 47371.

Emily Franks
Jay County Auditor
Date of Notice: April 6, 2022
CR 4-6-2022-HSPAXLP

Public Notice

NOTICE OF JOINT SPECIAL SESSION

Jay County Commissioners & Jay County Council
Monday, April 11, 2022 at 6:00PM

Jay County Courthouse Auditorium on the 1st floor of the Courthouse at 120 N. Court Street in Portland, Indiana.

They Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council will meet in special joint session on April 11, 2022 in the Jay County Courthouse Auditorium to discuss ARP funds.
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Sports

Speed and strength

Sprinters, field events carry Jay County past Blackford

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Joe Imel thought the Blackford boys' distance prowess would make for a nail-biter of an opening meet.

His own squad's speed in the sprints along with a strong evening in the field events made sure it wasn't.

Jay County High School's boys track team swept the sprints, sprint relays and field events as it opened the season with a 74-49 victory over the visiting Bruins.

The Patriot girls placed first in 11 of 15 events, including all of the field events, as they rolled to an 89-34 victory.

"I feel good about how we performed on the boys side," said Imel. "We did well. They ran times that I thought they were going to run. ... We got a (personal record) in high jump. ... We did well with the field (events). Sprints I knew we were going to be doing pretty well."

"The girls performed well. What I expected in field events happened."

Imel was right to be concerned about Blackford in the distance races. The Bruins swept the 1,600-meter run and took first and second places in both the 800 and 3,200.

But returning regional qualifier Aaron

Funkhouser set the tone for the Patriots in the sprints. He and teammate Christian Marentes went one-two in the 400 dash with times of 54.32 seconds and 58.3, respectively. (No one else broke the minute mark.) And he posted a time of 11.76 to take the top spot in the 100 dash.

Funkhouser also ran the anchor leg of the 4x400 relay, finishing off a big win. Dylan Knapschafer had given the Patriots the early lead, Marentes extended it and then Isaac Kunkler broke the race wide open. Kunkler was coming off of the final curve just as Blackford was entering it, giving Funkhouser a massive advantage en route to a 13-second win in 3 minutes, 47.01 seconds.

Adrek Pogue took care of the third individual sprinting event, winning the 200 dash by a half second in 24.44. He also ran the anchor leg of the 4x100 relay, joining Skyler Bee, Owen Ransom and Knapschafer for a winning time of 47.54.

"Adrek Pogue picking up that win in the 200-meter dash was really big for us," said Imel. "Also, the senior depth we have on the relays really helps out."

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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Bryce Collins, a Jay County High School senior, launches the shot put Tuesday. A first-year member of the Patriot boys track team, he led a sweep of the event with a distance of 39 feet, 2 inches.

Rally falls short

The Patriots had two more home runs. They could have benefitted from a few more.

Jay County High School's softball team lost a one-run lead in the top of the seventh inning and had a potential rally come up just short in a 7-6 loss to the Belmont Braves on Tuesday.

The loss drops the Patriots to 1-1 on the season ahead of a Thursday game against sectional rival Delta.

Trailing 4-3 after five innings, Jay County jumped out front 5-4 thanks to a pair of runs. Belmont answered, however, with a three-run seventh to lead 7-5, and the Patriots could manage just one run in the home half of the seventh.

Olivia Bright led the Patriot offense by going 2-for-4 with a home run, a double and four RBIs. Renna Schwieterman followed with a solo home run, while Riah Champ and Jaelynn Lykins each had doubles.

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