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New directions

Jay County High School band director Chuck Roesch instructs the Marching Patriots on marching form during the first summer band practice of the season Monday night. It was also the first official practice for Roesch, who is taking over as director following the retirement of Kelly Smeltzer.

Dunkirk woman died after crash

DUNKIRK — A Dunkirk woman died of injuries resulting from a car accident late Friday.

Linda D. Thompson, 50, sustained internal injuries, including to her chest, after the vehicle she was driving left the road, struck a fence and rolled several times across a field about 11:50 p.m. Friday.

Thompson was driving south on Indiana 167 north of Dunkirk when the 1995 Chevrolet Lumina she was driving swerved left of center, according to a Jay County Sheriff's Office report. The vehicle went east across the road and into a ditch on the Jay County side of the Jay/Blackford county line between Jay County roads 150 South and Division Road. The Chevrolet crashed into a barbed wire fence and rolled into a field, ejecting Thompson in the process.

Terrie Tullis, a nearby resident at 1780 S. Indiana 167, Dunkirk, told police she heard a vehicle driving fast on the highway, followed by a loud crash and the vehicle rolling through the field.

Thompson was flown to Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where she was later pronounced dead. Her blood was tested for alcohol and drugs with results pending.

The vehicle she was driving is registered to Linda L. Sullivan of Hartford City. It was towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

City commits funds for new shelter

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Funding from the City of Portland is now in place for a new animal control shelter in Jay County.

Portland City Council on Monday approved \$160,000 for the renovation of the former Fastenal building on Votaw Street on the west edge of the city.

Mindy Weaver, treasurer of

Jay County Humane Society and co-chair of the organization's fundraising campaign, explained to council members that the humane society purchased the former Fastenal building as well as 3 acres of land. At 6,000 square feet, the building provides nearly 2,000 square feet more than the organization planned if it had built new. The additional acreage allows space to walk animals,

provides a buffer from other property owners and to expand if needed in the future.

"It's a great location. I'm so excited," said Weaver, noting that a task force has been working on the county's animal control issue for four years. "It's easy to get to. It's easy to find. It's easy to see."

She explained the goal of getting construction moving as quickly as possible, in part

because the current humane society location and other sites that are being used to house animals are not large enough to accommodate the county's animal control needs. She added that the new shelter is planned for 140 cats and 40 dogs.

Council members Janet Powers, Michele Brewster, Matt Goldsworthy, Mike Aker and Dave Golden, absent Kent

McClung and Don Gillespie, voted unanimously in favor of contributing the \$160,000 to the project, with half to be paid from this year's budget and the other half in the first quarter of 2023.

"We need this," said Weaver while thanking council. "We're seeing the end in sight. We're very excited to be able to do this."

See Shelter page 5

New approach OK'd

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Jay County Junior-Senior High School will try a new approach to supervision of athletic events.

It will come with some shuffling of administration positions and duties.

Jay School Board on Monday approved Alex Griffin as the new junior high assistant principal as well as the creation of a new junior high assistant principal/athletics director position on a one-year trial basis.

Discussion regarding coverage for athletic events was lengthy and sometimes contentious at the board's June 6 meeting after junior-senior high prin-

cipal Chad Dodd brought a request for the addition of an assistant athletics director. He noted that despite stipends being offered, at least 40% of event supervision openings had remained unfilled each of the last two years.

Superintendent Jeremy Gulley, who brought the issue to the board for discussion but not a vote two weeks ago, went back and forth with board member Phil Ford, who was strongly in support of the new position. Gulley returned to the board Monday with a new plan to redistribute responsibilities among the six administrators at the junior-senior high school.

See Approach page 2

Village needs new vehicles

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

FORT RECOVERY — Two village departments could use a new vehicle next year.

Officials are holding off on making a decision until receiving estimates for

work at the village's wastewater lagoons.

Fort Recovery Village Council discussed budget options but took no official action at a meeting Monday.

Police chief Jared Laux explained his department

currently has two vehicles, a 2015 Dodge Charger and a 2018 Dodge Ram truck. The Charger had been in the shop for repairs, leaving the department with one vehicle for its three-officer staff for roughly a month.

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More candy

A marcher grins while heading north on Wayne Street as she prepares to toss more candy to the crowd Sunday during the Fireman's Parade on the final day of the Fort Recovery Harvest Jubilee.

Deaths

Aletha Johnston, 93, Portland

Ruth Reier, 87, Pennville

Danny Coby Jr., 49, Portland

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 89 degrees Monday. The low was 65.

Tonight's low will be 74. Expect a high of 92 Wednesday with a 20% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Vintage Motor Bike Club's annual meet begins Wednesday and continues through Saturday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Coming up

Wednesday — Coverage of today's Portland Park Board meeting.

Thursday — Results from the Portland Rockets game against the Fort Wayne Blues.



Obituaries

Aletha Johnston

Dec. 9, 1928-June 20, 2022
Aletha G. Johnston, age 93, of Portland passed away Monday, June 20, 2022, in Persimmon Ridge Healthcare in Portland.



Johnston

Aletha was born in Jay County on Dec. 9, 1928, the daughter of Peter and Cales-tine (Wagner) Remaklus. She was married on June 18, 1949, to Robert Johnston and he passed away on Oct. 18, 1964. She was a homemaker and had worked at Jay County Hospital, Richard's Restaurant, Jay Garment, Head Start and Nursing home. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Moose Lodge, American Legion Auxiliary, Eagles Lodge and Altar Rosary Society.

Surviving are six sons, Ron Johnston (wife: Jo Ellen) of Portland, Carl Johnston (wife: Muncie, Gary Johnston (wife: Cecelia) of Portland, Richard Johnston (wife: Patty) of Portland, Dan Johnston (wife: Lori) of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, and Robert Johnston of Portland; three daughters, Diana Link (husband: Jack) of Fort Recovery, Karen Wolford (husband: Dale) of Portland and Jane Johnston (wife: Deb) of Greenville, Ohio; daughter-in-law Martha Johnston of Tipton; 21 grandchildren; and 46 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two sons, Tom Johnston and Mark Johnston.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, June 24, at 10 a.m. in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church with Fr. Peter Logsdon presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday

from 3 to 7 p.m. and Friday from 9 to 9:45 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home.

Memorials can be made to The Hospice Group.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Ruth Reier

Dec. 20, 1934-June 17, 2022

Ruth Reier, age 87, a resident of Pennville, passed away on Friday, June 17, 2022, at her daughter's home in Pennville. She was a former resident of Fort Recovery, Ohio.

Ruth was born on Dec. 20, 1934, in Fort Recovery, Ohio, the daughter of Otto and Frona (Huffman) Green. She attended Fort Recovery High School and worked at Jay Garment in Portland, Westinghouse in Union City and Cooper Farms in Fort Recovery. Ruth enjoyed playing cards with her friends and going shopping with her daughter and

grandchildren. She would always make you smile and laugh.

Ruth married Lester Reier on April 19, 1958, and he passed away on May 17, 1998.



Reier

Survivors include:

Her daughter — Suzanne Clark, Pennville, Indiana
Stepson — Russell Reier, Hamilton, Ohio

Three grandchildren — Charles Garlinger, Elvis Garlinger (wife: Dana) and Angela Bowman (husband: Byron)

Seven great-grandchildren
She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and a stepson Harold Reier.

Visitation will be held on Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will be held on

Friday at 10:30 a.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Pastor Ron McCallum will officiate the service and burial will follow at Spring Hill Cemetery in Fort Recovery.

Condolences may be expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Danny E. Coby Jr., Portland, Jan. 17, 1973-June 14, 2022. A private visitation was held today with burial to follow at 2 p.m. at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville.

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

Wednesday 6/22	Thursday 6/23	Friday 6/24	Saturday 6/25	Sunday 6/26
92/64	87/62	91/67	94/73	89/63
There's a chance of rain today. Otherwise, sunny and hot, with a high of nearly 92 degrees.	Sunny skies and warm temperatures are in the forecast for Thursday.	More sun is on the horizon for Friday, continuing the heat wave into the weekend.	Saturday's weather forecast shows another day of sun. Chance of rain at night.	Sunday has a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 3-44-61-63-69 Powerball: 13 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$312 million	22-24-27-32-37-41-46-49-53-64-65-67-69-73-74-76-79 Cash 5: 12-15-16-37-38 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$290 million	Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 1-0-9 Pick 4: 8-6-7-8 Pick 5: 9-9-1-2-8 Evening Pick 3: 0-2-4 Pick 4: 1-8-8-4 Pick 5: 2-0-8-1-8 Rolling Cash 5: 20-26-28-30-39 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000 Classic Lotto: 8-21-34-37-41-47 Kicker: 6-3-0-8-5-6 Jackpot: \$29.9 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 2-6-2 Daily Four: 6-4-3-0 Quick Draw: 7-8-10-16-17-18-20-22-34-36-45-53-57-61-62-63-70-71-72-78 Evening Daily Three: 2-7-1 Daily Four: 2-6-3-0 Quick Draw: 2-16-20-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.70 July corn.....7.70 Wheat8.07	Wheat 9.60 July wheat 9.65
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Today in history

In 1834, C.H. McCormick patented the first practical reaper. His father, Robert, had experimented with a design but handed over the work to C.H. (Cyrus Hall) three years earlier.
In 1893, the first Ferris wheel debuted at the World's Columbian Exposition in Chicago.
In 1915, Germany used poison gas for the first time in warfare in Argonne Forest. —The CR

In 1882, John Hinckley Jr. was ruled innocent by reason of insanity for his attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan.
In 2020, the Tri-State Gas Engine and Tractor Association voted 10-8 to move forward with its 55th annual Antique Engine and Tractor Show despite the coronavirus pandemic.

Citizen's calendar

Wednesday
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.
6 p.m. — Jay County Soil and Water Conservation District, USDA Service Center, 1331 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
Thursday
2 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
5:15 p.m. — Jay/Portland Building and Planning Department Inter-Local Joint Board, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.

Village ...

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He suggested officials consider purchasing a new police cruiser to prevent the department from a similar situation in the future. Laux offered quotes for a 2022 Dodge Durango, with the maximum price coming in at \$41,659. (Estimates were up roughly 20% from last year, he noted.)

Village administrator Randy Diller noted the street department also is in need of a new vehicle, with its current Ford F150 dating back to 2011. He added that council may want to consider holding off on purchasing a vehicle until it learns more about plans for the lagoons.

Residents from Wabash Road have attended a few meetings recently lamenting about the odor wafting from the wastewater lagoons to their homes. Village employees have tried a variety of chemicals and other methods to mitigate the smell. (Diller noted Monday the KCD-X product the village has been using seems to have helped reduce the odor.) After several months of planning and testing, Poggemeyer Design Group will meet with village officials next week to review its final report and options for a new wastewater system plan.

Diller plans to invite a representative from Poggemeyer to the next council meeting to explain the

options, and Mayor Dave Kaup suggested council also invite property owners from along Wabash Road to that meeting.

Fiscal officer Roberta Staugler noted the village needs to submit its 2023 budget by July 15.

Village council members Al Post, Cliff Wendel, Erik Fiely and Luke Knapke, absent Greg Schmitz and Scott Pearson, agreed to hold off on a vehicle decision until the next meeting.

Also Monday, in observance of Independence Day, council tentatively decided to hold its next meeting July 1. (The time of the meeting has yet to be finalized.)

Approach ...

Continued from page 1
Under Gulley's plan, the junior high curriculum and data position currently held by Griffin will be rolled into the assistant principal for curriculum and instruction position currently held by Mike Crull. With those duties shifted, Griffin's old position will be replaced with that of a junior high assistant principal/athletics director.

With Crull retiring at the end of the month, several shifts will be made:

- Current assistant principal/dean James Myers will become assistant principal for curriculum and instruction
- Current junior high assistant principal Amber Yadon will become high school assistant principal/dean
- Griffin will become junior high assistant principal

That leaves the new junior high assistant principal/athletics director role still to be filled along with the new East Elementary School assistant principal position the board created last month.

Board members Ron Laux, Donna Geesaman, Phil Ford, Chris Snow, Jason Phillips, Mike Shannon and Vickie Reitz unanimously approved Griffin's position change and the creation of the new junior high assistant principal/athletics director position at a salary of \$74,732. The position is in place on a one-year trial basis and will be paid for with federal coronavirus

relief funds. Plans are to evaluate the role after one year and consider whether it is sustainable after the federal funds are no longer available. (The reassignments of Myers and Yadon did not require board approval.)

In addition, Gulley recommended a shift to eight designated event coordinator roles, each agreeing to supervise between 15 and 25 events over the course of the year. The goal, he said, is to create a system that is "more efficient and simpler." He suggested a pay rate of \$120 per event — not to be paid until after all events have been covered — but those details must be negotiated with Jay Classroom Teachers Association.

In other business, the board:

- Set school fees for the 2022-23 school year. For elementary school, they are kindergarten — \$150; first grade — \$161; second grade — \$141; third grade — \$168; fourth grade — \$166; fifth grade — \$168; sixth grade — \$195.
- Approved the following: several hirings, including Todd Farr as JCHS baseball coach and Erin Roesch as Redkey Elementary School library and technology instructional assistant; an increase in the per-

hour Latchkey fee to \$4 from \$3; increases in lunch fees by 10 cents to \$2.95 for elementary school and \$3.20 for junior-senior high school; elementary school math and seventh grade pre-algebra textbooks from McGraw-Hill.

- Heard the corporation's updated plan for Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds has been approved by the state department of education. It included

\$100,000 to help pay for the new Centegix school safety system.

- Awarded a contract for heating, ventilation and cooling system improvements at East Elementary School to Freije Engineered Solutions Company at a cost of \$139,955.

- Approved the retirements of JCHS science teacher and baseball coach Lea Selvey, Redkey Elementary School sixth grade teacher Donna White and Crull.

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Friday

Johnston, Aletha: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.

Reier, Ruth: 10:30 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Wife feels ready to end relationship

DEAR ABBY: I got pregnant at 15 and had my oldest daughter at 16. I met my husband at 18, and went on to have four more daughters. I have been with him for more than 30 years (I just turned 49).

My girls are living their own lives now. The thing is, now that I'm alone with my husband, I have come to discover that we have nothing in common. I want to leave him, but I have no money, no car and no job. I have become someone I never thought I would become — alone with no life!

My husband ignores me and drinks a lot. When we visit family, it's a free-for-all drunk fest for him. I just don't have the energy at my age to deal with a drunk. I dealt all my life with an alcoholic father and I don't want to do it anymore. How do I begin to rebuild my life and start over? I really need to do this for myself. — AT A CROSSROADS IN OHIO

Dear Abby



DEAR AT A CROSSROADS: I agree that rebuilding your life is something you need to do for yourself. The surest way to accomplish it would be to get a job. This may eventually equip you to survive on your own. If you need transportation, ask your daughters for help, or take public transportation.

If you prefer not to attend "family" gatherings, have your husband go alone. Your father's alcoholism may have contributed to the fact that you married someone with an alcohol problem, thinking it was "normal." If that's the case, consider finding a near-

by chapter of Al-Anon (al-anon.org/info) or Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families (adultchildren.org) and attend some of the meetings. They are sometimes held online, so you could do it on a computer, if necessary. I wish you luck on your journey.

DEAR ABBY: I am a widow with three serious illnesses, one of which is potentially deadly. I hesitate to confide in some of my friends because the majority of them go into a litany of their illnesses. For the most part, their ailments are common and require just a small change in diet or perhaps losing some weight. What makes it uncomfortable for me is they act like they are in a life-threatening situation, which they aren't.

I find it increasingly difficult to empathize with their common colds, achy joints, etc. How

can I explain to these folks how much they upset me? For the most part, they are good people, just very self-centered. — CHALLENGED IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR CHALLENGED: It may be unrealistic to expect friends who don't know about your serious medical conditions to empathize with you or stop complaining about their aches and pains. Rather than say their complaints are annoying, tell them the truth about what's going on with you. After that, try to remember that regardless of how minor, every person's health challenges are important to them, even if on the grand scale of things they don't seem that way to you.

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 32 years. Back in the mid-1990s, my husband cheated on me. A little over a year ago

the woman he cheated with reached out to me via social media to apologize. She said she is now sober, has found religion and is trying to mend her wrongdoings. I never responded to her because I didn't know what to say. I don't hate her, but in my mind, if I say I forgive you, it's like I'm agreeing with what she did — and I don't. How do you tell someone you don't forgive them? — APOLOGY NOT ACCEPTED

DEAR A.N.A.: Nothing requires you to say anything to the woman. However, if you decide to break your silence, the comment you made in your letter, "I don't hate you, but in my mind, if I say I forgive you, it's like I'm agreeing with what you did — and I don't," would suffice. It's succinct, polite and conveys your feelings accurately. But don't hold onto the grudge, because it is not healthy — for you.

Presence is birthday present

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

Today is my daughter Beth's birthday. I used to send her a birthday box containing a cake mix, a tub of frosting, assorted small presents and a birthday card. I have skipped it this year as her hubby has arranged for a plane ticket so that I will be her present. He is supposed to be picking me up at the airport. I am curious as to what reason he will give her for being out so late.

I sure hope it goes well. It has been many years since I have flown. I will need to look over the fine print closely to make sure we have printed everything that needs to be printed.

Apparently one of the changes in air travel is that there is no longer a nonstop flight from here to there. What should be a three-hour flight now takes at least twice as long because they have to allow time to explore busy airports in Chicago and Charlotte.

As apprehensive as I am, I am looking forward to seeing Beth again. It has been more than two years since I have seen her. She thinks I am more interested in see-

As I See It



ing her kids than in visiting her but she is wrong. She is the one I miss the most.

We do get regular updates and pictures of the kids and the rest of the Texas bunch. I remember one year when a little boy appeared in almost every picture. I finally asked her if she had gotten another kid without telling me. It turns out it was just the neighbor boy.

Pictures aren't the same as being there in person. I realize that the grands are now all too old to jump onto my lap and demand a story about dinosaurs or whatever is the subject of the day. They are now into sports, friends and whatever else they can find.

There are many times that I wish we lived closer together. However, I don't like the thought of moving far away from the rest of the fami-

ly. Plus from what I have seen, Texas is a completely different country than what I am used to. I do not speak Spanish and nobody down there speaks my grandma language. There is no way I could drive in their traffic and I have yet to see any sidewalks. Beth has no interest in moving here. So we get together when we can and use the internet or regular mail to keep in touch.

I have just found out that the airline is canceling flights, I'm not sure why. This brings on another layer of worry. Beth had planned to come up for my birthday in February but the COVID rules said it was wiser for her to stay home. Both of us were devastated. I am really hoping that this is not going to be a repeat of that.

So now we wait. I hope that all this worry is for nothing. I also hope that travel somehow gets faster, safer and easier so that my daughter and I can see each other more often.

I also hope that this birthday is one of the ones she remembers fondly.

Happy birthday, Beth.

Community Calendar

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

Today

ALZHEIMER'S CARE-GIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Jay County Public Library community room. For more information, call Deb Tipton at (260) 729-2806 or Elasha Lennartz at (765) 729-4567.

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.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE - BR-ANNA'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.

Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

EUCHRE CLUB — Will meet at 2 p.m. the fourth Wednesday of each month at Chalet Village Health and Rehabilitation in the North Lounge.

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

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

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

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

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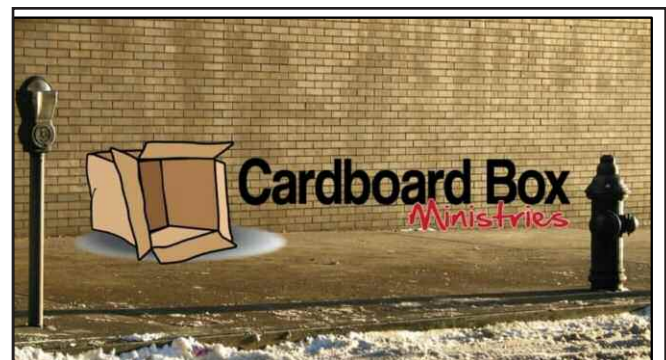
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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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Lawmakers ignoring facts, reason

News and Tribune
(Jeffersonville & New Albany)

Indiana State Police Superintendent Doug Carter, a Republican, warned state lawmakers in February about eliminating the need for a permit to carry a concealed weapon.

"I sure hope you choose to show deference to law enforcement professionals who understand the magnitude and the frontline effects of this legislation, rather than the possibility of getting reelected or unelected the next primary," he said.

But the majority ignored Carter's advice, and in March, Gov. Eric Holcomb signed the so-

Guest Editorial

called "Constitutional Carry" legislation into law. The new law takes effect July 1. Carter's objection was understandable. Traffic stops become much more dangerous when the person behind the wheel might be armed.

For Hoosiers, the change means people without any training or registration can tote hand-

guns in public spaces, and life in this state becomes more like the Wild West.

But the law is also reflective of state leadership's inability to tackle the issue of gun reform. Lawmakers are instead making it easier to buy and carry guns, even though obtaining a firearm has never really been an issue in Indiana. ...

The idea that Hoosiers are somehow insulated from the wave of gun violence plaguing the country is misguided.

In Gary on June 12, two people were killed and four others wounded in a nightclub shooting. On the same date, five people

were injured in a shooting in Indianapolis ... On May 21, two people were killed and three injured in a shooting in Goshen.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Indiana had 1,159 gun deaths in 2020, ranking the state 17th in the nation in the number of gun deaths per 100,000 residents.

The staggering loss of life from mass shootings garners the bulk of our attention, and that typically leads to emphasis on regulating assault-style weapons such as the AR-15. But the CDC says handguns — the weapons Indiana is making it easier to carry — accounted for 59% of all the mur-

ders and manslaughters carried out using a gun in 2020. ...

Any meaningful reform in Indiana must begin with state lawmakers. It's far too easy to obtain and carry a gun in Indiana. While owning a gun is a Constitutional right, safeguards and common sense restrictions must be installed.

As lawmakers and the governor consider special sessions this summer to address inflation and abortion, they should also reserve time to address gun laws. As the state police superintendent told lawmakers months ago, politics have no place in protecting the public.

Let's all celebrate Juneteenth holiday

By JAZMIN KREIMER
Progressive Perspectives
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Juneteenth, which was Monday, is a day when generations of Black Americans have come together to celebrate freedom from slavery.

It's a day that, until recently, was not widely acknowledged outside of some Black communities.

Even though President Joe Biden signed into law a bill that made Juneteenth a federal holiday in 2021, too many Americans are still unfamiliar with the day or its significance.

It's time for that to change.

Amid the pandemic, the struggle to confront the realities of racism in the United States, a series of mass shootings and the continued fallout from the 2020 election, Juneteenth is an occasion for everyone in the United States to come together, enjoy the company of our family, friends and neighbors, and gather around the grill.

Roughly seven in 10 Americans believe that it's important to teach the history of racism in our country, including the history of their own racial groups and others. Juneteenth provides a powerful opportunity to learn about our shared past in a way that celebrates progress while recognizing ongoing challenges.

I never learned about Juneteenth in school. Even though part of my family is from Texas, where most slaves weren't freed until Union troops arrived in Galveston on June 19, 1865, I grew up knowing little more than that my father was born on a day we called "Juneteenth." It wasn't until I was an adult that I came to understand what that meant.

This significant event should not be hidden in history. And now that Juneteenth is nationally recognized, we have a responsibility to learn how to talk about and celebrate this holiday more broadly.

We also have a responsibility to ensure that our country's polarization does not take away from Juneteenth. Currently, Americans feel more positively toward July 4, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Martin Luther King Jr. Day than they do toward Juneteenth. This largely falls along party lines, with Democrats

Jazmin Kreimer



feeling significantly more positive than Republicans.

But research from our organization More in Common, which will be published soon, shows that freedom and equality are values that Americans associate closely with our national identity. If July 4 celebrates our independence as a nation, and Juneteenth commemorates the emancipation of enslaved Americans, these two holidays can represent a twin celebration of freedom that truly embodies the value that Americans hold highest: freedom for all.

Some Americans feel unsure that Juneteenth is meant for them and are uncertain of how to celebrate it. In our recent study, we found that while seven in 10 Black Americans view Juneteenth as somewhat or very personally significant, that figure was less than one-half for Hispanic Americans, and less than one-third for white and Asian Americans. This divide is likely due to the fact that, for many years, Juneteenth was a holiday primarily celebrated by Black people like my nana.

When I asked my nana about her experience as a young girl in Dallas, she said she would dress up and gather with family and friends to barbecue, drink red soda and celebrate perseverance, progress and freedom, even in the face of continuing oppression. But Juneteenth's long history in Black communities isn't a barrier to a wider celebration.

Black American history, after all, is U.S. history — and Juneteenth, in particular, represents an ongoing journey of a young country struggling to live up to its ideals.

It is our duty to provide Americans with the resources to learn this history.

And if we can learn from each other while celebrating with barbecue and red soda in the process, then all the better.

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Get rid of the stereotypes

By ANDREW REINER
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Tribune News Service

Recently, I was sitting in the cafe of a large chain grocery store when two employees walked by. One of them must have been training the other one because he said to his colleague, "You saw how crazy things were for Mother's Day? How we sold out of flowers?" The trainee nodded. "Father's Day won't be anything like that," the veteran said. "It'll be just another Sunday."

Americans spend, on average, \$71 more for mothers than they do fathers on their respective holidays. And research from 2021 found that 84% of Americans were planning on feting their mothers, while 75% said the same for fathers. In a hyper-consumerist culture like ours — in which consumption mirrors identity and values — this spending discrepancy reveals deeper assumptions and stereotypes. Ultimately, it speaks to the limited ways we still expect fathers to parent.

As I discovered in research for my book, "Better Boys, Better Men," many men don't think they are supposed to want recognition for their parenting role, nor that they should speak up even if they do secretly crave it. One federal government employee told me, "All the men I've ever known taught me, or modeled, that men aren't supposed to worry about being fussed over by their families. That's for women." In other words, men don't believe they have permission to have the very human need for recognition met without risking appearing unmanly, vulnerable.

The 2019 Movember Global Research Report on masculinity and mental health found that a third of respondents feel "pres-

Andrew Reiner



sure to be manly/masculine" and that nearly 60% feel pressure from society to appear "strong" by being emotionally stoic, along with pressure to hide "weakness," "fix things" and to be "physically strong." Half of all respondents said that this pressure comes not just from men but from the larger society.

Such messages don't originate with men only: Many women want their husbands and partners to cling to traditionally masculine behaviors as being the constant pillar of stoic "strength" for their families at the expense of their own needs. The problem with appearing "strong" is that many people believe this requires internalizing deeper emotions, which ultimately compromises our health and well-being and can lead to earlier death, as research from the Harvard School of Public Health has found.

These expectations were amplified further in a survey I conducted among 47 college students, which gauged the ideal qualities they believed fathers should possess. The students are part of a generation pushing to make gender identity more fluid, yet these were the most common responses: Fathers should be "protectors," "strong," "selfless," "in control" of difficult situations, and, of course, they should tell "stupid dad jokes."

We also are still working from a narrow script when it comes to

expectations about work and home lives for men. Half of all respondents to one Pew Research Study said they valued the "contributions men make at work," while "5% say society values the contributions men make at home." Yet 56% of Americans observed that society values the contributions women "make at work and at home equally."

Sure, many fathers are content, even happy, to stay insulated in this status quo. Increasingly, though, many fathers aren't. They are the ones staying at home with the children, while their wives or partners work. They are the ones pushing for equal-parenting laws around custody and child support. They are the ones who accept, as research shows, that men consistently experience deeper emotional states that are far more similar to those of women than they are different. They are the ones that a 2019 Pew study revealed see parenting as central to their identity and are closing the gap between the degrees to which fathers and mothers are involved in their children's lives and are contributing to domestic duties.

So, what do those of us who are part of this new breed of fathers want for Father's Day? We don't need grocery stores to run out of roses, but we also don't want a tie or mug (or power tool) as yet another reminder that our parenting identities are tethered to work. We want the freedom to experience parenthood sans unproductive gendered expectations.

If given permission, this is a conversation many men would like to have. Let's start by making stupid dad jokes optional.

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Pence rebukes policies

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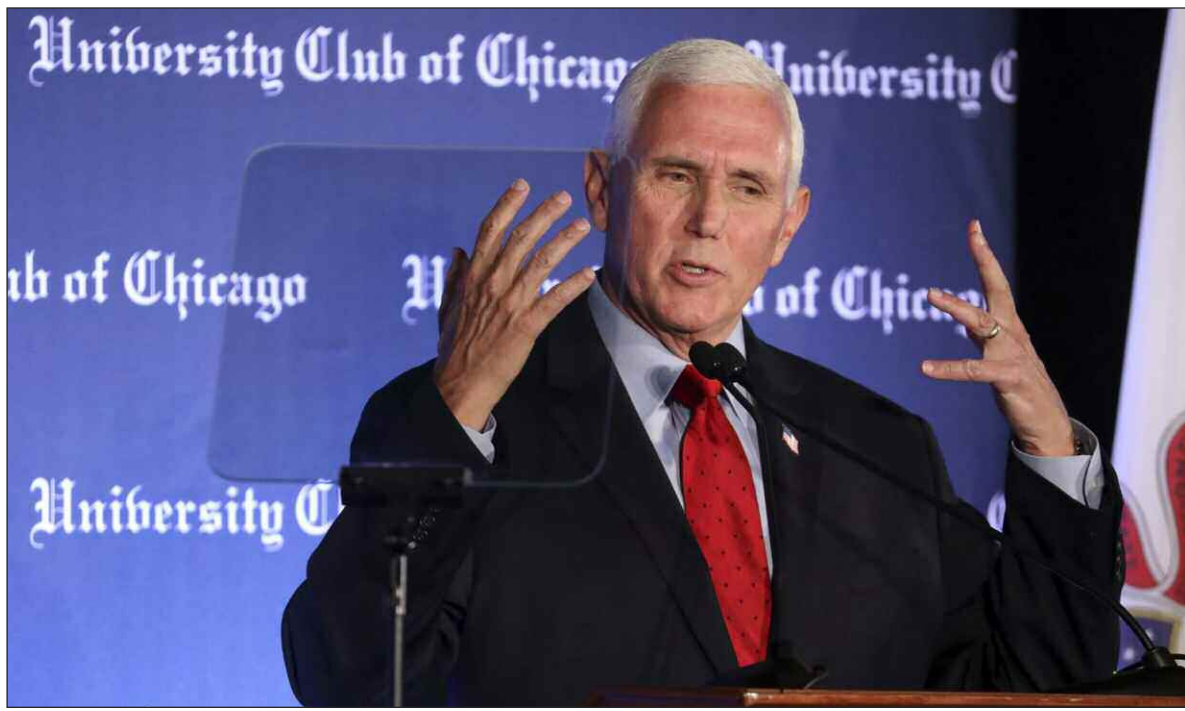
CHICAGO — Sounding like a potential presidential candidate, former Vice President Mike Pence contended Monday that the nation's economic woes were almost entirely the result of Democratic President Joe Biden's policies, and told an audience at the University Club of Chicago that without a turnaround, Americans will "change leadership very soon."

Speaking for nearly 40 minutes before a few hundred people in an ornate hall, Pence touted the economic successes of the "Trump-Pence administration," but made no direct reference to the man he served under, former President Donald Trump.

Nor did he say anything about Trump's efforts to pressure him to block the outcome of the 2020 election in the lead-up to the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection at the Capitol, where rioters chanted "Hang Mike Pence."

Pence has become a focal point of a House select committee's investigation into the insurrection as the panel examines whether Trump knew his push for his vice president to stop the Electoral College vote count of states giving Biden the presidency was not legal. Pence refused to bow to Trump's demands.

While in Chicago, Pence taped an interview with Foxnews.com in which he said he would not allow Democrats



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Former Vice President Mike Pence gives a speech on the U.S. economy Monday at the University Club of Chicago.

to use Jan. 6 "to distract attention from their failed agenda or to demean the intentions of 74 million Americans who rallied behind our cause."

Pence said that "by God's grace," he knows he did his "duty that day, under the Constitution."

Pence said a decision to make a White House bid would not be dependent on whether Trump runs again. "We'll go where we're called, and as I said, we won't let anybody make that decision for us," he said.

At the University Club, Pence made a lone reference to "a tragic day at our nation's capitol" as part of a litany of difficult times the country has faced since the pandemic.

Pence, 63, did not discuss any ambitions for the White House.

But the former vice president and former governor of Indiana lashed out at the policies of Biden and the "radical left extremists" in the Democratic Party and their "agenda of more taxes, more regula-

tion, less American energy and open borders."

"The truth is, the majority of Americans know that President Biden's economic policies have failed utterly and completely and it is time for a change of direction for America," Pence said. "The Biden administration squandered American prosperity faster than any other administration in the history of our country."

"President Biden has offered plenty of excuses but few solutions," he said.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

Deer caused two accidents in rural Jay County recently.

Stephen D. Fouch, 53, Portland, was driving west on county road 600 South about 4:18 p.m. Thursday when a deer ran in front of the 2018 Chevrolet Equinox he was driving. He wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal with the vehicle, causing between \$5,000 and \$10,000 in estimated damage. The Chevrolet is registered to Teresa L. Blankenship of Portland.

Bryn E. Albertson, 32, Winchester, was driving west on county road 650 South about 10:14 p.m. Thursday when she crashed her 2019 Toyota Highlander into a deer on the road. Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000.

Signs struck

A Portland man crashed his vehicle into two signs at the intersection of Park and Walnut streets about 5:23 a.m. Thursday.

Michael J. Sallade, 54, was driving a 2012 Dodge Grand Caravan south on Park Street and turning left onto Walnut Street when he drove into a street sign and stop sign, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.

The vehicle he was driving is registered to Sherri L. Hicks of Portland.

Felony arrests

Dealing drugs

A Farmland man was arrested Saturday for dealing drugs and related charges.

Zachary G. Morgan, 39, 8733 W. 500 North, was preliminarily charged with a Level 3 felony for dealing in methamphetamine, two Level 6 felonies

for unlawful possession of a syringe and possession of a narcotic drug, a Class A misdemeanor for possession of a controlled substance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He was released on a \$35,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

Domestic battery

A Bryant man was arrested Monday for domestic battery.

Brian L. Jones, 37, 208 N. Hendricks St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6

felony. He's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Drug possession

A Fort Wayne man was arrested Monday for drug possession.

Jeremiah T. Hill, 35, 1745

Hale Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony for obstruction of justice and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He's being held on a \$14,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Shelter ...

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The hope is that renovation work can begin this fall. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$1 million.

Also Monday, council members approved a one-year contract to utilize Enterprise Fleet Management for the purchase of vehicles for the city's street and parks department. The Enterprise system is designed to turn over vehicles more quickly through a lease and resale procedure. It is intended to save the city money in the long term by reducing fuel and maintenance costs. (The contract had already been approved by the city's board of works.)

Council members made no decisions on other issues it had already discussed at multiple previous meetings.

They took no vote on Mayor John Boggs' request to accept bids for the former Sheller-Globe south building at 510 S. Ship St. He noted that several businesses are interested in the site.

Powers pointed out that some council members have yet to visit the building. (Goldsworthy responded in frustration, as the site has been under discussion for more than a year since a previous contract to purchase it was rescinded.)

Council ultimately scheduled a special meeting for 7:30 p.m. Monday to be held at the Sheller-Globe site to facilitate all those interested to see the building before moving forward with a vote.

Also discussed was the mayor's proposed 5% raises and the implementation of longevity pay for city employees. Council members went back and forth on the issue, with motions to table it and to implement a 3.5% raise with longevity pay both failing to reach the four-vote requirement for approval. (Powers and Golden were in favor of tabling or approving the smaller

State of the City address is at noon June 28 at Lions Club Civic Center

raise while Goldsworthy, Brewster and Aker favored approving the mayor's full request.)

With no resolution in sight Monday, Boggs ultimately tabled the issue.

In other business:

•Responding to a question from Powers, city attorney Wes Schemenaur said he has still not heard back from The Greazy Pickle. The restaurant and bar shares a wall with The Bailey Building, which is in disrepair and the city would like to tear down. Boggs had previously reported that The Greazy Pickle's owners planned to have their own structural assessment done to determine whether the shared wall can be reinforced to allow the business to stay in place if the Bailey Building is demolished. The city has not been informed of results of such an assessment.

•Council members approved the purchase prices of \$20,000 and \$7,000, respectively, for land from Blaine Pike property owners Michael Wallischeck and Corey Dunmoyer. The purchases, based on results from court-appointed appraisals, clear the way for Indiana Department of Transportation's sidewalk project to move forward. Construction is expected in 2023.

•Council agreed to donate \$7,500 to the Jay County Fair. Fair board member Dillon Muhlenkamp requested the donation, noting that the goal is to close the fair with a fireworks display at dusk July 16. The county last week also approved a \$7,500 donation.

•Boggs noted the follow-

ing: —His State of the City address is scheduled for noon June 28 at the Portland Lions Club Civic Center.

—A benefit concert hosted by George Lopez and Bruce Smith recently at The Topsy Glass winery raised \$1,600 to help the city acquire a new police dog. Its previous dog, Katja, was retired earlier this year because of health issues.

—Anyone who is interested in being involved in the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP) should contact Christy Shauer of Jay County Community Development at (260) 726-9311. The program is designed to help Jay County decide how to spend its nearly \$4 million in funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.

—Longtime Jay County Visitors & Tourism director Gyneth Augsburger has retired, with Mary Adair named as her successor. Boggs wished Augsburger well and thanked her for her service to the community.

•Council formally established an aviation fund, which had already been in place. The council action was required by the State Board of Accounts.

•Aker noted that the Portland Optimist Clubs' fishing derby is scheduled for 8 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday at Hudson Family Park.

•Both Goldsworthy and Golden commented that they are pleased to see all of the street paving that has been going on in the city over the last few weeks. Streets being paved include North and Race on the city's east side and Water on the west side.

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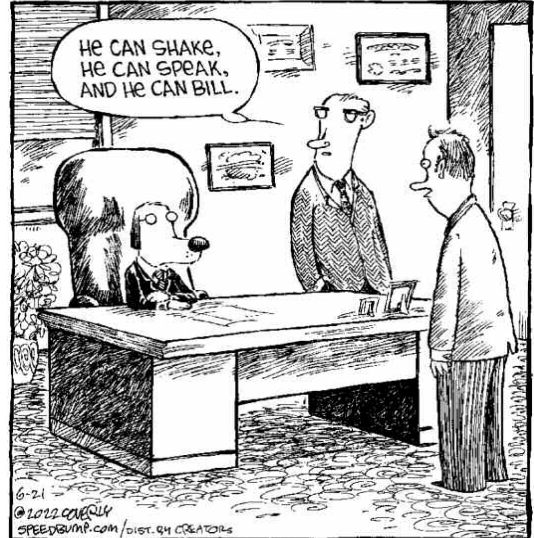
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At the first table, declarer played low from dummy on the heart lead and won East's ten with the jack. South returned the king of diamonds, and after taking the ace, West shifted to a low club. The defenders then cashed four club tricks, and South went down one.

The ruse having succeeded, and with the contract now firmly under control, declarer let West's heart return run to his jack and thereby recouped the trick he had given away on the opening lead to finish with 10 tricks.

Whether West should have fallen into declarer's trap is not an issue. What does matter is that the second declarer found a way to give himself an extra chance if the two missing aces were unfavorably located. He was perfectly willing to sacrifice a trick in order to increase the possibility of making the contract.

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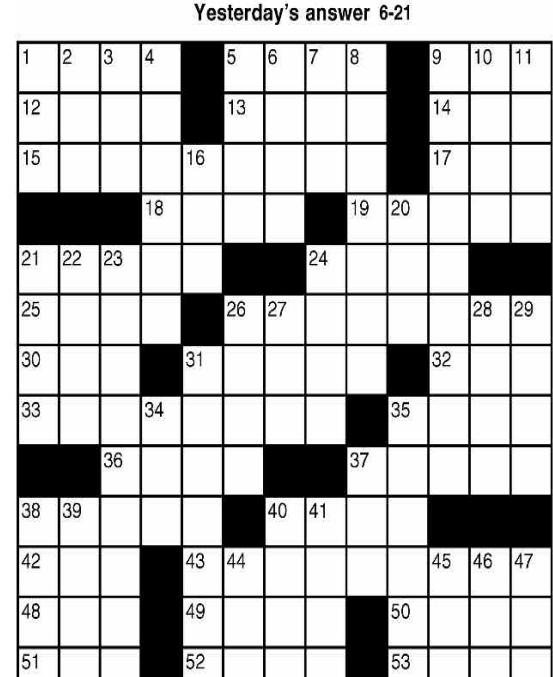
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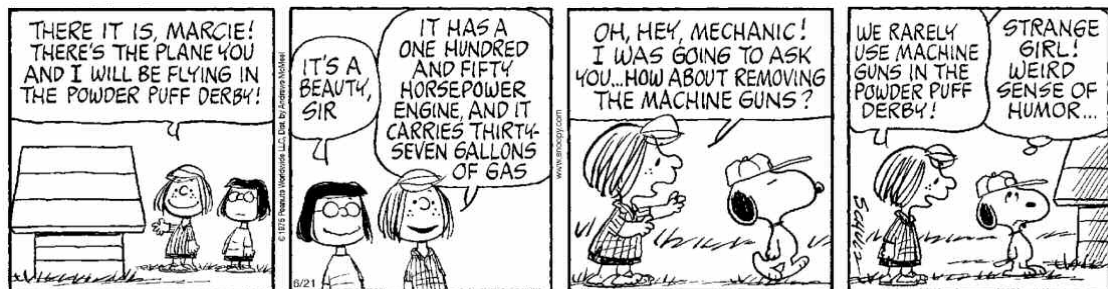
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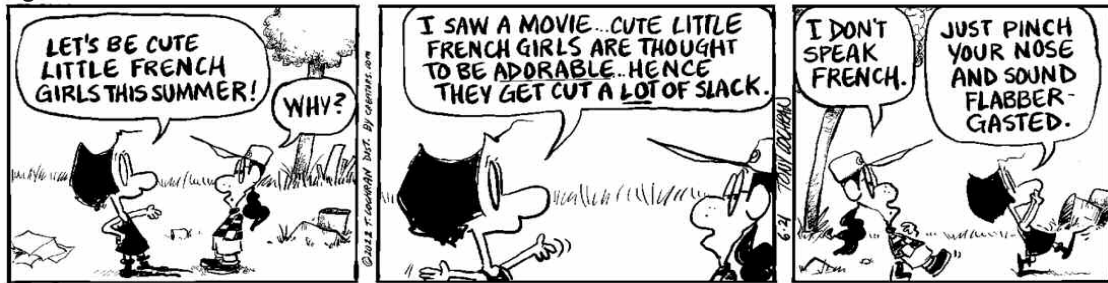
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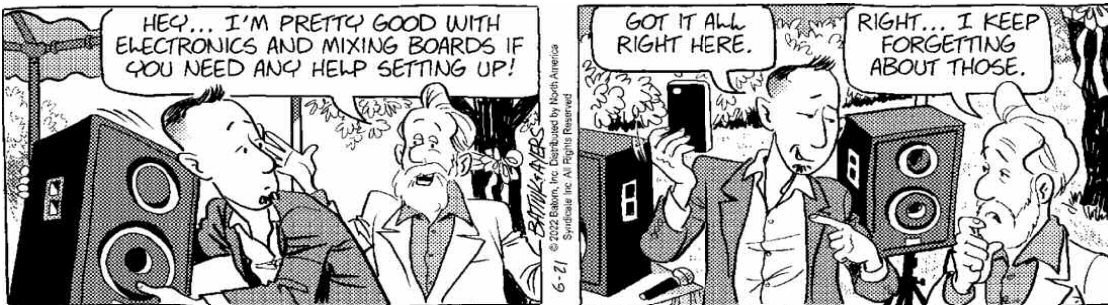
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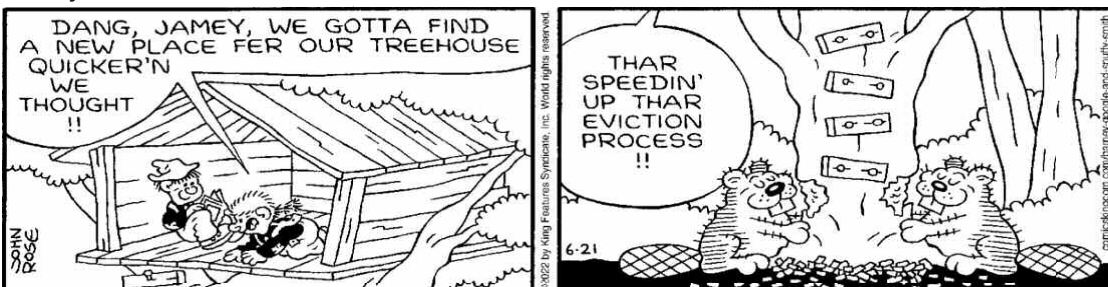
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Vaughn powers White Sox

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Andrew Vaughn was aware he needed a triple for the cycle when he came to bat in the sixth inning Monday against the Toronto Blue Jays.

"You've got to keep it out of the back of your head," Vaughn said.

Vaughn didn't get the triple, but he did single to match a career high with four hits in the Chicago White Sox's 8-7 victory in front of 22,482 at Guaranteed Rate Field.

Vaughn had an RBI double in the first, singled and scored in the third and hit a solo homer in the fourth. His sixth-inning at-bat finished with a single to left.

"His stroke (Monday) was as pure as it could be," Sox manager Tony La Russa said. "(Blue Jays starter José) Berríos, we hit some good pitches. We stayed on the ball good because that guy's tough.

"But we talked about it before, that's what (Gavin) Sheets has shown, (Jake) Burger, they're hungry hitters. They go up there every at-bat trying to make something happen, and Vaughn, he's got that nailed."

It's the third time Vaughn has had four hits in a game. He has five multi-hit performances in his last seven games.

"Just learning from last year," Vaughn said. "Learned how to take care of my body better. It's 162 games. It's long. Just being smart and being proactive about it."

Vaughn's home run was the third of the night for the Sox. Josh Harrison's two-run homer in the second gave them a 3-2 lead. Luis Robert made it 5-2 with a two-run homer one inning later.

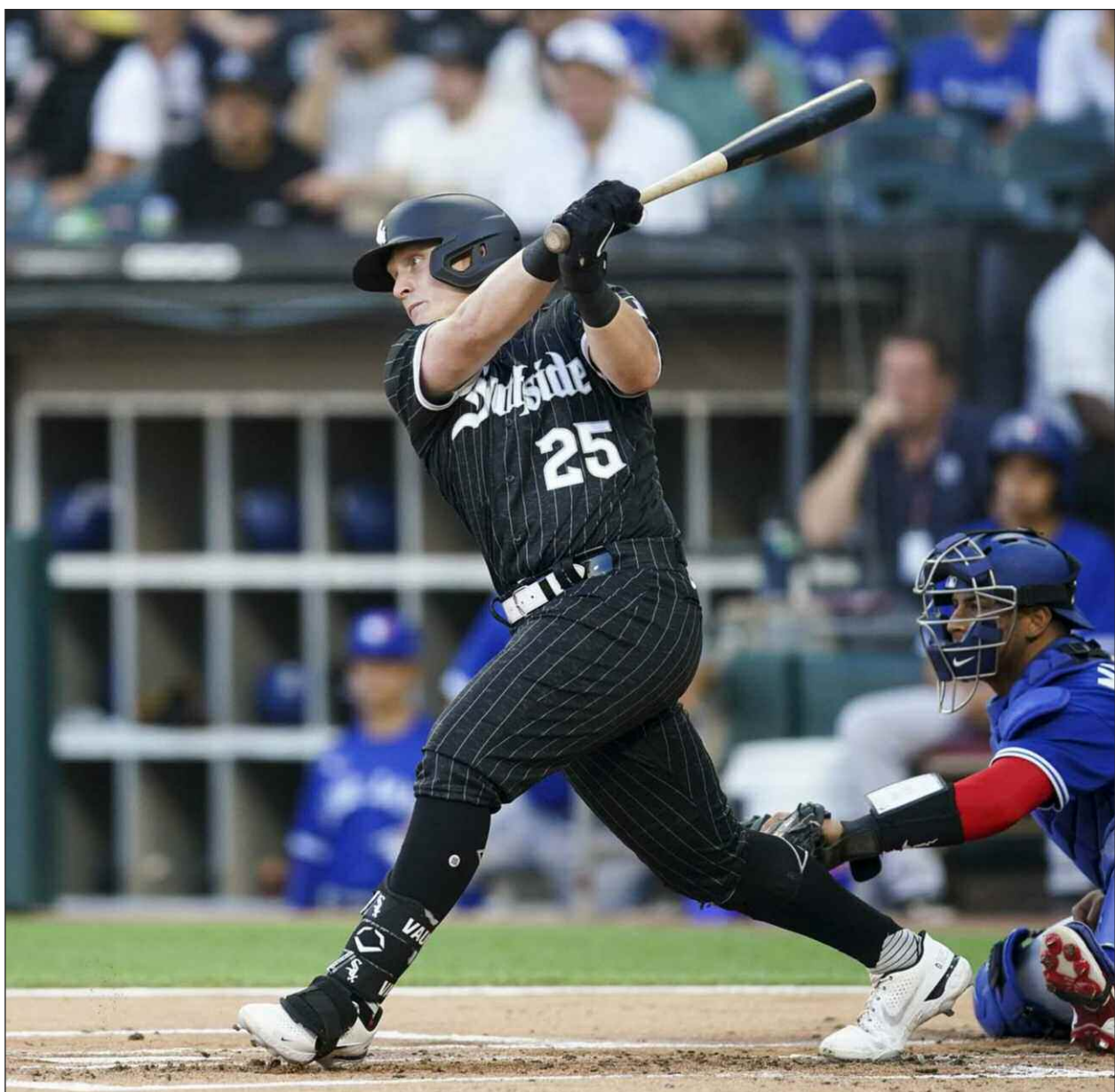
The Sox had production up and down the lineup, finishing with 13 hits. Eight of the nine starters had at least one hit. Leadoff batter Tim Anderson singled twice and scored a run in his return from the injured list.

"I was seeing the ball real well," said Anderson, who last played for the Sox on May 29, when he suffered a strained right groin. "If I just stay right there where I'm at, just continue to keep pushing, I'll be in a good spot."

La Russa said of Anderson: "His stroke is a thing of a beauty. I mean, he can get to anything."

Harrison was getting to almost anything defensively. He made several impressive plays, including a tremendous diving stop and throw from his knees to get Gabriel Moreno for the first out of the fifth.

"He had a great game," La Russa said of Harrison. "A clutch home



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Chicago White Sox designated hitter Andrew Vaughn hits an RBI double during the first inning Monday against the Toronto Blue Jays at Guaranteed Rate Field.

run, he hit a couple of balls hard, but the defensive plays — every time you take an out away from that club is a huge step in the right direction."

Lance Lynn benefited from the defense in his second start of the season and his first at home. The right-hander allowed five runs (three earned) on four hits with five strikeouts and two walks in five-plus innings.

There was a questionable ball four to Vladimir Guerrero Jr. in the sixth. Teoscar Hernández followed with a two-run double, getting the Blue Jays within 8-4. That was Lynn's final batter.

Asked about the progress from his first start to his second after returning from right knee surgery in the spring to repair a torn ten-

don, Lynn said: "I don't know. I gave up five runs in five innings. It's still horse(bleep)."

La Russa had a slightly different assessment.

"The ball was coming out great," La Russa said. "He was very aggressive. I watched him closely in that sixth. That lineup is tough. You saw what they've done all year long. And he was very sharp. Didn't get bothered by the first two (runs on a homer by Raimel Tapia in the second) and kept shutting them out until the end."

Reynaldo López followed Lynn and struck out two in the sixth. He came back for the seventh and stranded a runner on second with another strikeout.

With closer Liam Hendriks on the injured list, the Sox opted for

Kendall Graveman in the eighth and Joe Kelly in the ninth. Kelly surrendered a two-run homer with one out in the ninth to Cavan Biggio but rebounded with two grounders — including another nice play by Harrison — to help the Sox begin their homestand on a positive note.

"The decision point there was that Graveman, we felt, could get the last out in the seventh (if necessary) and come back in the eighth," La Russa said. "They can both pitch the ninth, both pitch the eighth (and) the seventh."

"But to me, one of the stars brighter than anybody was Reynaldo López. (To) come out there and also pitch that seventh as effectively as he did, you'll meet no bigger star than him."

Walks hurt Kilian again

By MEGHAN MONTEMURRO

Chicago Tribune
Tribune News Service

Three starts into his big-league career, Caleb Kilian is searching for answers.

For a pitcher who didn't walk many batters in the minors since joining the Chicago Cubs organization last July, walks have plagued the rookie right-hander in his last two outings. Kilian's big-league debut in early June provided excitement for Cubs fans who haven't had much to cheer about this year.

Command problems derailed Kilian again Monday in a 12-1 loss to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

"It's super frustrating, actually, because I feel like I'm digging myself in a hole with walking people and getting behind in counts," Kilian said. "I feel like it's not far off. I feel like it's close. And once it clicks, it'll be a lot better."

Kilian surrendered seven runs (five earned) and struck out three in 2 1/3 innings, hurt by five walks and shaky defense.

"I do best when I am aggressive or have an aggressive mindset, but I still was trying to be too fine with my misses," Kilian said. "Instead of missing in the zone when I was missing just away earlier and then getting behind in counts, the walks — I just hurt myself, you know?"

Sports on tap

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Portland Rockets vs. Fort Wayne Blues - 7:15 p.m.

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7 p.m. — College baseball: World Series (ESPN)

7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: New

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 9 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. For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

5K circuit continues Saturday

The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race Saturday.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Hudson Family Park Half Marathon and 5K, which begins at 8

a.m. Saturday at Jay Community Center. Registration is \$20 for the 5K and \$40 for the half marathon.

Other races in the circuit include the Firecracker 5K on July 4, the Sculpt Fitness 5K on July 16 and the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

Outing scheduled

Portland Mayor John Boggs will host his Mayor's Golf Outing July 8 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Registration will run from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

The outing will be limited to the first 20 four-person teams to sign up.

Registration forms are available at city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland, or by emailing ikelly@thecityofportland.net.

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Sports

Wings knocks off Jay REMC

Wings and Rings followed up a big win Friday with a 13-6 victory over Jay County REMC on Monday in Portland Junior League Rookie softball.

The team had topped Portland Optimists 19-5 Friday.

In Monday's other Rookie game, The Rock Church beat Homestead Bedding 11-4. In Major softball, All Circuit Electrical knocked off Masonic Lodge 10-8.

Carsyn Guggenbiller went 4-for-4 with three runs to lead Wings and Rings on Monday. Paisley Day had three hits and three runs, and Emma Wilhelm and Kierstyn White each had three hits and two runs.

White was 5-for-5 with four runs in Friday's victory.

Jolee LeMaster's four singles paced The Rock in its victory Monday. Ellie Wiggins had a triple and two singles, and Kenzlea Bentz, Journi Dalrymple and Annabelle Wiggins added three hits apiece.

Emily Young's pair of doubles led the All Circuit offense. Also recording two hits were Savannah Lugar and Carley Trinidad.

Zoe Romine had two hits, including a double, for Masonic Lodge.

Rockets roll

The Portland Rockets brought an emphatic end to their three-game skid, sweeping a doubleheader from the Battle Creek Merchants 10-0 and 10-1 Saturday.

Kasey Henderson (game one) and Tyler Reynolds combined to limit Battle Creek to just three hits in each game. They finished with seven and 11 strikeouts, respectively, each going five innings.

Zach Tanner and Joel Kennedy each had two hits, two runs and an RBI to lead the Rockets (9-7) in the opener.

Local roundup

Nick Bailey finished with a single, two RBIs and a run.

Kennedy hit the only home run of the day in game two as he went 2-for-2 with three RBIs and two runs. Tanner had two hits, two runs and two RBIs and Peyton Smith doubled and scored twice.

Wasps dominate

PENNVILLE — Five of the seven players who scored three or more goals Saturday in the Pennville Soccer League were on the same team as the Progressive Office Products Wasps blasted the Pennville Pantry Hornets 25-0.

Destiny Alig was the leading scorer on the day as she racked up eight goals. Also scoring for the Wasps were Annabelle Wiggins (six), Graham Peterson (five), Anniston Hammond (three) and Kenna Penrod (three). Peterson also had three goals in a 5-2 win over the POET Bees.

Laney Thompson was the only other player to score three times or more as she finished with three goals for the Display Craft Yellow Jackets in a 6-3 victory over the POET Bees.

Team scoring leaders with two goals or more were Mason Edmonds for the Freiburger Roofing and Siding LLC Rockets, Bryce Rickard for the PG-14 Radio Asteroids, Jacoby Penrod for the Vinson Rental Properties Jaguars and Alaina Edmonds for the Dave's Heating and Cooling Tigers.

Kaup second

CELINA, Ohio — Joelle Kaup led a handful of Fort



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Paisley Day of Wings and Rings tosses to first base Monday night during her team's 13-6 win over Jay County REMC in Portland Junior League Rookie softball.

Recovery Eels who competed Saturday in the Celina Pentathlon at Bryson Pool.


Kaup placed second for Fort

Recovery in the 15-and-older girls division. Audra Bubp followed her in third place.

Carson Fullenkamp was fifth

among the 13-14-year-old boys, and Rozlyn Diller finished sixth in the 9-10-year-old girls division.

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