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BOYD GUILTY

Jury convicts **Portland** man of 2020 murder

By BAILEY CLINE The Commercial Review

A Portland man has been found guilty of murder.

Roger L. Boyd Jr., 36, was found guilty by a Jay County Circuit Court jury Friday of killing former Montpelier resident James P. Miller.

Boyd was arrested after a shooting at 1215 S. Bridge St., Portland, on Sept. 5, 2020, and later charged with the murder of 49-year-old Miller. He was also charged with a Level 3 felony for criminal confinement while armed with a deadly weapon, which was dismissed Friday morning.

After hearing closing arguments from both sides and deliberating for roughly two hours, the jury delivered its verdict about 2 p.m. Friday at the end of a fiveday trial. Boyd showed no visible reaction to the news in court, instead staring blankly at Judge Brian Hutchison as he announced Boyd's fate.

His sentencing hearing is scheduled for 2 p.m. July 25.

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Jay County High School's

Kerri McClung makes her

preliminaries of the shot put

on June 7, 1997, at the

IHSAA Girls Track and Field

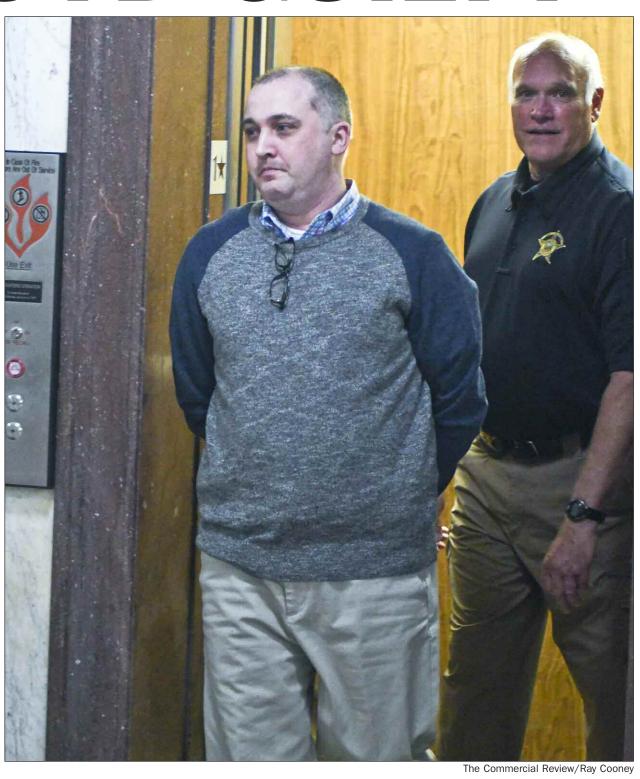
State Championships at

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Indianapolis.



Roger Boyd emerges from the elevator at Jay County Courthouse after being found guilty Friday afternoon of the Sept. 5, 2020, murder of James P. Miller of Montpelier. A jury took just a few hours to deliver its verdict after closing arguments were completed late Friday morning. His sentencing is scheduled for July 25.

lifting COVID test mandate

By JUSTIN SINK

Bloomberg News Tribune News Service

The Biden administration is lifting its requirement that international travelers test negative for coronavirus before flying to the U.S., amid pressure from airlines that viewed the measure as excessive and blamed it for depressing ticket purchases.

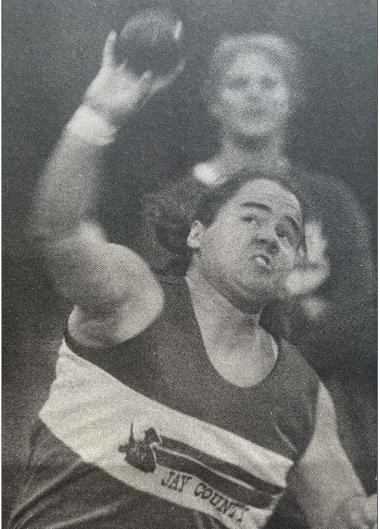
The change will take effect just after midnight on June 12 and be reassessed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 90 days, according to a senior administration official who requested anonymity to detail the plan before it was formally announced.

Under existing policy, international travelers flying to the U.S. are required to present proof of a negative coronavirus test taken within a day of their departure flight to the U.S.

The health agency may decide to reinstate the requirement if a new, concerning variant of the virus emerges, the official said. The administration will continue to recommend testing prior to air travel, but believes that coronavirus vaccines and new treatments made it possible to ease the requirement.

Top airline executives have said in recent weeks that flyers were concerned about booking international travel only to become stranded in foreign countries. While domestic airline ticket purchases have largely rebounded to pre-pandemic levels, international trips have not.

Retrospect



The Commercial Review/Mike Snyder

McClung finished second in the state

week, a Patriot was the state I wasn't sure by how much. runner-up.

The June 9, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of Jay County High School freshman Kerri McClung finishing as the state runner-up in the shot put.

McClung, then 14 years old, was sitting in second place heading into her final throw as the second-last competitor at the meet at North Central High School in Indianapolis. She launched a career-best effort of 43 feet, 3 1/2 inches to take the lead.

But moments later Indi-Pike's anapolis Denise McDonald responded with a throw of 44 feet, 2 inches, to not only take back the shot put state championship but also lift her school to the team state title.

"Before I went out for the finals ... I went over and talked to my dad ... and I said I'm scared she's going to get me on the last throw," said McClung. "I was really excited about my (third) throw (of the finals) and I thought, 'Hold on a second.' Then all I could do was her senior season.

Twenty-five years ago this watch. I knew she had me, but

second-place finish matched Tonya Watkins (high jump) for the second-highest finish by a JCHS girl at the state meet, trailing 1980 shot put state champion Carla Miller.

Patriot coach Dennis Dwiggins had nothing but praise for McClung's effort.

"It was an excellent performance," he said. "The championship wasn't anything she gave away; it was earned. Kerri put the pressure on (McDonald) and made her perform.

McClung expressed her commitment to working to return and win the state title.

"This summer I'm going to be lifting weights ... and doing some running and playing basketball," said McClung. "I think it'll help improve my throws. I'm looking forward to next season and I think I'll be the one to beat in the state next year."

She was right.

McClung came back and won the state championship as a sophomore. She finished second again as a junior before closing her career with a state title in

Deaths

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Friday.

Weather

Today's high will be in the mid 70s with a chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. Tonight's low will be 62. Temperatures will climb to highs of 85 Sunday and 88 Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available today. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners and Dunkirk City Council meetings.

Wednesday from the Jay County Summer Swim Team's meet against South Adams.



Tammy Bye, 50, Portland Details on page 2.

Obituaries

Tammy Bye

Jan. 30, 1972-June 9, 2022

Tammy Bye, age 50, a resident of Portland passed away Thursday, June 9, 2022, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie.

Tammy was born Jan. 30, 1972, the daughter of Gilbert and Irene (Bumbalough) Foster. Tammy graduated from Jay County High School in 1991. She was a substitute teacher for Jay Schools and a member of New Covenant Fellowship Church in Portland. Tammy was a loving and caring mother to her children. She married Jason Bye on July 10, 1993. Survivors include:

Her husband — Jason Bye, Portland, Indiana

Monday

6/13

88/73

Another

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Tuesday

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96/76

Tuesday's

shows sunny

skies and hot

temperatures.

Mostly clear at

forecast

Daughter — Alysia LeMaster (husband: Blake), Portland, Indiana

Anthony Son Bye - Portland, Indiana

Debra Sister (husband: Miller Marty), Albany, Indiana

Thursday

92/65

Otherwise,

and hot.

More rain

possible

Three grandchildren — Alaina, Coleson and Grayson LeMaster She was preceded in death by her

parents; and a brother Eric Foster. Visitation will be held Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m. at New Covenant

Fellowship Church, 1238 W. 450 South, Portland. Funeral services will follow at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at



Bye

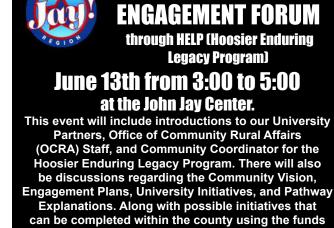
officiating. Burial will be held at a later date at Green Park Cemetery. Memorials may be directed to the

Arrangements entrusted Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be sent to williamsonspencer.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.

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Lotteries

Hoosier

Sunday

85/66

There's a 40% chance

of showers and thunder-

storms after 2

p.m.

Midday Daily Three: 5-6-9 Daily Four: 7-5-1-3 Quick Draw: 5-6-8-13-14-18-20-23-24-29-32-33-42-43-50-53-55-59-71-73

Ohio

Midday Pick 3: 9-9-8 Pick 4: 7-2-6-1 Pick 5: 8-5-4-2-1

Wednesday

97/75

Another

with a high

There's a low

scorcher

chance

Wednesday

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$229 million

Mega Millions jackpot:

Estimated

\$226 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery

Corn	7.90
July corn	7.90
Wheat	8.71

POET Biorefining Portland

Corn	7.98
July corn	7.95
Aug. corn	6.95
8	

The Andersons **Richland Township**

Corn	7.73
July corn	
Beans	17.46
July beans	

June wheat..... 10.24

Central States Montpelier

Corn	
Late June corn Beans	
Late June beans	17.62
June wheat	10.26

Heartland

St. Anthony	
Corn	7.54
July corn	7.54
Beans	
July beans	17.37
Wheat	

Today in history

631, Chinese Emperor Taizong of Tang sent envoys to office record by grossing Xueyantuo with gold and silk to pay for the release of prisoners captured during a leadership transition.

In 1776, the Continencommittee of Thomas grams. Adam Abbott, Jefferson, John Adams, Radney Pearson, Caitlin Franklin, Benjamin Roger Sherman and Robert R. Livingston to draft a declaration of independence.

In 1919, Sir Barton became American horse Commissioners racing's first Triple approved a draft plan for Crown winner with his the use of economic victory at the Belmont Stakes.

bergh was honored with ed earmarking \$200,000 the first Distinguished for Jay County Develop-Flying Cross. Lindbergh ment had completed the first \$100,000 for any additionnon-stop solo flight al road and drainage across the Atlantic work in the area of the Ocean in May.

Spielberg-directed film for student safety and "E.T.: The Extra-Terres- security measures for trial" was released in Jay School Corporation. theaters.

In 1993, the film "Jurassic Park" set a box

\$502 million on its open-

ing weekend. In 2007, the Jay County Summer Swim Team defeated St. Henry 575-295 in the first meeting tal Congress created a between the two pro-Mark, Levi Hummel, Sok Vormohr, Alex Bader, Neal Fennig and Sam Miller all won three

events for Jay County. In 2018, Jay County

development funds from Bluff Point Wind Energy In 1927, Charles Lind- Center. The plans includ-

Corporation, wind farm in southern In 1982, the Steven Jay County and \$100,000

Citizen's calendar

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County house, 120 N. Court St., Mooney St. Portland.

6 p.m. — Dunkirk **Wednesday** Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City

131 S. Main St.

Tuesday

6 p.m. — Redkey Town Commissioners, commis- Council executive sessioners' room, court- sion, park cabin, 200 S.

2:30 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, Council, city building, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Guilty

Continued from page 1 In Indiana, murder carries a sentence of 45 to 65 years with an advisory sentence of 55 years.

"It was probably the hardest murder case I've done," said prosecutor Wes Schemenaur, noting different aspects of the case, specifically Boyd's argument of self defense. Proving a defendant didn't act in self defense, he added, can be challenging. Evidence paired with cooperation from police helped bring it together.

"Hard case, good win," Schemenaur said.

Holly Miller, James Miller's ex-wife and lifelong friend, said she and her family were relieved to hear the verdict. She referred to their daughters, Tasha Franks and BreAnna Miller.

"We've waited for two years to get justice for their dad," she said, her eyes brimming with tears. "(Boyd's) not going to walk the streets. He's going to pay for what he did. Every action has a consequence.'

The jury also listened to closing statements from prosecution the and defense Friday morning. Both showed footage of the scene of Miller's death, pausing the video at different intervals to make their case

Defense attorney Zaki Ali presented a slideshow highlighting what he said were acts of self defense and negligence of police in the case. He pointed out faint statements he said were in the video, such as Miller telling his girlfriend Nicole Burke, "Get that f----- bike," and Burke asking him, "Why are you so mad?"

Ali explained a person is justified to use self defense in order to prevent serious bodily injury to themselves or a third person.

He referenced a stake the defense argued Miller used as a weapon and asked why police didn't suspect it could have been the weapon Boyd said Miller used. He held it up to the indentation on the hood of the Pontiac G6 that was in the garage at 1215 S. Bridge St., Portland, where the shooting occurred and asked why police didn't choose to test the hood for copper, which would indicate a bullet struck it.

"Sloppy work? much so," Ali said. Very

He said there was tension between Miller and Boyd. He noted Burke lied several times to police in initial statements. And he said Miller was at the property to take back a motorcycle that was the subject of a dispute between the two men. Ali showed a pic-

SERVICES

Today

Stults, Jama: II a.m, Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Wednesday

Bye, Tammy: 6 p.m., New Covenant Fellowship Church, 1238 W. 450 South, Portland.

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ture of what he told jurors was a scratch on the garage floor in front of a toolbox near the workbench, where the altercation between Miller and Boyd allegedly

occurred. '(Jimmy) was there to rob and injure and kill

Roger," he said. Ali asked jurors to remember, by law, they cannot convict a person of a crime if there is reasonable doubt that person committed the act.

Schemenaur explained in Indiana murder is defined as knowingly and intentionally killing another human being. Self defense, he continued, is justified when deadly force is necessary.

"It's not available to someone who provokes ... a fight," he said.

He told the jury Boyd lied, withholding video footage and witnesses from the incident as well as resetting his phone. (Bovd admitted during his testimony to taking down security cameras, which he said he gave to his girlfriend, Brittney Shewmake. He also didn't tell police Burke

was in his basement.) Schemenaur pointed out faint exchanges he said he heard during the video, such as Boyd telling Burke after the shooting, "What'd you think was gonna f---happen?'

He noted both Portland police investigator Jeff Hopkins and officer Dustin Mock asked Boyd if he had injuries following the incident, and he said no. He also reminded jurors about testimonies from former forensic pathologist Jimmie Smith and Indiana State Police crime scene supervisor John Petro, who said they found no gun residue on Miller's skin or clothes. (Debris or residue is generally evident if a gun is discharged within close proximity of the vic-

tim.) questioned how He Miller's alleged weapon could have fallen onto a lower rack of a tiered shelf, as pictured in

police photos. He noted Boyd admitted roughly \$3,000 in damage was done to his motorcycle prior to the early morning of Sept. 5, 2020, by Miller.

"This wasn't fear for the defendant," Schemenaur said. "This was an opportunity for revenge."







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Recovery, showcasing local ing heats for each age ery Harvest Jubilee kicks food and beverage vendors, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday along Wayne Street, near the intersection with Butler Street.

•Diaper Derby infants at 7 p.m. Thursday •Dunk tanks from 6 to 9

p.m. Friday and Saturday

•Big Wheels race, featurgroup, starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

•A pie contest and auction at 8 p.m. Friday. Categories include fruit, crème and specialty pies.

from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Satur-

•A motorcycle poker run

•Antique and garden tractor pulls at 3 p.m. Saturday

There will also be live music performed each day. Shows are scheduled for the Sunburners Island Party, Grove Hill, Brother Believe Me, 2 Miles Till Empty and Shifferly

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Couple's actions prompt advice

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, my daughter told me she was with her boyfriend at the local bowling alley and they were kissing and hugging. When she went to use the ladies' room, she was followed by an older woman who proceeded to "advise" my daughter about the local family planning clinic, as well as offer her opinion that teenagers need to be very careful in their sex lives so they don't end up as young parents and derail their futures.

While I believe the woman had good intentions, I also think what she did was wildly inappropriate. I was tempted to report her to the police. What's your opinion? Should I have contacted and confronted this woman? — NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS

DEAR N.O.Y.B: For you to have contacted the police or confronted the woman would have been extremely inappropriate. If your daughter and her boyfriend were putting on such a show for the other bowlers that an onlooker felt your daughter needed the information, she did your child a favor. An unintended pregnancy can, indeed, derail him. What would you suggest? a young couple's future.

DEAR ABBY: For the 30-plus

Dear Abby



band has never been social. When we were dating, he'd rather it just be the two of us, and avoided parties, group outings, etc. Because of this, I have given up trying to go out with friends, and even with his or my family members because he complains about having to go. When he does attend must-go-toevents such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, he'll say a few words to everyone, and then sit quietly the

I have always been outgoing and social. I recently started working from home, so my workplace socialization has disappeared. I need socialization, and I don't know how to tell my husband I am going to start doing things without him. He will consider that I am abandoning SOCIAL BUTTERFLY IN BUFFA-

rest of the evening, looking bored.

DEAR BUTTERFLY: You are years I have known him, my hus- not going to change your hus-

things without him. Leave him at home where he's comfortable. If he feels "abandoned," quit making it your problem as you have before. You aren't joined at the hip, and isolation isn't healthy for YOU! DEAR ABBY: I have a lovely collection of cloth napkins, but no longer use them for holiday meals

band. Before you become com-

pletely isolated, start doing

because my son-in-law of 15 years began using them as "hankies" at my formal dining table. He actually blows his nose in them. This grosses us out, but I'm afraid to say anything for fear he will pack up my grandkids and that will be the last we see of them. He has a doctorate degree, so it isn't ignorance causing this. What would you do? — PROP-ER IN MICHIGAN

DEAR PROPER: What I would do is have a nice box of tissues at his place setting when he comes for dinner.

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.Dear Abby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA

Community Calendar

Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item. 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 come. For more information, call Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

Class of 1997 will hold its 25th reunion at 7 p.m. Saturday at Jay County Event Hoover St., Dunkirk. Center.

Saturday

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For

Notices will appear in (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

email Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restau-

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

PING PONG — Will be School graduates are wel- played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

EUCHRE — Will be Jay County High School played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125

CARE PREGNANCY CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing PORTLAND FARMERS 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.

DIABETES SUPPORT more information, call GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m.

on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

JAY COUNTY DRUG COALI-PREVENTION TION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY FAMILY MEAL Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, be played at 1 p.m. each 204 E. Arch St. in Port- Tuesday. The public is welland. Everyone is wel-

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 infor-

mation, call (260) 726-5312. NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — 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.

REDISCOVERING JOY - The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. Guest speaker Shawn Thierman, superintendent of Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities. In addition to monthly meetings, the group also offers a variety of social outings for members. The group will be touring the Mercer County Sportsman Association in Celina this month. For more informamation, call (260) 766-9334.

tion, call or text (419) 733-5629 or (419) 678-8830 or email

rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.c

Tuesday

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

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will come.

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

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

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

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more infor-

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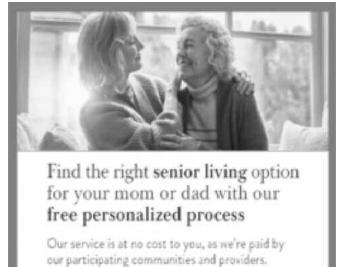
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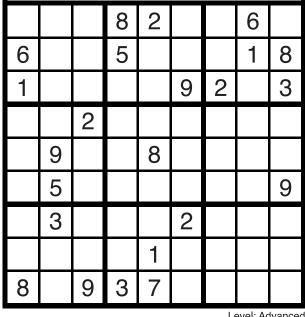
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Sudoku



Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-bythree boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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



The lack of trust has many reasons

By JENNIFER RUBIN The Washington Post

Pew Research Center's latest poll confirms what has been known for a long time: Trust in government is low. Really low.

"Just 20% say they trust the government in Washington to do the right thing just about always or most of the time," the pollsters found, although when asked about specific government functions (e.g., responding to natural disasters, preventing terrorist attacks), approval soars to nearly 70%. Democrats' trust level is low (29%), but not as low as Republicans' (9%).

This is not a new phenomenon. To the contrary, the numbers have held steady for over a decade. Major complaints include not handling taxpayer money well, not handling new developments well, favoring one group over another and withholding information from the public. Pew reports: "A majority of Americans say they feel frustrated with the federal government: 60% say this today, while 22% say they are government to do the right thing





basically content and 18% say they are angry.

At the same time, the public still says government has a significant role to play: "There is a widespread belief that [the federal government] does too little on issues affecting many of the groups asked about, including middle-income people (69%), those with lower incomes (66%) and retired people (65%)." Moreover, more than 60% say government should have a major role in a long list of policy arenas. And despite it all, voters "have a lot (17%) or some (51%) confidence

States. So the public doesn't trust the

in the future of the United

most of the time, but it still dence showcasing reporters' wants the government to do lots of things? This wouldn't be the first time Americans express contradictory sentiments. How can one make sense of all this?

First, one has no wonder whether "trust" in government has become akin to "liking the direction the country is heading' – a sentiment few people ascribe to. These are cynical times, when complaining about government (not to mention a great deal else) is in vogue. Reasonable expectations are unfashionable. And social media only reinforces negative attitudes, conspiracy theories and disinformation.

Second, the media plays a large role in shaping negative opinions about government and denigrating good-faith efforts at governance. Consider this recent secondary headline from the New York Times: "With their majority at stake, Democrats plan to use the six high-profile hearings to refocus voters' attention on Republicans' role in the attack." That's yet another piece of evihabit of casting serious, conscientious efforts as nothing more than partisan food fights.

You can find more proof by listening to the White House press corps on virtually every issue. A common question you might hear: Hasn't the president failed to [fill in the blank of one of many complex dilemmas with no solution under his control]? The disinclination to cover substance rather than horse-race politics can mislead the public as to the complexity of certain problems - and voters' own responsibility for policy outcomes.

Third, Republicans have zero interest in improving government. They have made this clear not only through their negative views toward government, but also through their insistence on big tax cuts, efforts to interfere with important objectives (e.g., mass vaccination), conspiracy theory-mongering and pervasive sense of victimhood. The constant hysteria that MAGA pols inject into the political environ- for The Washington Post.

ment (immigrants are invading! the government is taking away your guns!) only works when they can characterize government as hostile to their base.

Finally, one must acknowledge that government has gotten plenty wrong in recent decades. A misguided war over nonexistent weapons of mass destruction, the 2008 recession, the recent inflation surge, nonstop gun violence and the failure to arrest climate change are all legitimate reasons to despair about the effectiveness and competence of government.

Nevertheless, treating cynicism as a sign of sophistication, inciting the mob to think government is out to "replace" them or commit other wrongs, and failing to acknowledge good-faith efforts are corrosive to our system of self-governance. Perhaps energy would be better spent figuring out how to make government work better.

Rubin writes reported opinion

Conservatives need new leader

Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

Pyrrhic victory, Boris Johnson's win in this no-confidence vote must qualify.

Britain's prime minister secured the majority he needed to hang on, if he decides to, but by the surprisingly narrow margin of 211 votes to 148. More than 40% of his own party in Parliament told him to go.

In a similar challenge in 2018, his predecessor Theresa May prevailed by a bigger margin — and was out in six months.

1990, Margaret Thatcher also was opposed by roughly 40% of her parliamentary colleagues — and promptly

resigned. Later this month Johnson's party faces brutal setbacks in two by-elections. Ahead of those votes, the polls could hardly be worse. Johnson's net approval rating, at minus 45%, makes gal. President Joe Biden's minus 13% look golden. The authority threadbare within his own party, let alone the country at large, is now completely shot.

There's little mystery about why this is so. In Johnson, unstinting help from the shambolic Labour opposition, led his party to a sweeping victory in the general election. Since then, the government has run up a dismaying catalog of broken promises and bungled initiatives. Johnson's erratic mismanagement of the Brexit calamity is the most consequential — a mess that continues to go from bad to worse.

Having signed and boasted about a deal with the European Union to avoid reimposing trade barriers on the island of Ireland, he now threatens to renege, and blithely contemplates the possibility of trade war with

gone to and fro on its eco- ices is that, for the nomic and political prior- moment, there's no obviities, leaving everybody confused about what it intends. Its response to ment tells the party Covid-19 has been characthey'd better find one.

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terized throughout by Johnson's trademark blend of bluster and incompetence — one day denouncing measures proposed by critics, the next embracing them as his own. The impression of rudderless incoherence has been unrelent-

On top of all this came proof of arrogance and dishonesty during the socalled Partygate scandal. While the government said it was fighting the pandemic by imposing and strictly enforcing stringent restrictions on social gatherings, the prime minister and his officials were attending events that they themselves had deemed ille-

The most recent revelations about this, in a prime minister's report by a senior civil servant, make it hard to believe that Johnson didn't simply lie about it. Nearly 80% of voters

> been putting a brave face on it. His margin of victory was "comfortable," said one.

they hope, might now draw a line and move on. This is unlikely, but not impossible. Up to now, the prime minister has been tenacious under fire. Lucky, too.

If the Tory rebels had called their vote later in the month, after an expected drubbing in the Wakefield and Tiverton by-elections, it might well have gone the other way. In any event, a determination to hang on in the face of such disapproval is unlikely to serve the party's interests, much less the country's.

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Johnson's allies have

The prime minister,

best case for

Monday's embarrass-



Listen to youngest leader

By LEON KRAUZE

Special To The Washington Post This week's Summit of the Americas in Los Angeles will be remembered for its absences rather than its potential agreements. Though the meeting promises to tackle pressing issues for the region, the presidents of several countries — Mexico, Bolivia, Honduras, El Salvador, Uruguay and Guatemala — will either send representatives or skip the summit altogether. Some have specific grievances. Guatemalan President Alejandro Giammattei, for example, appears unhappy with the Biden administration's criticism of the appointment of María Consuelo Porras, the country's controversial

attorney general. But for the leftist governments in Mexico, Bolivia and Honduras, the impetus behind the snubs is a concerted effort to defend the authoritarian regimes in Cuba, Nicaragua and Venezuela as worthy of a place at the table. For that, the Biden administration can thank Mexican President Andrés Manuel López Obrador. For weeks, López Obrador warned he would boycott the summit if the United States excluded the region's three leftist dictatorships. On Monday, he carried out his threat.

This could be read as a deep rift between Latin America's leftist populists and the Biden administration. There is, however, a different kind of progressivism in the region. Its leading figure is Latin America's youngest president: Chile's Gabriel Boric.

Elected on a landslide of hope and high expectations not unlike Barack Obama's victory in 2008, Boric promised to tackle Chile's history of economic and social inequality. It has proved difficult. In the first few months of his administration, Boric has seen a dramatic erosion of supKrauze

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port. But rather than blame the past or skirt responsibility, the 36-yearold president has acknowledged his mistakes.

He has his work cut out for him. Chile is facing a deep-rooted conflict in the south, drug-related violence and tension over the massive influx of Venezuelans seeking refuge in the country. Through it all, Boric has pledged to stay the course and avoid 'shortcuts" such as "populism.

In a conversation on Monday, I asked Boric — who identifies as an "egalitarian socialist" and quotes John Rawls — if he had considered skipping this week's meeting in Los Angeles. "We discussed it," he told me. In the end, he chose to take part in the summit. "I could not be absent from a space built for cooperation, he said. "We need to meet and raise the voice of Latin America in international forums once again.

Unlike most other leftist leaders in the region — and some in the United States, as well — Boric has managed to wiggle out of the pernicious appeal of the Cuban and Venezuelan sphere of influence. I asked him, for example, how he thought history would remember Hugo Chávez. Boric took a beat and began reminiscing about a trip he had taken in 2010 to Venezuela, still ruled by Chávez. He explained how he had believed in Chávez's promise of social inclusion. Then, he told me, Chávez disappointed him. "I believe Venezuela's drift, that concentration Miami.

of powers, is the wrong path," he

Boric is more cautious when it comes to Cuba. He vehemently explained how the "politics of exclusion," including specifically the U.S. embargo, have failed to engage Cuba. In our interview, he declined to identify the Cuban regime as a flat-out dictatorship. Yet remarkably, given Cuba's hold on Latin America's left, he nonetheless addressed the authoritarian trends in Cuba today. "What I want is for there to be freedom in Cuba," he told me. "Today in Cuba there are citizens imprisoned for protesting and for expressing their different opinion regarding the current regime. And that seems unacceptable to me." This is all a far cry from voices such as the grandstanding López Obrador and his impassioned defense of the Castro regime, which he has called "an example of

resistance. In a region veering away from democracy, Boric is an advocate for reason. "There are certain principles that one has to uphold no matter where you are," he told me. "Unrestricted respect for human rights. Belief in science, acting on evidencebased policy, and fiscal responsibili-

In Los Angeles, Boric intends to speak uncomfortable truths, including some aimed at the United States, which damaged Chile when it supported the 1973 coup against Salvador Allende — a wound that, he told me, is still open in Chilean society.

As the continent meets in Los Angeles, it should listen to the voice of its youngest leader.

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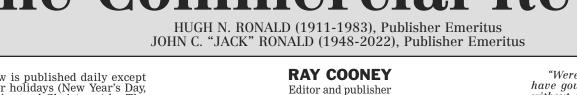
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: BECAUSE I HAVE ATTEMPTED EVERY OPENING CHESS PLOY THAT I'VE LEARNED, HAVE I RUN THE GAMBIT?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals F

Trivial Review

Island inquiries

1) This demi-god is known for being a "trickster" in Native Hawaiian culture?

2) Savaìi and Upolu are the two largest islands of what country?

> 2) Samoa 1) Maui

6-13 **CRYPTOQUIP**

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Celebrate coastal life.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A MIDDLE EASTERN PITA SANDWICH COMPLIES WITH MUSLIM DIETARY CODES, IT'S A LAWFUL FALAFEL.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals P

Solve the code to discover words related to cats Each number corresponds to a letter (Hint: 18 = S) 7 3 8 18 15 11 26 18 Clue: Sensory hairs 24 4 7 18 B. Clue: Feet 5 1 10 24 Clue: Leap off surface 15 8 17 17 12

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Clue: Nickname for a cat

WORD SCRAMBLE Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cats. RPRU

Guess Who?

I am an actor born in Canada on June 9, 1961. I started acting at age 15, and later moved to Los Angeles at age 18. I am best known for various roles on sitcoms and as a time-traveling teen in a popular 1980s movie franchise.

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Answer: Michael J. Fox

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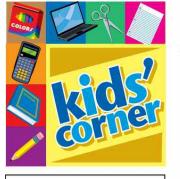
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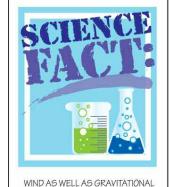
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ANSWER: WAVES



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Contract By Steve Becker

A stitch in time saves nine

North dealer. Neither side vulnerable. NORTH ♦ A ♥ A K Q 2 ♦ A J 10 5 3 ♣ K 6 4 WEST EAST ♦ Q 10 7 2 ♥ J 10 9 8 5 ♦ 8 7 4 **★** K 6 4 3 **∀** 4 **★** K Q 9 2 ♦ J 9 8 5 ♥ 7 6 3 ♦ 6 ♣ A Q 9 8 2 The bidding: North East South West Pass 2 NT Pass Pass 3 NT

*reverse, forcing one round.
Opening lead — jack of hearts.
The greatest asset in bridge is the

ability to avoid error. What makes the game difficult is that the opportunity for error is ever-present. Moreover, the pitfalls are not always obvious, frequently lurking in the headers and the control of t in the background.

Consider this deal where South

was in three notrump. He won the heart lead in dummy and, expecting to have no problem scoring at least 10 tricks, led a club to the ace and another one to the king. When West showed out, declarer was in

He crossed to his hand with a club and led a diamond to the ten, losing to East's queen. East returned a spade, and South could not come to more than the eight tricks he had started with.

South should have made the contract and, in fact, should have fin-ished with an overtrick. He had failed to invoke a basic principle of declarer play — namely, that when a contract looks easy to make, declarer should ask himself what could possibly go wrong.

The application of this principle

would have told South that the only way he could go down was if the opposing clubs broke badly. If they were divided 3-2, as they would be about two-thirds of the time, the contract was a certainty. But if they were divided 4-1, there was a real danger of defeat

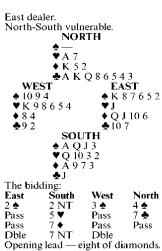
To cater to that possibility, South should cash dummy's king of clubs at trick two and then lead a club toward the closed hand. If East shows out, South allows West to win the trick, to assure himself of four club tricks and the contract.

If East follows low to the second club, South plays the eight, again guaranteeing the contract whether the eight wins or loses. And if East plays the ten or jack on the second club lead, declarer wins with the queen and is assured of scoring ten tricks whether West follows suit or not.

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Contract & Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand



Barrett

Opening lead — eight of diamonds.

This improbable deal occurred in the 1989 Venice Cup final between two women's teams from the Netherlands and the United States.

It is perhaps best if the characters

involved remain nameless. Suffice it to say that after the U.S. East opened with a weak two-spade bid, the Dutch South elected to bid two notrump, ostensibly showing a hand containing the values and distribution for an opening one-

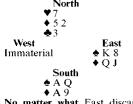
notrump bid. This naturally sent North into

orbit, and she eventually bid seven clubs, which cannot be defeated as the cards lie. All would have been well, except that South now decided to correct this contract to seven diamonds, which had no chance whatsoever. East then erred griev-ously by doubling, giving South a chance to recover by bidding seven notrump. South then subjected East to the final ignominy by exe-cuting a squeeze against her to bring home the grand slam.

Declarer won the diamond lead in

dummy, led a club to the jack and a heart to the ace, then ran the remaining clubs. This was the position when the last club was played:

North



No matter what East discarded on the three of clubs, South was sure to take the rest of the tricks.

At the other table, the American North-South pair stopped at six clubs and made seven, giving the Dutch a 15-IMP pickup on the deal. Had East passed seven diamonds at the first table, the U.S. would have gained 17 IMPs instead.

Tomorrow: Signals point the way. ©2022 King Features Syndicate Inc

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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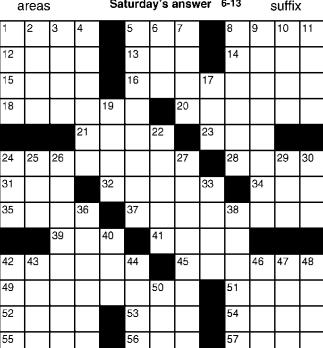
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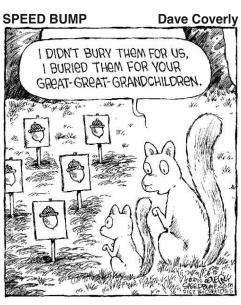
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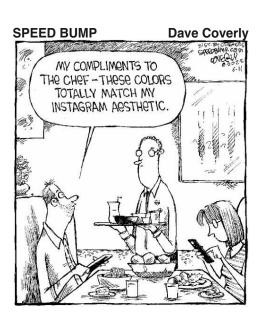
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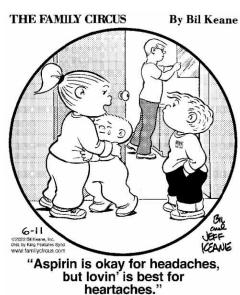
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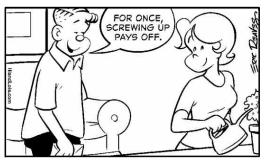






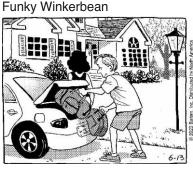
































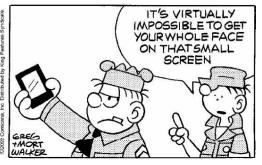


















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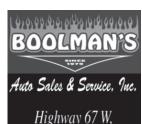
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Tori connects

Tori Noggler of Fisher Meats connects for a hit during the first inning of her team's Portland Junior League Minor softball game CrossRoads against Financial Federal Credit Union at Weiler-Wilson Park.

IHSAA names new director

Association announced this week scholastic Athletic Administrators winter season. that Brian Avery is taking over as Association board since 2005, director of its Champions Together including for a year as its president. program.

as athletics director at Speedway High School. He previously served in the same role at Franklin Central after coaching and teaching at both dig. "He'll be a great addition as we nament and a Unified Flag Football Scecina and Lawrence Central. He begin to expand our unified sports state tournament.

'We're thrilled to have Brian join Avery has spent the last 11 years the Association with his extensive administrative experience to lead our Champions Together efforts," said IHSAA commissioner Paul Nei-

Indiana High School Athletic has served on the Indiana Inter- opportunities, particularly into the

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