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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 five-day 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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The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

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.

CDC 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.

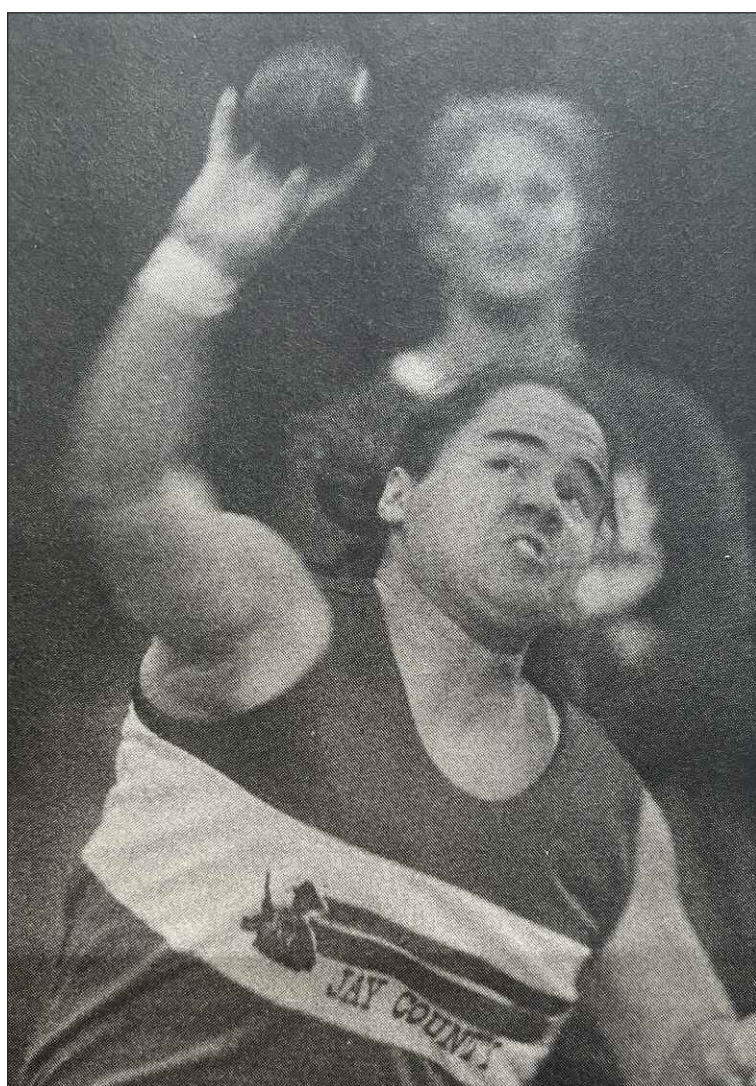
The change will take effect just after midnight on June 12 and be reassessed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 90 days, according to a senior administration official who requested anonymity to detail the plan before it was formally announced.

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

Jay County High School's Kerri McClung makes her first throw in the preliminaries of the shot put on June 7, 1997, at the IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Championships at North Central in Indianapolis.

McClung finished second in the state

Twenty-five years ago this week, a Patriot was the state 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 Indianapolis Pike's 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

watch. I knew she had me, but I wasn't sure by how much."

Her 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 her senior season.

Deaths

Tammy Bye, 50, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 73 degrees Friday. 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 — Results from the Jay County Summer Swim Team's meet against South Adams.



Jubilee begins Wednesday

It's time for a jubilee. The annual Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee kicks off Wednesday, with festivities scheduled each day through Saturday. The week-long festival at Ambassador Park offers rides and food stands, along a variety of activities are scheduled, including:

- The Taste of Fort Recovery, showcasing local food and beverage vendors, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday along Wayne Street, near the intersection with Butler Street.
- Diaper Derby for infants at 7 p.m. Thursday
- Dunk tanks from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday

- Big Wheels race, featuring heats for each age group, starting at 6:30 p.m. Friday.
- A pie contest and auction at 8 p.m. Friday. Categories include fruit, crème and specialty pies.
- A motorcycle poker run from 12:30 to 5 p.m. Saturday

- 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 Road.

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 a young couple's future.

DEAR ABBY: For the 30-plus years I have known him, my husband

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-to events such as Thanksgiving and Christmas, he'll say a few words to everyone, and then sit quietly the rest of the evening, looking bored.

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 him. What would you suggest? — SOCIAL BUTTERFLY IN BUFFALO

DEAR BUTTERFLY: You are not going to change your husband.

Before you become completely isolated, start doing 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 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? — PROPER 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.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.

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 Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

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

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS 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 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.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m.

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — 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) 251-3259.

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.

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 information, call or text (419) 733-5629 or (419) 678-8830 or email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

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 Hospital.

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

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

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

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

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Friday's Solution

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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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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

Jennifer Rubin



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 in the future of the United States."

So the public doesn't trust the government to do the right thing

most of the time, but it still 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 evi-

dence showcasing reporters' habit 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-

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 for The Washington Post.

Conservatives need new leader

Bloomberg Opinion

Tribune News Service

If ever there was a Pyrrhic victory, Boris Johnson's win in this week's 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.

In 1990, Margaret Thatcher was also 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 President Joe Biden's minus 13% look golden. The prime minister's threadbare authority within his own party, let alone the country at large, is now completely shot.

There's little mystery about why this is so. In 2019 Johnson, with 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 the EU.

The government has gone to and fro on its economic and political priorities, leaving everybody confused about what it intends. Its response to Covid-19 has been charac-

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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 unrelenting.

On top of all this came proof of arrogance and dishonesty during the so-called 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 illegal.

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

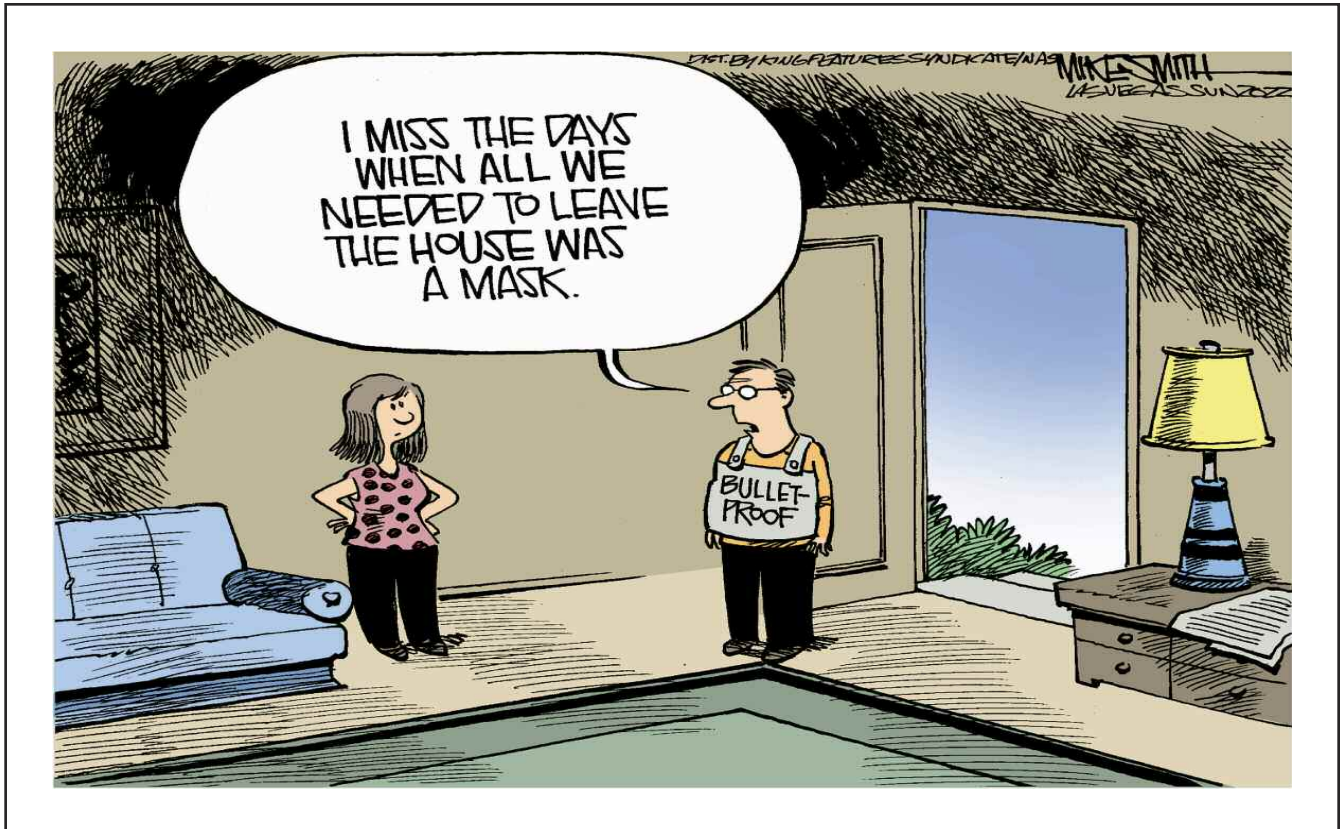
Johnson's allies have been putting a brave face on it. His margin of victory was "comfortable," said one.

The prime minister, 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.

The best case for retaining Johnson's services is that, for the moment, there's no obvious successor.

Monday's embarrassment tells the party they'd better find one.



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 Maria 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 sup-

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port. But rather than blame the past or skirt responsibility, the 36-year-old 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 Venezuelan refugees 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

of powers, is the wrong path," he told.

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 evidence-based policy, and fiscal responsibility."

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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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

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(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Island inquiries

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

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

(1) Maui
(2) Samoa

6-13 CRYPTOQUIP

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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

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to cats. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = S)

A. 7 3 8 18 15 11 26 18
Clue: Sensory hairs

B. 24 4 7 18
Clue: Feet

C. 5 1 10 24
Clue: Leap off surface

D. 15 8 17 17 12
Clue: Nickname for a cat

Answers: A. whiskers B. paws C. jump D. kitty

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to cats.

R P R U

Answer: Furr

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.

Answer: Michael J. Fox

kids' corner

SCIENCE FACT:

WIND AS WELL AS GRAVITATIONAL PULL BETWEEN THE EARTH, SUN AND MOON HELP THESE FORM IN BODIES OF WATER.

ANSWER: WAVES

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Beach
SPANISH: Playa
ITALIAN: Spiaggia
FRENCH: Plage
GERMAN: Strand

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JUN 5

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- 1993: PORTIONS OF THE HOLBECK HALL HOTEL IN ENGLAND FALL INTO THE SEA FOLLOWING A LANDSLIDE.

New Word

BUOYANCY
the tendency to float in air, water or some other fluid

KITTY CAT WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS: AILUROPHOBIA, CALICO, CAT, CATNIP, CLOWDER, DEWCLAW, DIGITIGRADE, DOMESTIC, FELINE, FERAL, HAIRBALL, JOWLS, KITTEN, KNEAD, MEOW, NEUTER, PAPILLAE, PURR, SPAY, STRAY, STROPPING, TABBY, TONGUE, WHISKER

Did You Know?

PLENTY OF LARGE ANIMALS LIVE IN MARINE AREAS. THE WHALE SHARK HOLDS THE HONOR OF BEING THE LARGEST SALTWATER FISH. SURPRISINGLY, IT FEEDS ON PLANKTON.

GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: SURFING WAVE CURL

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Gold or silver
6 Confuses
12 Alaskan capital
13 "Piece of cake!"
14 Like native llamas
15 Sikh headgear
16 Laugh-a-minute
17 Early bed
19 Rock's Ocasek
20 "Funny!"
22 La-la lead-in
24 Type squares
27 "Chocolate" actor
29 Dutch cheese
32 Body art facilities
35 Love god
36 Proboscis
37 Scooted
38 Corp. execs
40 Answer an invite

DOWN

1 City bond, for short (Pref.)
2 Within (Pref.)
3 Pearly whites
4 Bond rating
5 Noontime meal
6 Wine region
7 Uncertainty
8 Aachen article
9 Retriever variety
10 Morales of "Ozark"
11 Harmonization
12 Honey holder
18 Friendly relationship
21 Commotion
23 Seminary subj.
24 Tours season
25 Ruin the veneer
26 Burner locale
28 Seder time
30 Altar in the sky
31 AOL rival
33 Recipe abbr.
34 Speed (up)
39 Hide
41 Cheap novels
42 Salt Lake City squad
43 Video game giant
45 Analogy words
47 Venetian blind part
48 Ballpoints
49 Pink Floyd's Barrett
51 Shred
53 Chopper

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 6-11

Contract Bridge 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
♠ Q 10 7 2
♥ J 10 9 8 5
♦ 8 7 4
♣ 3

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

SOUTH
♠ J 9 8 5
♥ 7 6 3
♦ 6
♣ A Q 9 8 2

The bidding:
North 1♦ Pass 1♠ West Pass
South 2♥* Pass 2 NT 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 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 trouble.

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 finished 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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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Imperfection
5 Distant
8 Mule, for one
12 Theater section
13 "Evil Woman" band
14 Albacore, e.g.
15 British noble
16 Certain elections
18 Italy's — Coast
20 "Okla-homa!" carriage
21 Arm bone
23 Ottoman ruler
24 Center
28 "I'm a klutz!"
31 Verb for you
32 Makeup mogul
34 Dime portrait
35 Invitation notation
37 Torso areas

DOWN

1 Dog the bane
2 Clay-rich soil
3 Taj Mahal city
4 Become teary
5 Friedan's cause
6 "The Greatest"
7 Scepters system
9 Leave in haste
10 "My treat"
11 Relaxed
17 Vat
19 Drifting ice
22 Those opposed
24 Scratch the surface
25 Apr. addressee
26 Marine, informally
27 Football coach on Apple TV+
29 Adobe file format
30 Many coll. applicants
33 Part of Q.E.D.
36 Shrimps' skin
38 "What an exhausting day!"
40 Paris pal
42 Blue material?
43 Opera se in Egypt
44 Infamous tsar
46 "That's — ask"
47 Even
48 Wise one
50 Jargon suffix

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 6-13

Famous Hand

East dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ —
♥ A 7
♦ K 5 2
♣ A K Q 8 6 5 4 3

WEST
♠ 10 9 4
♥ K 9 8 6 5 4
♦ 8 4
♣ 9 2

EAST
♠ K 8 7 6 5 2
♥ J
♦ Q J 10 6
♣ 10 7

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 3
♥ Q 10 3 2
♦ A 9 7 3
♣ J

The bidding:
East 2 NT North 3♣ West 4♣ North 4♣
Pass 5♥ Pass 7♣ Pass 7♣
Dble 7 NT Dble

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 grievously by doubling, giving South a chance to recover by bidding seven notrump. South then subjected East to the final ignominy by executing 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
♥ 7
♦ 5 2
♣ 3

West Immaterial East
♠ K 8
♦ Q J

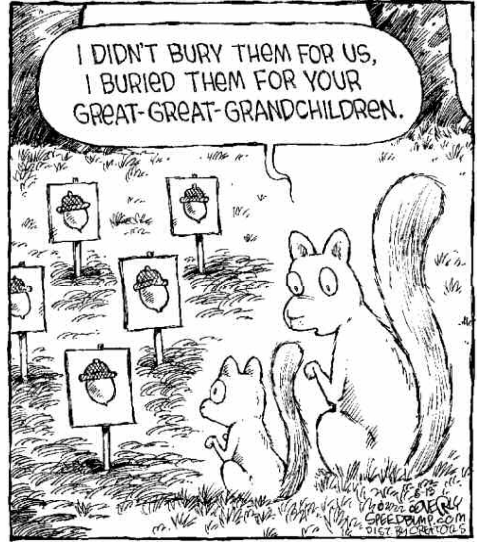
South
♠ A Q
♦ A 9

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.
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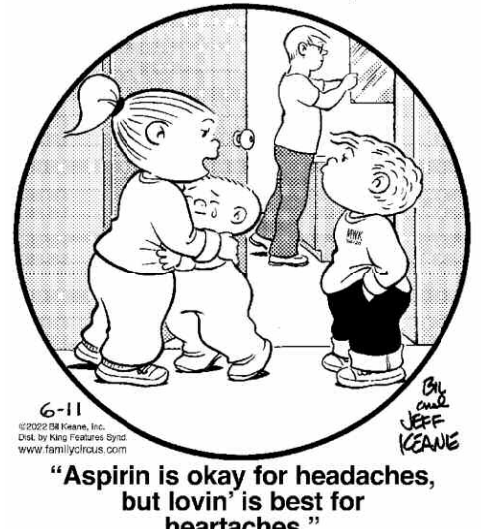
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Peanuts



Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Agnes



Hi and Lois



Hi and Lois



Funky Winkerbean



Funky Winkerbean



Blondie



Blondie



Snuffy Smith



Snuffy Smith



Beetle Bailey



Beetle Bailey



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Sports



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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 against CrossRoads Financial Federal Credit Union at Weiler-Wilson Park.

IHSAA names new director

Indiana High School Athletic Association announced this week that Brian Avery is taking over as director of its Champions Together program.

Avery has spent the last 11 years as athletics director at Speedway High School. He previously served in the same role at Franklin Central after coaching and teaching at both Seccina and Lawrence Central. He

has served on the Indiana Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association board since 2005, including for a year as its president.

"We're thrilled to have Brian join the Association with his extensive administrative experience to lead our Champions Together efforts," said IHSAA commissioner Paul Neidig. "He'll be a great addition as we begin to expand our unified sports

opportunities, particularly into the winter season."

Champions Together is a partnership between the IHSAA and Special Olympics Indiana to bring high school athletes with and without disabilities together to compete in athletics. The IHSAA sponsors a Unified Track and Field state tournament and a Unified Flag Football state tournament.

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