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## Road leads to Jay

### Yergy's opens a BBQ spot in Portland

By BAILEY CLINE

The Commercial Review

Adia and Matt Yergler take pride in serving authentic barbecue.

Matt smokes the meat while Adia whips up the sauces and sides.

Together they've been serving barbecue meals to Indiana communities for about nine years.

As of this month, they've got a permanent spot in Jay County.

The Yerglers launched a new location for their business, Yergy's State Road Barbecue, last weekend at 124 N. Commerce St., Portland. The building previously housed Snyder's Place, which also served barbecue.

Yergy's offers a variety of options, including ribs, pulled pork, pulled chicken and beef brisket. One of its most popular items is nachos, which come with pulled pork, pulled chicken or beef brisket, barbecue sauce and cheese — for a dollar more, customers can also add white onions and sour cream.

Fitting with its slogan, "Crossroads of American Barbecue," Yergy's takes inspiration from across the United States for meat preparation methods, offering Texas brisket and Kansas City style ribs. All sides and sauces are also created by Adia from original recipes.

One of Yergy's more unique items, Matt explained, is the smoked half-pound burger. For a larger sandwich, customers can also choose a "Bubba" burger, which comes with the half-pound burger, cheese and pulled pork, or a "Big Bubba," which is a half-pound burger topped with cheese, pulled pork and coleslaw.

"That fills you up and makes you want to take a nap afterwards," said Matt.

The Yerglers met in Boulder, Colorado. Adia, a Utah native, moved to Bluffton about 21 years ago to start a family with Matt. Their two sons, 19-year-old Brody and 15-year-old Bailey, work for the business. They also have a 10-year-old daughter, Gracey.



Photo provided

Yergy's State Road Barbecue is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. The Yerglers take inspiration from across the country for meat preparation methods, making Texas brisket and Kansas City style ribs.

Although they've been doing barbecue for just under a decade, the Yerglers owned a variety of establishments previously.

"We always had an entrepreneurial spirit, so we were dab-

bling around in different businesses," explained Matt.

In 2013, the Yerglers purchased a smoker to start preparing meat. They aided in the launch of a community center, Lot 49 Ministries, near

the Sleepy Hollow neighborhood in Bluffton. Matt started offering cookouts once a month for the ministry, which Adia credits as the start of his love for grilling and smoking meat.

See Road page 2

## Memorial services set for Monday

Residents of Jay County and the surrounding area will take time to honor those who gave their lives in service to their country.

The annual Memorial Day service led by Portland American Legion Post 211 is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Monday at Green Park Cemetery. Pastor Darrell Borders, a veteran, will be the speaker.

Various services are scheduled for the Redkey area, beginning at 9 a.m. at Claycomb Cemetery. A service will be held at the Redkey War Mother's Memorial Monument at 10 a.m., and another is set for 11:15 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery.

Tim McCaffery of Dunkirk American Legion Post 227 will officiate services at Dunkirk I.O.O.F. Cemetery. Gloria Hamilton will represent the clergy and there will also be military honors, a rifle firing line and a bugler.

The Memorial Day service at Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery will be at 2 p.m. Monday.

Ridgeville American Legion Post 507 will host various services beginning at 10 a.m. at Race Street Cemetery.

Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was first held on May 30, 1868, by order of Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic under General Order Number 11 "for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land." The first national celebration of the holiday was held at Arlington National Cemetery.

The national observance of the holiday was moved to the last Monday in May in 1971.

## Retrospect

### Council hosted art exchange

Thirty years ago this week, Jay County Arts Council was hosting an artist-in-residence for its summer cultural festival.

The May 30, 1992, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about the festival, The Irish Connection, which featured five Irish artists.

Gordon Woods, an artist from Northern Ireland, visited Jay County and put on a pair of workshops — "A Sense of Place" and "The Places We Live" — for the festival. He was working on a sculpture — "Irish Landscape" — at the Center for the Arts with rock, wood, bone, metal and peat.

His workshops for the festival were focused on getting area residents to celebrate the beauty of their home county.

"Actually, I have discovered the real America," Woods said of his short stay in Jay County. "I've just been bowled over. The architecture. The trees. The way people live."

Woods, who first earned an art teaching certificate for primary and secondary education from Stranmillis Training College in 1959, had visited Greece, China, France and Italy on study tours.

In Jay County, he visited area schools and swapped ideas with students "to give them a flavor for the workshops."

He planned to focus on cultural difference at workshops in Portland, Redkey and Fort Recovery and started an art exchange between Jay County children and Irish youngsters.

"It's one of these things that happens when you start doing things," said Woods, adding that he planned to display works by Jay County children in Ireland while sending Irish students' work for a local exhibit. "It's that interpretation that interests me. Then the kids over there get to respond. Then we get that back to Jay County, sort of full circle."

Woods expressed his desire to introduce children to art by focusing on ideas.

"Let's not make things, but let's make things that go places and do things," Woods said. "I'm not necessarily concerned with the method. I'm very concerned with the ideas. Ideas first. From the ideas, you can find the method."



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Artist Gordon Woods of Northern Ireland works on the sculpture "Irish Landscape" at the Center for the Arts in Portland on May 29, 1992.

### Deaths

**Megan Schultz**, 25, rural Redkey

Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 66 degrees Friday.

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high of 73. Skies will be sunny again Sunday, Monday and Tuesday with highs in the 80s. Tonight's low will be in the 50s, with lows in the 60s beginning Sunday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

Jay School Corporation's free summer meal program will begin Tuesday. Breakfast will be available from 8 to 9 a.m. on weekdays at Redkey and East Jay elementary schools, West Jay Community Center and Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at West Jay Community Center, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Redkey and East Jay, and 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the junior-senior high school.

Free meals are available to children 18 and younger.



# Children called, begging for help

By KEVIN RECTOR, JENNY JARVIE, RICHARD WINTON and HAYLEY SMITH  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

UVALDE, Texas — Children inside a Texas elementary school frantically called 911, begging for the police to save them, as a tactical decision by a commander kept 19 officers from storming a classroom in what a law enforcement official acknowledged on Friday was a mistake in judgment.

“Of course it wasn’t the right decision,” Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw said at a news conference, choking back tears. “It was the wrong decision. Period.”

With 19 officers, McCraw said, there were “plenty of officers to do whatever needed to be done.” But the commander inside — Pete Arredondo, the Uvalde Consolidated Independent School District chief of police — decided the team needed more equipment and officers to enter the classroom where the shooter was holed up. He said the team did not move to take out the gunman until a full U.S. Border Patrol tactical unit arrived.

Nineteen children and two teachers died in the massacre Tuesday.

The magnitude of the mistake became glaringly clear Friday as officials also shared details of the 911 calls from chil-

dren still alive in the barricaded classrooms.

At 12:03 p.m., McCraw said, a 911 caller whispered that she was in Room 112 and that multiple people were dead. Ten minutes later, she said eight or nine students were still alive.

More than half an hour later, a child calling from Room 111 said she could hear law enforcement officers next door.

“Please send the police now,” she pleaded.

McCraw did not say how many children might have been saved had officers entered immediately. He also did not spell out the degree to which the commander was aware of the children’s 911 pleas.

“Ultimately, this is tragic.

What do you tell the parents of 19 kids or the families of two teachers?” McCraw said. “We’re not here to defend what happened. We’re here to report the facts.”

McCraw emphasized that every officer in Texas has gone through active-shooter training and learns you go in without waiting — exactly the opposite of what officers did in Uvalde.

“Texas embraces active-shooter training, active-shooter certification,” McCraw said. “And that doctrine requires officers — we don’t care what agency you’re from, you don’t have to have a leader on the scene — every officer lines up, stacks up, goes and finds where those rounds are being fired at and keeps shooting until the subject is dead. Period.”

## Obituaries

### Megan Schultz

Megan Schultz, 25, rural Redkey, died Wednesday at her home in rural Redkey. She was a former resident of Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

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

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

## CR almanac

Sunday 5/29	Monday 5/30	Tuesday 5/31	Wednesday 6/1	Thursday 6/2
<b>82/65</b>	<b>87/68</b>	<b>88/70</b>	<b>86/61</b>	<b>75/56</b>
Sunday's weather looks like sunny skies, with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	Memorial Day should be sunny, with a high temperature around 87 degrees.	Another day of sunny skies is on the horizon for Tuesday, with a high in the upper 80s.	There's a 40% chance of rain Wednesday after 2 p.m. Otherwise, mostly sunny.	Another 40% chance of thunderstorms on Thursday.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 4-3-2 Daily Four: 6-3-9-5 Quick Draw: 3-5-10-11-13-21-27-28-29-43-46-47-49-58-59-62-63-66-72-75	Pick 4: 9-1-9-6 Pick 5: 4-0-2-1-9 Rolling Cash 5: 2-3-7-10-26 Estimated jackpot: \$140,000
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 0-3-0 Pick 4: 0-8-5-4 Pick 5: 3-8-5-2-2 Evening Pick 3: 7-1-6	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$150 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$157 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.97 June corn .....7.97 Wheat .....9.58	Wheat ..... 10.63 June wheat..... 11.04
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....8.02 June corn .....7.97 July corn.....8.00	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.69 June corn .....7.69 Beans .....17.42 June beans .....17.42 May wheat.....11.08
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.67 June corn .....7.77 Beans .....17.37 June beans .....17.42	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.52 June corn .....7.52 Beans .....17.37 June beans .....17.37 Wheat.....11.21

## Today in history

In 585, a solar eclipse interrupted a battle between Medes and Lydians in western Turkey.  
In 1742, the first indoor swimming pool opened in London.  
In 1788, the Federalist papers — a group of essays written by Alexander Hamilton, James Madison and Jay County’s namesake John Jay in support of the proposed U.S. Constitution — were published as a book.  
In 1851, the Ohio Women’s Rights Convention kicked off in Akron. It resolved to work toward gradual change and to urge religious groups, the press and legislatures to support women’s rights.  
In 1938, American baseball player, coach

and executive Jerry West was born.  
In 1961, human rights organization Amnesty International was founded in London. (It would win the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977.)  
In 2007, the seventh-ranked Jay County High School baseball team edged Elwood 3-2 in the sectional semifinal at Blackford.  
In 2021, Abbie Francis and Mara Pearson of Fort Recovery High School earned state berths with top-four finishes in the Division III regional meet at Troy. Pearson was the runner-up in the long jump while Francis finished third in the 100-meter dash.  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen’s calendar

<b>Tuesday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	<b>June 6</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland.
<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor’s office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St., Fort Recovery.

## Road ...

Continued from page 1  
At the time, the Yerglers owned a gas station in North Manchester. They started offering barbecue options at the store, and the business soon took off. They later sold their gas station and transferred operations to a food truck.

“We started setting up along the side of the road,” Matt said. “That’s why it’s called Yergy’s State Road Barbecue, because we’re always setting up on a state road somewhere.”

Their business continued to grow. In November 2016, the Yerglers opened a permanent location at 1415 S. Main St., Bluffton.

“We’ve been hitting it hard in the barbecue world ever since,” Matt said with a smile.

Recently the Yerglers had been looking into bringing their food truck to Portland. They posted to Facebook about visiting the area and received an abundance of supportive comments, along with multiple leasing offers from local property owners.

“I think that’s why we chose to come here too, because the support and the kindness and the people who are asking us to come out,” explained Adia. “The community was so excited of the thought of us coming here. So why not?”

The Yerglers announced their plans to open in Portland on April 1. They chose to lease from Steve Snyder, who ended up being their first customer at the Portland location last week.

Yergy’s State Road Barbecue is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursdays through Saturdays. Although they’re only open for a few days through the week, Matt noted barbecuing takes preparation and work, adding that typical barbecue establishments in southern states



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Yergy’s State Road Barbecue recently opened at 124 N. Commerce St. in Portland. Adia and Matt Yergler (pictured) offer smoked or grilled meats at the establishment, which aims to serve authentic barbecue.

are open similar days. In addition to its regular menu, the business also offers catering.

“We want to serve the communities that we’re in,” said Matt, pointing to his family’s faith. “We want

to bring glory to God in the way that we do ... we do it through barbecue. We take great pride in our food, in our barbecue. We try to do it the right way, and we just hope people are happy.”

## McCarthy signals he won’t honor subpoena

By BILLY HOUSE  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — House Republican Leader Kevin McCarthy says a harmful precedent would be set if he and four other Republicans complied with their subpoenas to testify from the congressional panel investigating the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol.

“For House Republican leaders to agree to participate in this political stunt would change the House forever,” McCarthy and fellow House Republican Jim Jordan insist in a Wall Street Journal guest editorial.

A committee spokesman, Tim Mulvey, had no response.

The column, posted Thursday night, comes as McCarthy, Jordan and the other subpoenaed Republicans who are allies of former President Donald Trump — Scott Perry of Pennsylvania, Mo Brooks of Alabama and Andy Biggs of Arizona — this week began to hit dates by

which they were subpoenaed earlier this month to testify, but none have done so.

Whether this sets up a legal showdown is uncertain. The committee has pressed contempt of Congress action against four other non-lawmakers who have snubbed its subpoenas, including onetime Trump adviser Steve Bannon and Trump’s last White House chief of staff, Mark Meadows.

McCarthy argues with Jordan that coercing information from sitting members of Congress about their official duties “is a dangerous abuse of power, serves no legitimate legislative purpose, and eviscerates constitutional norms.”

“Every representative in the minority would be subject to compelled interrogations by the majority, under oath, without any foundation of fairness, and at the expense of taxpayers. The American people deserve better than Democrats’ weaponization of its majority rule,” the lawmakers write.

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To wed in August



Zachary Watson and Lauren Haggenjos

Zachary  
Watson and  
Lauren Haggenjos

Lauren Haggenjos and Zachary Watson recently announced their engagement. They're planning an August wedding.

Lauren is 2009 graduate of Jay County High School. She graduated cum laude from the University of Evansville in 2013 with a bachelor's degree in theatre education with a minor in English. Lauren is a senior training specialist with Bristol Myers Squibb Cell Therapy in Seattle, Washington.

Zachary is a 2009 graduate of Rincon High School in Tucson, Arizona. He graduated from Northern Arizona University in 2014. Zachary holds a bachelor's degree in biology with a focus in conservation biology. He is an implementation manager with NAVEX in Seattle, Washington, and is a published ornithologist.

Lauren is the daughter of Doctor Mark Haggenjos and Donna Haggenjos of Portland. Zachary is the son of Deborah Watson of Tucson, Arizona.

Ice cream  
museum will  
open in July

By KAYLA SAMOY  
Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — Here's the scoop: the Museum of Ice Cream is opening in Chicago on July 16, inviting visitors to embark on a Willy Wonka-esque journey through Instagram-worthy interactive installations.

The sweets-themed exhibit has attracted around 2 million visitors at seven other locations. The Chicago version will include a dessert-themed indoor carnival with a cookie carousel and fun house mirror maze, as well as a balloon room with an ice cream angel in a sea of pink clouds.

Of course, there will be

plenty of treats to indulge in at the five dessert stations, including ice cream hot dogs and shaved ice. Adults can even enjoy cocktails, while there are also vegan and allergen-free options for those with dietary restrictions.

The museum also hinted at holiday-themed celebrations later this year, like its Pinkmas holiday event and Museum of I Scream Halloween event.

**If you go**  
**Where:** Tribune Tower, 435 North Michigan Ave., Chicago  
**Tickets:** For the opening weekend, June 16-17, tickets go on sale May 18 at 10 a.m. at museumoficecream.com.

Woman constantly revisits past decisions

DEAR ABBY: I'm a divorced woman, soon to be 60, who is often haunted by vivid memories of the past. I constantly recall times in my life that I regret or cringe about, and things I wish I would have handled better. They range from being embarrassed at my 7th birthday party to being bullied from the 5th through 8th grades to awkward moments in high school to parenting decisions I wish I'd made differently.

These memories play over and over like videos in my mind, causing me to feel the emotions again and again. I've been through therapy three times in three cities over the past 24 years. One therapist even used eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR), all to no avail. I know I can't go back and change any poor choices or bad decisions, but how can I stop torturing myself over them?

Dear  
Abby



Also, would you say it's normal for people my age to have such vivid memories of what others might have let go of decades ago?  
— PRISONER OF THE PAST

**DEAR PRISONER:** People of every age have been known to revisit the past. Some have "conversations" with deceased parents, divorced husbands, old loves, etc. A technique that might help you would be to get up and move from wherever you are when those flashbacks happen to a new location. Take a 30-

minute walk in the sunshine and smell the roses. Count your blessings. And say **ALOUD** to yourself, "That was **THEN**. This is **NOW**." It is not possible to think of two things at once. Please try it. It's cheaper than yet another therapist, and it works.

**P.S. You are not a "prisoner" of your unhappy past; you CONQUERED it. Congratulations.**

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**DEAR ABBY:** I recently married a younger lady and want to know the best way to get her to put her phone down, because she's texting about 10 hours a day. She works from home now, and if she isn't working, she's texting. I feel like I can't compete, and I'm not sure what to do about it. Please help. — **FIGHTING ABOUT THE PHONE**

**DEAR FIGHTING:** Tell

your wife you feel like you are in competition with her cellphone, and you don't like coming out second best. Many people become so caught up in their electronic devices that their relationships suffer, which is why apps have been created that make the addicted more aware of how much time is spent on them. Using the "focus" and "do not disturb" features can also be helpful. I suggest that your wife start using one of them before your marriage deteriorates further.

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**DEAR ABBY:** While driving our car to a babysitting gig, our teenage daughter was asked by the parents to stop at a pizza place and pick up lunch for their child. While pulling into the restaurant's parking garage, she

hit a post, which caused significant damage to the bumper. Should she tell the parents with any expectation that they should offer to pay for some of the repair or is this all on her?  
— **WORK-RELATED IN THE WEST**

**DEAR WORK-RELATED:** I'm sorry, but your daughter should not expect the parents to pay for her fender bender. She can certainly tell them what happened — if she hasn't already — but with **NO** expectation that they will help her pay to have her bumper repaired.

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

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

Reunions

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-7209.

Jay County High School Class of 1997 will hold its 25th reunion at 7 p.m. June 11 at Jay County Event Center.

Saturday

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**MARKET** — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday at in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

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.

**PING PONG** — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon

each Monday at Jay Community Center.

**EUCHRE** — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

**PREGNANCY CARE CENTER** — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

**BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL** — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

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

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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

Tuesday

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

**JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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# Honor our special operations forces

By NATE LAMAR

Recently, on behalf of my employer, I attended the Special Operations Forces Industry Conference (SOFIC) in Tampa.

It is usually held there, due to nearby MacDill Air Force Base being the headquarters of the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM).

USSOCOM is the Combatant Command over the Army's Special Operations Command (Special Forces "Green Berets"), Rangers and Psychological Operations (PSYOPs); the Naval Special Warfare Command (SEALS); the Marine Corps Forces Special Operations Command (Raiders); the Air Force Special Operations Command

**Nate LaMar**



(Air Commandos); the Joint Special Operations Command (JSOC); and Joint Special Operations University.

The need for a joint command structure was made clear in 1980 following a disastrous attempt to rescue American hostages from the U.S. Embassy in Iran. This was known as Operation Eagle Claw.

As shown during Operation Eagle Claw, special operations do not work well in "silos" apart from each other. Hence the creation of JSOC and eventually USSOCOM as the 4-star echelon command to ensure each service has the necessary forces properly manned, trained, and equipped for execution of special operations.

Similarly, we learned on Sept. 11, 2001, that the various parts of our intelligence community had created silos and communication was lacking.

There is a quote often misattributed to George Orwell which says, "We sleep soundly in our beds because rough men stand ready in the night to visit

violence on those who would do us harm." The operators of USSOCOM are those men at the tip of the spear who stand between our nation and the evil men who seek to harm not only its people, but also the very foundation of liberty on which it was built.

The highlight of this business trip was, one evening, visiting a friend who took me to the Special Operations Memorial at MacDill Air Force Base. It was very touching to see the names of many who had fallen, some of whom were unable to be publicized, at the time, due to the nature of their missions. If seen from above, the memorial is built in the shape of USSO-

COM's spear symbol, as special operations forces are the "tip of the spear" in most military actions. There are many memorials like this one around our nation, including in our own community, which bear the names of those who paid the ultimate price to allow us to gather at events like this.

On this Memorial Day, let us especially remember the rough men, at the tip of the spear, who gave their lives to allow us to sleep soundly at night.

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*LaMar, an international manager, also serves as Military Academy Liaison Officer (West Point recruiter) for east central and southeastern Indiana.*

## Victory is long overdue

The Seattle Times  
Tribune News Service

America didn't invent soccer, but this nation has taken global leadership in making the world's game truly equitable.

A May 18 collective bargaining deal solidified an arrangement a long time coming: equal pay for the men's and women's national soccer teams. It is staggering to contemplate how slow this progress has been.

The Women's World Cup — which the U.S. Women's National Team has won four times — has been a global event since 1991.

Yet, three decades later, it still took protracted negotiations and a lawsuit, settled in February, for America to become the first nation to equalize pay for its international soccer representatives.

The movement needs to go global.

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The new landmark agreement will pool FIFA's unequal payouts so each player on a U.S. World Cup team, men's or women's, gets an equal share of the collective prize money.

Extra bonuses for wins have also been equalized between teams, ending the upside-down reality where the women's side was given short shrift despite winning more. About time.

"It's just a little bit surreal," star winger and Seattleite Megan Rapinoe told The Philadelphia Inquirer. Who could blame her for needing a moment to adjust to such a historic correction?

Another well-considered element of the bargain between U.S. Soccer and the respective national teams: the men's team will have federation-provided child care, as the women's team has for 25 years.

These significant strides toward ending

## Guest Editorial

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senseless and outdated gender biases are years overdue.

However, they arrive just in time to resonate powerfully as American soccer takes another leap forward in prominence.

In 2026, stadiums across the U.S. — potentially including Lumen Field — will host men's World Cup games, which have not been played on American soil since 1994.

The host role will put a powerful spotlight on America's advance in soccer gender equity; co-hosts Canada and Mexico — and the rest of the soccer, football and fútbol world — should follow suit.



## Lack of college grads hurts economy

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

Whenever I explain why Indiana needs more kids to attend college, I get some version of the comment, "a young person doesn't need college to do well; we need more people in the trades." While it is true for a few talented individuals, that is not true for a city or state. Economists call this the "fallacy of composition," which I can explain with a few facts.

In a typical year, more than 85,000 Hoosiers turn 18 years old. Of these, fewer than 75,000 finish high school, and of these fewer than 42,000 head to college. Ultimately, about 60% of those will complete their degree. That means the state's pipeline of college-educated workers is today about 27,000 per year. However, the net loss from brain drain is about 10% and growing. That means Indiana can expect only about 25,000 college graduates per year to finish college and live in Indiana.

This is an economic development disaster. To see how this hobbles Indiana, we should consider how national labor markets value education.

Nationwide, about eight in 10 of all net new jobs go to four-year college graduates. The remaining two in 10 jobs go to those who hold either an associate degree or have been to some college. This means that if Indiana were growing like the national economy, all the new job growth would go to those who'd been to college. Demand for workers who haven't been to college would be limited to replacing positions of retiring non-college workers.

In a typical year, roughly 25,000 retiring workers hold a high school diploma or less, but Indiana's educational system delivers roughly 40,000 workers with no college plans. However, in that same year, about 31,000 retiring workers hold at least some postsecondary education (either some college or a degree). The reason there are more retiring workers with degrees is that maybe half the folks holding a high school degree or less don't work.

This means that Indiana oversupplies the market for non-college-educated workers by about 15,000 kids each year, and undersupplies college graduates by about 6,000 kids. That in part is why so many people who haven't been to college never work, and why almost everyone with a college degree does. These facts explain nearly all of the slow growth that plagues Indiana's economy. They also

explain why wages are declining for the oversupplied non-college-graduate, and why businesses needing lots of college graduates will choose to locate in places outside of Indiana.

The math surrounding job openings in the skilled trades should silence those who think they offer a meaningful option for most Hoosier students.

Today, Indiana has about 36,000 adults in the skilled trades: carpenters, plumbers, masons and electricians. Most of these workers earn good money, have reasonable job security and see opportunity for upward mobility. There is abundant opportunity for owning a business or doing specialty work within the trade. For an individual, the skilled trades are as fine and honorable a career choice as anything available.

Of those 36,000 trade workers, 2 to 3% retire each year, and a few change jobs, mostly into other trades. Over the past 20 years, the number of jobs for the skilled trades has declined by about 0.5% each year. That means that of those 40,000 Hoosiers turning age 19 next year who won't be in college, maybe 1,000 jobs in the trades will become available. That is roughly the same number of Ph.D.s awarded in the state each year. I'd encourage any young person who is interested to earn a doctorate or master's trade. Both are great options for a smart, hardworking young person, but together will only account for about 2.5% of job openings each year.

Now, I know some folks will still argue, "but I cannot find a plumber; we need more kids in the trades." That's simply mistaken. Since 2000, employment in the skilled trades in Indiana is down more than 10%. Brick mason employment is down 29.3%, electricians down 4.9%, carpenters down 15.4% and plumbers down 9.2%. Wages in each of these trades are also down, at an inflation-adjusted average of 11.2% since 2000. As high school economics classes make clear, when employment shrinks and wages are down, there's not a labor shortage.

**Michael J. Hicks**



The fact is that Indiana is chock full of other occupations that will decline in number over the coming generation. Over the next two decades, Indiana will have fewer factory jobs, fewer transportation jobs and fewer construction jobs than are available today. Basically, every job that requires only a high school diploma or less is at risk of long-term job losses.

The simplest economic argument for sending more Hoosier kids to college is that it is where the jobs of the future will be.

There is yet another benefit of having a better-educated state. Wages for workers without a college degree are higher in places that also have a larger share of college grads. For example, for a construction worker, moving to a county with 10% more college graduates would boost their income by more than 10% or roughly \$6,000 per year.

The best way to boost wages for those without a college degree is to surround them with more college graduates. This is also the best way to boost your local population growth. Nationwide, 43% of population growth occurred in the top 10% of counties by educational attainment. Only five of those counties are in Indiana. The problem of oversupplying low-skilled workers and undersupplying high-skilled workers is not just an individual problem for Hoosier workers. It means that only a few select parts of Indiana will enjoy economic or population growth. The rest of the state will suffer economic decline.

Let me write this as plainly as I can. As long as Indiana continues to undersupply college graduates to the modern economy and oversupply those who haven't gone to college, we will slip farther and farther behind the national average. Fixing this won't be easy, inexpensive or quick. Even with dramatic improvements, we are decades away from making it to "average" in terms of educational attainment or per capita incomes. It is a sad thing to admit that getting to "average" is an aspirational goal.

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## Bracy places 12th

Samuel Bracy of Jay County High School placed 12th among 67 competitors as he competed in business law and ethics at the Business Professionals of America National Conference May 4 through 8 in Dallas.

# Weaver leaving bank after 50 years

A longtime employee of First Bank of Berne is retiring.

CeAnn Weaver, the organization's marketing and administrative assistant, announced that she will be retiring June 3 after 50 years.

Weaver, a lifelong Adams County resident who has served under five bank presidents, started at First Bank of Berne a week after graduating from South Adams High School in May 1972. She worked in bookkeeping and has been involved in nearly every department over the last five decades, including as assistant operations officer and assistant vice president.

She has also assisted with the First Bank of Berne Swiss Days race since its inception in 1974.

"I have made many friends over my years at the bank and will miss those daily connections," Weaver said in a press release. "I never thought when I started in 1972 that I would be here 50 years later."

### Ribbon cutting set

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting next week for Living in Joy and Bizzy Dips Bakery and Coffee Shop in Dunkirk.

The ribbon cutting for the businesses is scheduled for noon Friday. They are moving in to the former Webster Depot build-

## Business roundup

ing at 132 W. Railroad St. in Dunkirk.

### 20,000 collected

First Financial Bank collected more than 20,000 books in April to celebrate Financial Literacy Month.

Books were collected at the bank's branches in Indiana, including Portland, Ohio, Illinois and Kentucky. They will be donated to schools, libraries, churches and other organizations.

"We are incredibly grateful to have received such a positive response from our neighbors in this effort," said bank chief corporate responsibility officer Roddell McCullough in a press release. "Literacy, and specifically financial literacy, are central to a person's financial well-being. Helping others to improve their financial wellness is just the type of impact we strive for among our friends and neighbors in the community."

### KPC sells

KPC Media announced recent-

ly that the organization is being purchased by Fort Wayne Newspapers.

The News Sun (Kendallville) editor Steve Garbacz, who started his career at The Commercial Review, reported the acquisition May 18. Fort Wayne Newspapers is a partnership between The News Publishing Co., owned by The Ogden Newspapers of Wheeling, West Virginia, and the Journal Gazette Co. of Fort Wayne.

KPC publishes three daily newspapers — The Star in DeKalb County, The Herald Republican in Steuben County and The News Sun in Noble and LaGrange counties — and several other weeklies.

"With Fort Wayne Newspapers at the helm, Northeast Indiana can count on a continuation of the long tradition of journalism-based public service in the years to come," said Richard Stolz, KPC's president.

### Scout has signed

Scout Clean Energy announced recently that it has signed an agreement with First Solar to purchase 378 megawatts of thin film photovoltaic (PV) solar modules.

Scout, which owns and operates Bluff Point Wind Energy Center in Jay County and is developing Sun Chief Solar as

well, is in the process of developing a 12,000-megawatt portfolio of solar PV, battery storage and onshore wind projects in 21 states. It plans to use the First Solar modules to begin construction on several projects in 2024.

"We're excited to partner with First Solar as we continue to develop and grow our portfolio of solar PV assets across the U.S.," said Michael Rucker, founder and CEO of Scout Clean Energy, in a press release.

### Ardagh converts

Ardagh Group has partnered with Buske Logistics and Shoppa's Material Handling to convert its fleet of propane vehicles to electric vehicles at its distribution center in Fairfield, California.

Ardagh, which operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, expects to save 30,000 gallons of liquid propane per year with the change.

"As a leading global supplier of infinitely recyclable, sustainable glass packaging, Ardagh closely monitors our energy consumption and strives to reduce our environmental impact on our communities," said Alex Winters, Chief Sustainability Officer for Ardagh Glass Packaging. "This fleet electrification project in Fairfield is the result

of dedicated Ardagh logistics professionals collaborating cross-functionally to ensure we are minimizing our impact on the environment, resulting in more sustainable and efficient operations."

### Chamber offering

Indiana Chamber of Commerce is offering a Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) seminar June 22 at Indiana Chamber Conference Center in Indianapolis. (A virtual option is also available.)

Ogletree Deakins law firm will lead the seminar about FMLA, which applies to companies with 50 or more employees and all schools and public agencies. Attendees will review real-life scenarios and get an overview on FMLA including eligibility, types of leave, qualifying conditions and job protection.

"This is one of our most important business and HR offerings of the year and is a great resource for employers to stay up to date and to protect themselves," says Kerri Begley, Indiana Chamber vice president of business education and events. "Ogletree Deakins' attorneys specializing in FMLA will lead the training and share insights that can enhance attendees' FMLA efforts."



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## Bank donates

First Bank of Berne recently donated \$500 to Dunkirk Historical Society. Pictured, Tracy Carpenter of First Bank of Berne presents the check to historical society board member and volunteer Larry Spade.

# Broadcom to buy VMware

By DINA BASS  
and LIANA BAKER  
Bloomberg News  
Tribune News Service

Broadcom Inc. agreed to buy cloud-computing company VMware Inc. for about \$61 billion, sealing one of the largest technology deals in history and advancing the chipmaker's quest to become a force in corporate software.

VMware shareholders can choose to receive either \$142.50 in cash or 0.2520 shares of Broadcom stock for each VMware share, according to a statement on Thursday. The offer represents about a 44% premium to VMware's closing price on May 20, the last trading day before Bloomberg News reported the takeover talks.

The deal marks the biggest-ever takeover for a semiconductor maker and extends an acquisition spree for Broadcom Chief Executive Officer Hockley Tan, who has built one of the largest and most diver-

sified companies in the industry. VMware bolsters Broadcom's software offerings — a key part of Tan's strategy in recent years. He acquired corporate-software maker CA Technologies in 2018 and Symantec Corp.'s enterprise security business in 2019.

Broadcom's offer — coming during a market downturn for tech stocks — has the support of key VMware shareholders Michael Dell and Silver Lake, and includes a so-called go-shop provision that allows VMware to solicit competing offers.

VMware will be required to pay a \$1.5 billion breakup fee if it backs out of the deal, unless it secures a superior agree-

ment by July 5. Then the amount will be just \$750 million. Broadcom must pay VMware \$1.5 billion if it terminates the deal or if the transaction fails to get regulatory clearance.

VMware shares gained 3.2% to \$124.36 at the close in New York on Thursday. Broadcom rose 3.6% to \$550.66.

Broadcom, one of the most valuable companies in the chip industry, sells components for everything from the iPhone to industrial equipment. But it's seeing some of its biggest growth from data centers — the massive server hubs that power cloud-computing services — and bulking up on software helps it further serve that market.

## Record deal for chipmaker is worth about \$61 billion

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: ADVENTURE BOOK WRITTEN ABOUT ACTRESS LAUREN'S FIVE-WEEK NATURE HIKE: "BACALL OF THE WILD."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: X equals A

5-30 CRYPTOQUIP

R W V H C T L K Y W W Q B S L B
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B S T U R L H: S L I B U J P Q Q A H D.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IN ALL THE SCHOOLS THE UNLUCKY PRINCIPAL WORKED AT, HE ALWAYS LOST CONTROL OF HIS FACULTIES.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals O

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to cycling.
A. 15 9 26 20 8
B. 11 1 11 8 17
C. 2 17 18 26 8 6
D. 17 3 17 9 11 20 6 17

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cycling.
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Guess Who?
I am a retired football player born in Tennessee on May 28, 1986. I struggled to find food and shelter as a child. I was adopted by a loving family who helped me start my football career. My life inspired a book and subsequent movie.

kids' corner
TRUE OR FALSE? IT TAKES ROUGHLY 20 MINUTES OF REGULAR DAILY ACTIVITY (WALKING, SWEEPING, ETC.) TO BURN 100 CALORIES.

FOOD FACT!
TRUE OR FALSE? IT TAKES ROUGHLY 20 MINUTES OF REGULAR DAILY ACTIVITY (WALKING, SWEEPING, ETC.) TO BURN 100 CALORIES.

What's the Difference?
There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?
Picture A: A group of children in a dance studio.
Picture B: A group of children in a dance studio with some changes.

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MAY 27
1703: TSAR PETER THE GREAT FOUNDS THE CITY OF SAINT PETERSBURG.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Misery
4 Former polit. divisions
8 "Casa-blanca" role
12 Annoy
13 "For — the Bell Tolls"
14 Body powder
15 Race segment
16 Tiny bit
17 Winged
18 1967 Sidney Poitier film
21 Gore and Green
22 Attempt
23 Apple intruders
26 Thumbs-up
27 Actress Thurman
30 Charitable donations
31 Jam ingredient?
32 Ray of McDonald's
33 Ballot markings
34 Male cat
35 Child's play
36 "30 Rock" role
37 Texter's chuckle
38 1962 Sidney Poitier film
45 Verdi opera
46 — Hari
47 Not "agin"
48 Skewer
49 Like custard
50 Calendar abbr.
51 Casual tops
52 Asian nation
53 — Kippur
DOWN
1 Droop
2 Sandwich treat
3 Heart charts (Abbr.)
4 Marble cake
5 Exhibits
6 Indian flatbread
7 Slight amount
8 Pisa's land
9 Film composer
10 Serb or Croat
11 Farmland unit
19 Pet food brand
20 Day divs.
23 Candle dripping
24 Flamenco cheer
25 Apt. divisions
26 Candied veggie
27 Coffee vessel
28 Soft shoe, for short
29 Köln cry
31 Mexican resort
32 Metric weight
34 Frank McCourt memoir
35 Patients' shares
36 Exams for future attys.
37 "Unhand me!"
38 Bygone days
39 Mature
40 Emmy-winner Falco
41 Sitar music
42 Dubious
43 Octavia's spouse
44 Svelte

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-53.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Detection through deduction
South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠K 8, ♥Q 7 5 3, ♦Q 9 6, ♣A K 10 4
WEST: ♠10 5, ♥A K J 10 2, ♦7 4, ♣8 7 6 2
EAST: ♠9 7 6 4 3 2, ♥8 6 4, ♦5 2, ♣Q 3
SOUTH: ♠A Q J, ♥A Q, ♦A K J 10 8 3, ♣A J 9 5
The bidding: South 1♦, West 1♥, North 2♣, East Pass. South 3♣, West Pass, North 5♦, East Pass. Opening lead: king of hearts.

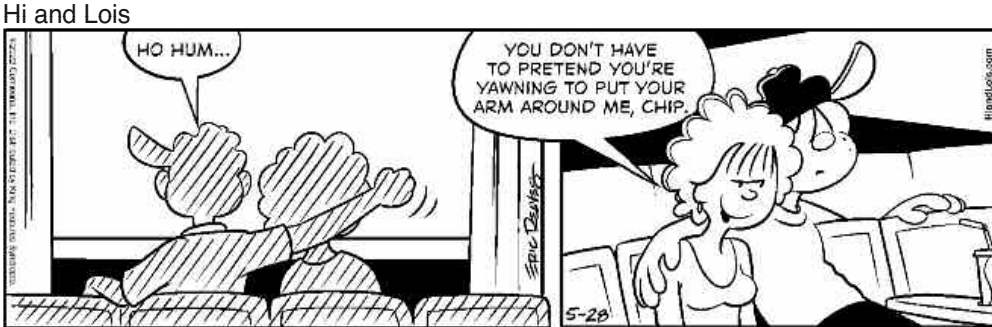
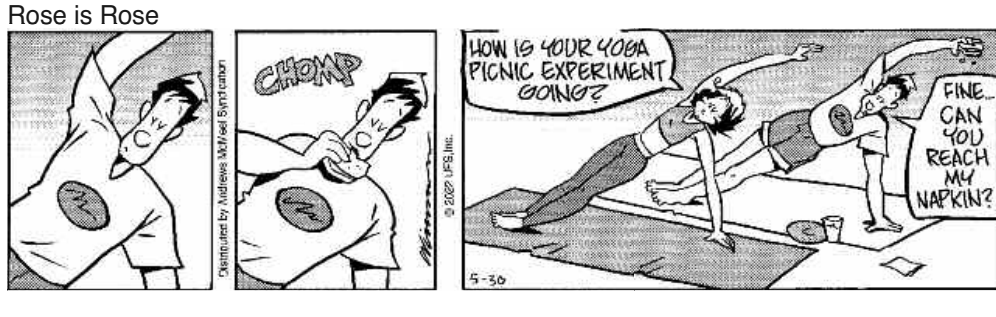
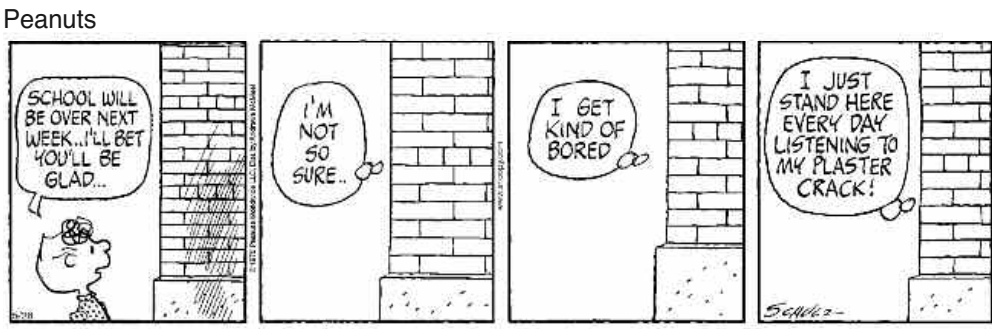
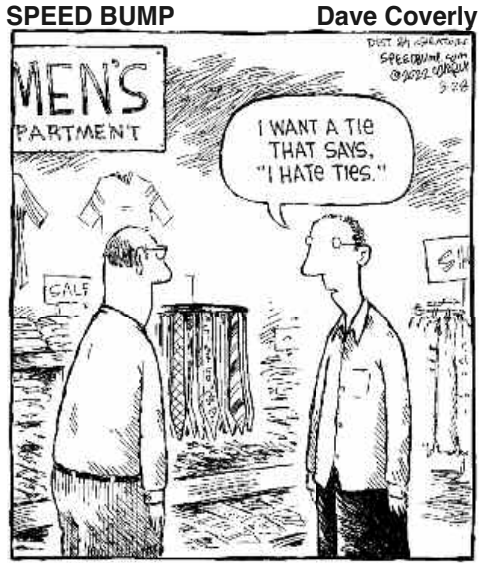
Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand
South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.
NORTH: ♠K 9 2, ♥K 7 6 2, ♦A J 4 3, ♣A 4
WEST: ♠A J 8 5 3, ♥Q 5 3, ♦10 9, ♣7 5 3
EAST: ♠Q 10 7 6 4, ♥4, ♦K 7 6 5 2, ♣Q 6
SOUTH: ♠—, ♥A J 10 9 8, ♦Q 8, ♣K J 10 9 8 2
The bidding: South 1♥, West Pass, North 2♣, East Pass. South 3♣, West Pass, North 5♥, East Pass. Opening lead: ten of diamonds. This hand was played many years ago by all-time great Sidney Silodor. He was declarer in six hearts, and West led the ten of diamonds. It seemed highly unlikely that East had the king of diamonds, so South's chief problem was to escape a trump loser. Silodor solved the problem in unique fashion. He won the diamond lead with the ace, played a heart to the ace, returned the jack of hearts and finessed after West followed low. After the jack held, he cashed the king, ran six club tricks discarding dummy's remaining diamonds — and so made seven. How did Silodor know he should finesse West for the heart queen? Why did he go against the odds, which favor playing for the queen to fall under the ace-king when holding nine cards in a suit? Well, there's one tiny item we forgot to mention. On the ace of diamonds, Silodor had dropped his queen! Silodor didn't really know who had the queen of hearts, but his method of play was designed to make the slam whether East or West had it. Suppose, after he had dropped the queen of diamonds and played the trumps as he did, East had turned up with the queen of hearts. Silodor would have lost a trump trick, it's true, but what would East have done next? East almost surely would not have played the king of diamonds. He most likely would have assumed his partner had led from the 10-9-8 and that declarer's queen was a singleton. He probably would have returned a spade to his partner's hoped-for ace — unless he had the ace himself, in which case he might well have tried to cash it. Had Silodor finessed the opening diamond lead and lost to East's king, he might or might not have guessed the trump position later on, but the way he played the hand, he was an overwhelming favorite to make the slam. Tomorrow: An unusual defense.

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Protrude
4 Tolerate
9 "Terrific"
12 Santa — winds
13 Bad habits
14 Co. that created Watson
15 Employee's set of values
17 "Yucky!"
18 Business mag
19 Barbecues
21 Hall & Oates, e.g.
24 Gare du — (Paris train station)
25 Turkish title
26 Aachen article
28 Floored
31 Seized vehicle
33 Neither here — there
35 Sushi wrapper
36 Stays fresh
38 — Moines
40 2016 Olympics city
41 Oboe insert
43 Ship of fuels
45 Game show prize
47 Tennis feat
48 Sean — Lennon
49 Durable thing
54 Aleppo's land (Abbr.)
55 A year in Paris
56 Sharing word
57 Tibetan bovine
58 You'll get a rise out of it
59 Not 'neath
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1 Mandible
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8 Real estate account
9 Off-site research
10 First victim
11 Upscale wheels
16 Josh
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21 Picnic spot
22 Curved molding
23 Clerical task
27 Silent assent
29 Canal of song
30 Couturier Christian
32 Oil cartel
34 Studio do-overs
37 Ocean lane
39 Potpourri pouch
42 Unmanned plane
44 "The Matrix" character
45 Prying
46 "May It Be" singer
50 Genetic letters
51 Kanga's kid
52 Novelist Grafton
53 Blunder

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-59.



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Mara Pearson, a Fort Recovery High School sophomore, gets a high five after hearing the announcement of her distance on her final leap Friday at the Division III regional track meet at Troy. She flew 17 feet, 8 1/4 inches, a school record, to earn the regional championship and a berth in next week's OHSAA Track and Field State Finals.

# Clutch championship

*Fort Recovery's Pearson comes through on final leap to win title; Francis also earns state berth; Heitkamp hopeful for provisional*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

TROY, Ohio — Mara Pearson's uniform was still soaking wet.

Wet sand was still clinging to her legs.

But her face? It was beaming.

Pearson, a Fort Recovery High School sophomore, came through in the clutch Friday night, launching herself a school record 17 feet, 8 1/4 inches, to snatch the regional long jump championship in the Division III meet at Troy.

“Oh, that was awesome,” said Pearson, who took some time between preliminaries and finals to brush wet sand off of her legs and shake it out of her shoes. “It felt good.”

“My second jump of prelims I felt it, but I had a foul. But this one, I wasn't nervous. It was awesome. Having everyone around, it was great.”

Senior Abby Francis joined Pearson in earning a state berth thanks to her regional runner-

up finish in the 200-meter dash.

Trevor Heitkamp came agonizingly close to a guaranteed trip to Columbus as he placed fifth in the boys 3,200 run in a school-record time. (The top four finishers in each event advance to the state finals, which will be contested June 3 and 4 at Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.) But FRHS coach Christy Diller said Friday night she believes he will get one of the two available provisional spots

— they will be made official today — to fill out the state finals field.

If Heitkamp advances it would give Fort Recovery four athletes at the state finals in individual events, as Whitley Rammel had already qualified with a second-place finish in the shot put during the first day of the regional meet Wednesday.

“I'm pretty happy. We just had a great night,” said FRHS coach Christy Diller, whose girls team

tallied 36 points to place seventh out of 42 scoring teams. (Minster won the regional title with 62 points, followed by Coldwater at 50.5 and Marion Local at 50 as the Midwest Athletic Conference took four of the top seven spots.) “I'm just so proud of our kids. They just stepped up. Every kid we took the regional meet came home with a medal (top-eight finish) this year. What more can you ask for? It was a great night.”

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## Spieth lurking at Colonial

By DREW DAVISON

Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Tribune News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Jordan Spieth isn't going into the weekend with the lead, but he's feeling good about his chances to win another plaid jacket at the Charles Schwab Challenge.

Spieth, a native of Texas who played for UT Austin, posted a bogey-free, 4-under 66 Friday, putting him four shots off the lead. Fellow Longhorn Scottie Scheffler, the top-ranked player in the world, is among the leaders at 9-under alongside another UT product, Beau Hossler, and Scott Stallings.

As always, though, Spieth is a player to watch to make a weekend run.

“I feel good just because the ball-striking has been really solid for me,” Spieth said. “I feel good about being able to adapt, make adjustments and strike it better on the weekend. Then the hole is starting to look bigger and bigger.”

“I feel good about tackling this place in some tough conditions.”

Those conditions involve wind gusts of up to 30 mph over the weekend. That could lead to some high scores, given Colonial's tight fairways and small greens.

Spieth said if he duplicated his 5-under score from the opening two rounds that it may be enough to win a second plaid jacket.

“I think I can shoot 5-under on the weekend, and I think you're looking at that being — with what's forecasted, something around what you need,” said Spieth, who won in 2016 and has three runner-up finishes (2015, 2017, 2021).

A score of only 10-under last won this event in 2017 when Kevin Kisner was crowned champion. Spieth finished one stroke back that year.

Regardless of what the number is by Sunday afternoon, Spieth has momentum going into the weekend. He played solidly all day Friday, starting off on No. 10 and opening with back-to-back birdies.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Baseball sectional opening round vs. Yorktown at Yorktown — 4 p.m.  
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. Indy Heat — noon

**Sunday**  
Portland Rockets doubleheader at Fort Wayne Renegades — 1 p.m.

**Monday**  
Jay County — Baseball sectional semifinal (if Patriots win Saturday) vs. TBA at Yorktown — 10 p.m. (championship game will be at 5:30 p.m.)

**Tuesday**  
Jay County — Boys golf at Daleville — 9 a.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
8 a.m. — Tennis: French Open — Roland-Garros (Bally Indiana)  
10 a.m. — College baseball: Big Ten Tournament (BTN)  
Noon — NHL playoffs: Carolina Hurricanes at New York Rangers (ESPN)  
Noon — USFL football: Tampa Bay Bandits at New Jersey Generals (USA)  
1 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Alcoso Uniforms 300 (FS1)  
2 p.m. — College baseball: Big Ten Tournament (BTN)  
2 p.m. — Golf: Champions Tour — Senior PGA Championship (NBC)  
2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
3 p.m. — Soccer: UEFA Champions League — Real Madrid at Liverpool (CBS)  
4 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — Charles Schwab Challenge (CBS)  
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cleveland Guardians at Detroit Tigers (FS1); San Francisco Giants at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
6 p.m. — College baseball: Big Ten Tournament (BTN)  
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Chicago White Sox (FOX)  
9 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference Finals — Golden State Warriors at

Dallas Mavericks (TNT)  
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3 p.m. — College baseball: SEC Tournament (ESPN2)  
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6 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Charlotte at Seattle Sounders (FS1)  
6 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Cup Series — Coca-Cola 600 (FOX)  
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Philadelphia Phillies at New York Mets (ESPN)  
8 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference Finals — Boston Celtics at Miami Heat (ESPN)  
10 p.m. — College baseball: PAC 12 Tournament (ESPN2)

**Monday**  
7 a.m. — Tennis: French Open (Bally Indiana)  
2:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: San Diego Padres at St. Louis Cardinals (Bally Indiana)  
7:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Cincinnati Reds at Boston Red Sox (Bally Indiana)  
8 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference Finals — Dallas Mavericks at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

**Tuesday**  
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8 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky (ESPN2)  
10 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Connecticut Sun at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN2)

### Local notes

**Chamber outing set**  
Jay County Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing July 22 at Portland Golf Club.  
The event will begin with a shotgun start at 1 a.m. It will be limited to 20 teams.  
Registration forms are available at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland or by emailing tabby@jaycountychamber.com. The deadline is July 11.  
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**Tennis camp scheduled**  
The Jay County High School boys and girls tennis program will hold a camp for third through ninth graders June 20 through 24.  
The camp will run from 9 to 11:30 a.m. daily at the JCHS tennis courts. It will include a visit from Indiana northern district United States Tennis Association representative Sarah Stanchin.  
The registration fee is \$30 and forms are available at JCHS or CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union's location at 1102 W. Votaw St., Portland. In order to get a T-shirt, order forms must be turned in by May 27.

**5K circuit continues June 4**  
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race June 4.  
The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Hot Pink 5K scheduled for 9 a.m. June 4 at Hudson Family Park. Registration is \$25.  
Other races in the circuit include the 4H Glow 5K on June 11, Hudson Family Park Half Marathon and 5K on June 18, the Firecracker 5K on July 4, the Sculpt Fitness 5K on July 16 and the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.  
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# Clutch ...

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The dark clouds that had been looming to the east of the stadium at Troy High School let loose with rain just as Pearson's flight of the long jump preliminaries were beginning. It didn't phase her, as her first leap sent her 17 feet, 1 inch.

She added an extra three-quarters of an inch on her second jump of the finals — the rain had abated by then — to put herself in the No. 2 spot behind Lima Central Catholic's Olivia Stolly.

Pearson said her final attempt felt good, and that feeling was confirmed when she looked back at her coaches. When she heard the call of her distance, she couldn't help jumping again and throwing her arms in the air in celebration.

"She is clutch," said Diller. "That was so awesome."

"She was sitting in second going into that jump and she knew that."

It marked the third time this year that Pearson has broken her own school record in the event. She entered 2022 with a record of 17 feet, 1 inch, and immediately broke it by clearing 17 feet, 6 inches, in the opening meet of the season at Marion Local. She surpassed that mark with a jump of 17 feet, 6 1/4 inches, to win the Midwest Athletic Conference title May 10 before breaking it yet again Friday.

Francis, a state qualifier last season in the 100 dash, was in the thick of things in a hotly contested 200 dash race at the regional. After making a strong move on the curve, she battled to the No. 2 spot by just 0.03 seconds ahead of third-place Maddy Merritt of Legacy Christian and 0.06 seconds ahead of fourth-place Vivian Momper of Madeira. Lehman Catholic's Kiersten Franklin won the race in 26.06.)

"She had a little bit of a slow start, actually, but she just is a really good curve runner," Diller said. "So she really picked up steam on that curve. ..."

"She just really poured it on in those last 20 meters ... to run right into second place."

Heitkamp, a sophomore who entered the meet as the No. 6 seed, found himself in the mix for the fourth and final regional berth as he and Allen East's



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Abbie Francis (left) of Fort Recovery starts the final leg of the 4x200-meter relay Friday at the regional meet. The Indians would finish fifth in the event and Francis went on to take second in the 200 dash to earn a state berth. Mara Pearson (right) broke her own school record for the third time this season, winning the regional long jump title at 17 feet, 8 1/4 inches.

Hunter Sidle left No. 5 seed Lanny Oakman behind. But Heitkamp couldn't quite keep up with Sidle, who took fourth place in 9:35.66 while Heitkamp finished fifth in 9:37.97.

"He was sitting in sixth place at the mile and then he was really patient over the next two laps," said Diller. "He worked himself into the fifth and then really those last two laps he

started a really aggressive build. He was just doing everything he could ..."

Heitkamp, who broke the previous school record (9:38) set by Phil Ranly in 1998, had also earned a spot in the regional in the 1,600 run but chose to forgo that race to focus on the 3,200 run.

Fort Recovery's 4x200-meter relay team of Anna Roessner,

Paige Guggenbiller, Pearson and Francis also came up just one spot short of a state berth as they placed fifth in 1:48.2. Francis, running the final leg, passed athletes from Anna and Lehman Catholic but the fourth-place team from Minster (1:46.24) was too far ahead for her to have a chance to climb that one more spot the Indians needed.

The same group of Tribe

girls posted a seventh-place finish in the 4x100 relay in 51.51.

Natalie Brunswick was in the mix for a regional berth, running in a group battling for the fourth through sixth spots 200 yards into the 1,600 run. She had settled into fifth place by the third lap before fading back on the fourth for a time of 5:26.21 for eighth place.

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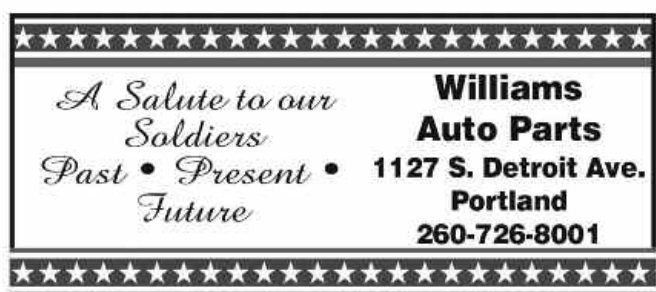
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