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Russian attack strikes Odessa

By CATE CADELL, KAROUN DEMIRGIAN, ALEX HORTON and ELLEN FRANCIS
The Washington Post

At least 21 were killed and 38 injured in a Russian missile attack on an apartment block and recreation center in a resort town southwest of Odessa, local authorities said on Friday, the largest such toll in a single attack on the region since the war began.

Ukrainian officials said that Russian forces launched the missiles from three aircraft in a predawn raid on Serhiivka, about 30 miles from the port city of Odessa. One child was among those killed, while a further six were injured, said Serhii Bratchuk, a spokesman for the regional administration.

Photos and videos taken following the attack show rescue workers sifting through the remains of the shattered nine-story apartment building, which was stripped down to its concrete structure with debris, glass and personal belongings piled across its balconies.

It comes a day after Russian troops withdrew from Snake Island, a highly contested parcel of land in the Black Sea that was captured by Russian forces early in the war and used as a base for attacks on the country's south. The Kremlin said the withdrawal was a "gesture of goodwill," a term it has used for previous battlefield retreats.

The island's recapture was a strategic victory for the Ukrainian forces, sparking hope that it would reduce the number of assaults on nearby cities. However officials on Friday characterized the attack on Serhiivka as revenge for the island's loss.

"Terror is a common tactic of Russia," said Kyrylo Tymoshenko, an adviser to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky.

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Musical marshals



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Lisa Butcher, Laurie Miller, Jeffery Jutte and Kim Cowan of the Jay County High School Marching Patriots accept the Indiana State Fair Band Day championship trophy from the state fair queen in 1992. Dave Humbert and Kelly Smeltzer, men who led the school's band program for its first 47 years, will be grand marshals of Monday's Jay County 4th of July Parade.

Former Jay County High School band directors to be honored during Monday's 4th of July parade

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Dave Humbert and Kelly Smeltzer have been in plenty of parades.

They'll be in different roles than they're used to Monday.

Humbert and Smeltzer, the only band directors in the history of Jay County High School prior to the former's retirement last month, will be the grand marshals for Monday's Jay County 4th of July Parade.

"It's a real honor," said Hum-

bert, who led the Jay County band program from its inception with school consolidation in 1976 to his retirement in 2005. "We had a great time working with the kids in Jay County and had such good support from everybody. ...

"Just great people, great kids. What a fun time."

The Jay County 4th of July Committee contacted Smeltzer in January about the possibility of having the directors as marshals together. He responded

that as long as Humbert was in, he would be too.

"I'm glad I'm doing it with Dave," said Smeltzer, who had thought his parading career was complete after leading the Marching Patriots in the Parade of Lights in December. "To me, he's the real deal from when this whole thing got started. ...

"I'm glad that he was asked to be a part of it, too. I think that's pretty important that people understand the whole longevity of it. ...

"I'm truly honored to be doing this with him."

The parade is scheduled for 11 a.m., with line-up at East Jay Middle School beginning at 10 a.m. The route runs north on Meridian Street, cuts briefly on Depot Street and then goes east on Votaw Street to Jay County Fairgrounds, where there will be activities, entertainment and food throughout the day-long celebration.

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Retrospect

Damage cleared \$1 million

Thirty-five years ago this week, local farmers were reeling from the results of a summer storm.

The July 3, 1987, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage of a hail storm from the previous evening from which damage was estimated at between \$1 million and \$1.5 million.

"People who live in the city don't realize what happened out here," said Jeff Smith, a Noble Township farmer who also worked as an agent for Farm Mutual Hail Insurance Co.

He and Jeff Beerbower, director of the Jay County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office, were in the

process of trying to determine how much damage had been done. Even with that information, though, they said there was not much farmers could do about it.

Standing along the Wayne/Noble township line, Smith and Beerbower looked to the west and saw a field of young soybean plants that seemed as if it had been invaded by insects, leaving stripped leaves and naked stems. To the east was a field of battered and broken corn stalks with tattered leaves and few tassels.

Crops had been battered from Dunkirk to St. Anthony, Ohio, with a band of hail about 8 miles wide crossing the

area. The worst of the damage was in a 1.5-mile band in northeastern Wayne Township and northwestern Noble Township. Hail the size of "shooter" marbles were propelled by winds estimated at 50 to 60 miles per hour.

Smith pointed to brown bruises on corn that had been hit by the hail and noted the lack of tassels.

"It won't even make good silage," he said, "because the leaves are so tattered. It's just stalks."

He estimated that if beans were able to bounce back they might be able to yield about one-third of the crop that would have been expected.

Jay County farmer and hail insurance agent Jeff Smith, left, and county agricultural stabilization and conservation service director Jeff Beerbower examine a stalk of corn to assess the extent of hail damage from a July 2, 1987, storm.



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Weather

The high temperature in Jay County reached 95 degrees Friday.

Skies will be mostly sunny today and Sunday with highs in the upper 80s. Lows will be in the 60s. There is a chance of showers beginning about 2 p.m. Monday.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

There are plenty of Independence Day celebrations this weekend.

A parade in Dunkirk is scheduled for noon today with festivities to follow throughout the day at Dunkirk City Park.

Redkey Junior League will host its Firecracker baseball and soft-

ball tournaments today at Redkey Morgan Park.

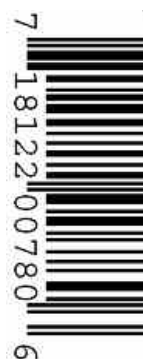
Both Dunkirk and Redkey will have fireworks at dusk today.

The 4th of July parade in Portland will begin at 11 a.m. Monday. A celebration will follow at Jay County Fairgrounds, including fireworks at dusk.

Coming up

Tuesday — Photos from this weekend's Independence Day events.

Wednesday — Coverage of Tuesday's Portland City Council meeting.



Strikes ...

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“First, they cover their criminal actions with an ‘act of goodwill’ and then launch rocket attacks on our peaceful cities.”
The strike was the latest in a series of fatal bombardments by Russian forces on civilian infrastructure, including attacks on a theater and hospital in Mariupol as well as a train station attack in Kramatorsk that killed 59.

Russian ground forces have not been able to reach Odessa, and the immediate region has so far been spared from the brutal assaults experienced by cities in the country’s east where Moscow is now focusing its offensive.
Zelensky was quick to condemn the attack, accusing Russia of using unnecessarily powerful missiles in the strike.
“These missiles, Kh-22, were designed to destroy aircraft

carriers and other large warships, and the Russian army used them against an ordinary nine-story building with ordinary civilian people,” he said.
Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Russia was not attacking civilian areas in Ukraine, and said its airstrikes were focused on buildings used to store ammunition and train troops. There is no evidence, however, that the buildings targeted in Ser-

hiivka were used by the military.
A senior U.S. defense official said on Friday that Russia showed a pattern of using powerful weaponry in a “reckless fashion.” The official said Russian forces used an anti-ship missile during a strike on a shopping center in central Ukraine’s Kremenchuk on Monday that killed at least 18 people.
The U.S. on Friday detailed elements of the \$820 million in

fresh security and weapons aid for Ukraine that President Biden announced a day earlier at the close of a NATO summit in Madrid. The latest tranche will focus on equipment needed to counter the grinding artillery offensive in the east, where Russia is slowly gaining ground. It will include 150,000 rounds of artillery rounds for use in Western-designed Howitzers that were sent to Ukraine in earlier shipments.

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Sunday 7/3	Monday 7/4	Tuesday 7/5	Wednesday 7/6	Thursday 7/7
87/66	91/70	90/69	88/67	86/66
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Sunday with a high near 87 degrees.	Monday has a 40% chance of thunderstorms. Otherwise, mostly cloudy.	There's a 50% chance of thunderstorms Tuesday, with rain likely to continue through the week.	Another 50% chance of thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy at night.	Thursday's forecast shows a 40% chance of thunderstorms under partly sunny skies.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-1-1 Daily Four: 4-1-7-2 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-10-12-13-19-23-26-29-31-32-38-41-49-54-61-65-66-79	Pick 4: 9-8-1-6 Pick 5: 3-9-3-3-8 Rolling Cash 5: 7-13-15-20-29 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 5-6-4 Pick 4: 4-2-6-2 Pick 5: 9-3-5-8-7 Evening Pick 3: 8-4-1	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$360 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.08 Aug. corn7.12 Wheat7.96	Wheat 8.06 Aug. wheat 8.50
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.05 Aug. corn7.15 Oct. corn5.82	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.95 Late July corn6.85 Beans16.10 Late July beans.....15.90 Wheat8.09
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.95 Aug. corn6.10 Beans15.98 Aug. beans.....13.60	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.69 Oct. corn5.72 Beans15.74 Oct. beans13.42 Wheat8.01

Today in history

In 1881, President James A. Garfield was shot and fatally wounded by Charles J. Guiteau in Washington, D.C. Guiteau blamed the president for not choosing him for a job at the U.S. Consulate in Paris.
In 1908, Thurgood Marshall, who served on the U.S. Supreme Court from 1967 through 1961, was born. He was the attorney for Brown in the landmark Brown v. Board of Education case and later became the first African American named to the Supreme Court.
In 1932, President Franklin D. Roosevelt coined the term “New Deal” while accepting the Democratic nomination for president.
In 1937, pilot Amelia Earhart’s plane disappeared over the Pacific Ocean during her attempt to fly around the world. She was never found.
In 1962, Sam Walton opened the first Walmart store in Arkansas.
In 1976, North Vietnam and South Vietnam were officially reunited.
In 1979, the United States issued the first Susan B. Anthony dollar coin. The advocate for women’s suffrage was the first woman to appear on U.S. currency.
In 1989, American jockey Steve Cauthen became the first rider to sweep the world’s four major derbies (Kentucky, Epsom, French and Irish) by winning the Irish Derby riding Old Vic.
In 2017, the Portland Rockets won the 16-team Firecracker Tournament in Fort Wayne, dominating opponents by a combined score of 31-3 in four games. Garrett Scott shut out the Fort Wayne Jackers in the tournament championship game.
In 2019, the Jay County Summer Swim Team completed an unbeaten regular season with a 959-137 thrashing of Randolph County at Portland Water Park. Ben, Kaitlyn and Matthew Fisher, Lani Muhlenkamp, Raif Beiswanger, Maria Laux, Ralph Link and Erica Hathaway all won three events.
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Citizen’s calendar

Tuesday 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall,	105 N. Washington St. 7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center. Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.
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Capsule Reports

Intersection crash
Two Redkey residents sustained leg injuries after the vehicles they were driving collided at the intersection of county road 800 South and Indiana 1 about 3:20 p.m. Friday.
Lora M. Otto, 49, was driving a 2020 Jeep Cherokee west on county road 800 South and stopped at the intersection with

Indiana 1. She continued into the intersection, hitting a southbound 2011 Dodge Avenger, driven by 20-year-old Tatiana M. Chambers.
The vehicle Otto was driving is registered to Stephen L. Deuser of Carmel.
Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Deeds

Matthew J. and Elizabeth Minnich to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 9, Wayne Township, 2.026 acres
Karen L. Hudson (deceased) and Ralph D. Hudson Life Estate to Triple H. Farms, quit claim deed — Part of Section 18, Greene Township, 24.64 acres; Part of Section 19, Greene Township, 2.63 acres
Howard A. Patterson (deceased) and Shirley A. Patterson (deceased) to Brett S. Patterson (also known as B. Shannon Patterson), deed affidavit — Lot 4, Block 25, original plat of Dunkirk
Stephen Shoemaker, Joyce Young and Cynthia Morris to Jennifer K. Fiechter, warranty deed — Section 2, Penn Township, 78 acres
Jean M. and Marvin C. Homan to Homan Family Trust, quit claim deed — Parts of Section 18, Wayne Township, 32.28 acres; Section 7, Wayne Township, 101.71 acres
Robert T. Manor II to Deborah A. Manor, quit claim deed — Part of Section 2, Madison Township, about 10 acres
Leanna M. and Monica L. Vore to Justin R. Vore, quit claim deed — Lots 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109 and 110, Daugherty Addition
Sandra J. Thieman (deceased) to Alan J. Thieman, deed affidavit — Parts of Section 18, Noble Township, 235 acres
Brenda S. Evans and Danny W. Evans to Lorry Brower, warranty deed — Tracts 1 and 2, Part of Section 15, Wayne Township
John D. Best (deceased) and Betty M. Best to Michael Best, quit claim deed — Lot 77, Votaws First Addition
Kyle Beavins to Alan M. and Janel Vogel, warranty deed — Part of Section 36, Wayne Township, 5 acres
Florence Beeson (deceased) and Willard G. Beeson to Troy Vore, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Outlot 2, Block 3, Rants and Teagarden Subdivision
Sherri J. and Terry A. Finnerty to Chad K. Homan, warranty deed — Part of Section 36, Knox Township, 21.509 acres
David L. and Linda D. Lowe to Chad K. Homan, warranty deed — Part of Section 36, Knox Township, 3.025 acres
Chad K. Homan to David L. and Linda D. Lowe, easement — Parts of Section 36, Knox Township
Bill J. and Rebecca J. Bailey to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 3, Greene Township, 0.797 acres
Christine E. and Donald L. Whitenack to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 2, Greene Township, 1.203 acres
Margaret A. Reier to Indiana Michigan Power/American Electric Power, easement — Part of Section 4, Wayne Township, 0.68 acres
Brian Addington to Dunkirk Partners, warranty deed — Part of Section 8, Richland Township, 1.117 acres
Andrew T. and Tammy J. McCowan to Brian Addington, Dunkirk Partners and Phillip R. Hatfield, quit claim deed — Part of Section 8, Richland Township
Phillip R. Hatfield to Dunkirk Partners, warranty deed — Part of Section 8, Richland Township
Andrew T. and Tommy J. McCowan to Dunkirk Partners, warranty deed — Part of Section 8, Richland Township, 0.14 acres
Paul McDavid to Jeff and Tonya Upp, warranty deed — Lots 17 and 18, Jaqua Second Addition
Kevin and Wanda Barcus to themselves, quit claim deed — Part of Section 27, Richland Township, 4.98 acres
Savvy IN to Wiper Corporation, quit claim deed — Lot 5, Block 35, original plat of Dunkirk
Linda Clark-Webber to Frank Webber, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 3 and 4, Block 2, East Addition
Prater Family Trust to Tonya Smith, trustee deed — Lots 1 and 2, Reese and Daniel Addition
Nila J. Collins (also known as Nila J. Blanken-

baker) to Nila Joyce Collins Revocable Trust, quit claim deed — Lot 21 and Part of Lot 22, Mangold First Addition
Susan Haines to George Lopez and Ronald May, sheriff/marshal deed — Lot 9, Dunkirk Heights
Hess and Hess to 342 Lincoln Avenue Land Trust, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 1, Block 7, original plat of Dunkirk
Hess and Hess to 402 Lincoln Avenue Land Trust, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 5, Block 7, original plat of Dunkirk
Hess and Hess to 350 East Center Street Land Trust, quit claim deed — Lot 44, Sniff and Johnsons Subdivision
Hess and Hess to 9 North Meridian Street Land Trust, quit claim deed — Part of Lot 2, Boyce First Addition
Harriett L. Hutson (deceased) to Michael Humphrey, personal representative deed — Part of Section 34, Penn Township, 0.56 acres
Norman D. McCowan to Bryan A. Waldo and Heather R. Waldo, warranty deed — Lots 123, 124 and 125, Daugherty Addition
Rena Caldwell to Rex Caldwell, quit claim deed — Lot 14, Currents South Side Addition, Redkey
Tom W. Bailey Revocable Living Trust and Martina J. Bailey Revocable Living Trust to B and B Bailey Farms, quit claim deed — Part of Section 19, Noble Township, 51 acres

SERVICES

Today

Miller, Jason: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Tuesday

Schoenherr, Vincent: 10:30 a.m., St. Joseph Catholic Church, 1689 St. Joe Road, Fort Recovery, Ohio.

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Make Firework Safety a must for all celebrations

1. Read the warning label carefully and follow all directions.
2. Always light outdoors away from combustible material, buildings and plants.
3. Light only one firework at a time.
4. Never try to re-light a firework.
5. Wait for 15 to 20 minutes and then dump the firework in a bucket of water and let it soak.
6. If at all possible, don't store fireworks. If you must, keep them in a cool, dry place out of the reach of children.
7. Soak it in a bucket of water before disposing in the trash.
8. Carry fireworks in their original bag or box.
9. Except for sparklers, a punk should be used to light fireworks.

A match or a lighter is required for sparklers.

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OUR NATIONAL ANTHEM

On a ship on the Potomac River, while attempting to visit the British in order to negotiate the release of a friend, Francis Scott Key wrote:

“THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER”

This man was perhaps a perfect choice for the task, although nobody chose him to do so. It could be said that circumstances made the selection. During the course of the night, as his ship waited during intense British bombardment of Fort McHenry in Baltimore Harbor, Mr. Key and his party paced the deck until *Dawn's Early Light*, in order to see the outcome of the battle. As the first rays of sunshine lighted the fort, Key and company saw a flag which had been made by a fifteen-year-old girl named Sanderson and which measured forty-feet long and twenty-feet wide. Upon seeing *The Flag Was Still There*, Mr. Key wrote the poem text on the back of a letter he had in his possession. Even though the hymn was received by the multitudes, and accepted as “Our National Song,” it was not until 1931 that the song was officially adopted as our national anthem.

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Be careful with sparks

By ELISE C. GREGG
Miami Herald
Tribune News Service

MIAMI — Leave the fireworks to the professionals.

That's the Broward Sheriff's Office's theme for this Fourth of July. But if you plan on firing off your own fireworks, though, Battalion Chief Michael Kane has some tips on how to stay safe during Independence Day celebrations.

"If you're going to participate and partake in fireworks, do it safely," Kane said during a media demonstration of firework dangers at the Broward Fire Academy.

Firework safety tips may seem like common sense, but in the midst of the excitement celebrating with family and friends it becomes a little easier for extremely

important practices to slip the mind.

One key safety tip shared was to move back quickly from fireworks after lighting them. While they look and sound fun, these are still controlled explosions that can cause serious injury if in close proximity.

Another common sense practice would be to only use legal fireworks, no reason to break the law to have fun, officials often say. In Florida, certain airborne explosive fireworks are illegal if not trained properly and sanctioned.

The HCA Florida Healthcare advises to follow the directions on the labels, as well as using long lighters that help maintain safe distance from the actual firework.

Cleanup is just as important when it comes to firework safety.

"Make sure you properly dispose of your fireworks," Kane added. "The best way to do that is to take your fireworks or unburned fireworks, place them in a bucket or garbage can and then fill the garbage can with water overnight."

The water will soak the fireworks, making sure that they won't light or re-light later.

Kane explained that even legal fireworks, including sparklers, can cause severe injury.

"Some of these injuries that we often see can be compared to battlefield injuries," said Kane. "Even something as benign as a sparkler, which we use for birthday parties and we often give them to our chil-

dren, can also be destructive because they burn at 1200 degrees or higher."

The BSO bomb squad demonstrated the power of more explosive fireworks by blowing up some watermelons at the Broward Fire Academy.

The days leading up to Fourth of July are often busy for emergency workers, as fire and injuries (such as eye injuries and second- and third-degree burns) increase.

"On average each year, about 20,000 fires are reported in the days leading up to the Fourth of July," said Kane, citing the National Fire Protection Association.

Last year saw almost 3,000 injuries related to firecrackers and sparklers alone.

Marriage licenses

Austin M. George, 19, Portland, and Harley D. Ingram, 19, Portland
Danielle L. Ingram, 18, Portland, and Caytlyn M. Perry, 23, Geneva
Rachel T. Graber, 19, Bryant, and John H. Hilty Jr., 21, Geneva
Sarah J. Paxson, 22, Redkey, and Justin A. Penrod, 26, Montpelier
Jackie L. Alig, 26, Bryant, and Dylan M. Huff, 26, Yorktown

Hunter J. Gillette, 26, Portland, and Kristen N. Robbins, 22, Portland
Robert W. Guerrero, 36, Pennville, and Amanda J. Hoskins, 40, Pennville
Amanda C. Bradburn, 31, Portland, and Trevor A. Eicher, 30, Portland
Stephen D. McCollum, 70, Pennville, and Carla L. Rinker, 56, Pennville
Michael R. Alig, 53, Portland, and Beth A. Fouch, 46, Portland

Births

Eldridge
Blake Lee, a daughter, was born June 25 to Makena Allen and Kenneth Eldridge of Winchester.
She weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.
Siblings include 6-year-old Braxton Perez. Grandparents are Brian Allen of Winchester, Angie Smith of Winchester and Kenny and Teresa Eldridge of Modoc.

jamin and Rebekah (Plant) Sipe.
He weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.
Grandparents are Brian and Angela (Albright) Sipe of High Ridge, Montana, and Charles and Mary (Tish) Plant of Perry, Kansas.
Great-grandparents are Billy and Linda Sipe of Portland and Anita and Wayne Albright of Kokomo. Great-great grandparent is Peggy Tish of Glenmont, Ohio.

Sipe
William Charles, a son, was born June 13 to Ben-

Stepmother misses relationship

DEAR ABBY: My stepdaughter, "Crystal," has a toxic relationship with her mother. Both have battled alcoholism. The mother did some extreme damage that has ended the possibility of Crystal regaining custody of her 6-year-old son. My husband and I hired a lawyer to help her fight for her rights, and we have brought her to our home twice. The last time was right out of the hospital after she nearly killed herself with alcohol poisoning.

Fast-forward: Crystal is trying to mend her relationship with her mother, and now we have become second fiddle. What used to be a daily phone conversation happens now only when I call. When we try to visit them, they make excuses, and they have visited us only twice in the last six months. Her latest plan is to stay overnight with us and spend the following day with her mom.

We are swallowing our pride so we can see our 6-month-old grand-

Dear Abby



daughter, but our feelings are so hurt. Please help me take the high road. Do we talk to her or just feel crushed? — WOUNDED IN MICHIGAN

DEAR WOUNDED: Your troubled stepdaughter is trying to mend fences with her mother. Try not to take personally that she has tunnel vision right now. I do not think you should address this with her at this time. Let more time elapse, and if her distancing continues, talk to her about it then.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I

live in southern Florida. My problem is our children, grandchildren and their spouses. When they come to visit, they only eat certain foods and need "healthy this" and "healthy that." I feel like we're being used as a hotel and restaurant. I want to see them, but it is becoming exhausting. What should I do? — ROLLING BACK THE WELCOME MAT

DEAR ROLLING: Roll back that welcome mat. Talk to your children, grandchildren and their spouses. They may not realize the extent to which they have been imposing on you. Tell them that if they have special dietary requirements, they should buy their own foods, and you will make room in the refrigerator to accommodate them. If their presence in your home is becoming too taxing, provide a list of affordable hotels or rentals in the area they might consider.

Community Calendar

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

Today
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 BREAK-

FAST 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.
CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet at 1 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Portland Place, 430 W. Lafayette St. For more information, call (800) 589-1121.
EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.
BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.
TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.
NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.
PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the first and third Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

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.

Sudoku

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4		3				9	
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Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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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Leaking pipeline should be priority

To the editor:
Two of the most significant challenges facing Indiana are improving the educational outcomes for all K through 12 students and greatly elevating the postsecondary attainment levels of our adult workforce.

Currently, Indiana is behind its competitor states in the race to develop and establish a well-skilled, well-educated workforce for the jobs of today and tomorrow. There are literally twice as many job openings in Indiana as

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there are jobseekers. And our workforce participation rate remains below pre-pandemic levels.

Let's look at the breakdown. Our overall unemployment rate

is now 2.2%, but that jumps to 4.6% for those with only a high school diploma and to over 7% for those with less than a high school diploma.

When it comes to workforce participation, the numbers are even more concerning. Just a little more than half of all Hoosiers with only a high school diploma are employed. For those with no high school diploma, over 60% are not in the workforce.

These metrics show Indiana

has a massively leaking talent pipeline.

We must concentrate our policy focus and state resources on improving the outcomes and skills of those at the bottom end of the educational attainment scale. That's one of the very best ways to improve our overall workforce participation rate and fill the open jobs we have.

The Indiana Chamber is seeking to frame this important conversation and push for transformative actions that will have the

most impact. This summer, our organization is building out a workforce policy priority list for the Indiana General Assembly and governor, and we will share them publicly when available.

Bold action is what's needed to repair our leaking talent pipeline and lift up the educational attainment and workforce skills of our citizens.

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Celebrate the Hoosier farmer

By JULIA WICKARD

I like to describe the American farmer as a true conservationist and an incredible ambassador for our country, one who cares for the land for this and future generations.

As farmers across the country are monitoring the progress of their 2022 crops, it's important that we pause for a moment and salute and thank the first conservationist, the American farmer.

The men and women here in Indiana work day in and day out to conserve and protect the natural resources 365 days of the year to ensure the soil is ready for that next planting season. What a perfect time to celebrate Hoosier farmers than during the nation's birthday weekend.

As we reflect on the technological advances in agriculture, we have continually learned better ways to protect the land, water and air we all depend on to live by using modern production tools such as global positioning satellites, biotechnology, conservation tillage and integrated pest management. American farmers live the message of "natural resource management" daily because they reside and work on the land.

America's agricultural producers sincerely depend on the earth's productivity to support their families and to provide food, feed, fiber and fuel for the entire world. Farmers continually learn better ways to grow crops and seek improved methods for raising livestock. To assure an abundant food supply and a sustainable fuel and fiber industry, we all know we must first conserve natural resources. Farmers appreciate the fragility of natural resources and know it is important to safeguard the environment for the generations to come.

Having grown up on the farm and still living there today, I have a great passion for agriculture and the American farmer. And, as an employee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, I have an even deeper appreciation for those farmers who work closely with the agency staff at the local level. A farmer's watchfulness and care of the natural resources and livestock that inhabit the earth, allows him to feed, clothe and provide the fuel, not only for America, but for the world. As we pause to thank the American



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farmer during this time of year, we are reminded that they are always looking for better, cleaner ways to care for the entire globe.

Farmers understand the day-to-day rhythms of the Earth because they spend each day in nature. In fact, agricultural land offers 75% of the nation's habitat. Decisions by the American farmer are based upon the weather, the soil, the grass, the wind and the wildlife, and each of these is ever-changing. Conservation tillage, a method of farming that reduces soil loss on cropland while using less energy, continues to grow across this country. As farmers increasingly integrate precision agriculture practices into their operations, we have seen farm productivity increase in the last 60 years while the use of resources, such as labor, seed, feed and fertilizer, has declined, leading to a shrinking environmental footprint for food and fiber production in the United States. These are the reasons American agriculture is the envy of the world.

So, during this Fourth of July weekend, as you partake in hometown parades, eat the delicious barbeque, ribeyes and watermelon, and celebrate all things red, white and blue, remember to celebrate the Hoosier farmer for all they do for this country and world.

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Can we stop corporate giveaways?

By MICHAEL D. FARREN and JAMES HOHMAN
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Thirty years ago this summer, two former governors — Michigan's John Engler and Illinois' Jim Edgar — arrived at the National Governors Association meeting with a radical idea: that states band together and stop handing taxpayer-funded subsidies to private businesses. The idea fizzled, and we've since seen ever-increasing corporate handouts. As governors convene this year, support for a change is growing again. And this time, they may have the right tool to put taxpayers over tax handouts.

The generous subsidies states offer to businesses to relocate (or to prevent businesses from moving someplace else) have been common for a long time. In 1936, Mississippi fired the first shot in the interstate subsidy war by targeting northern clothing manufacturers. Like many modern programs, it paid companies to do what they would have done anyway: shift production to a region with more affordable labor.

Research shows that most subsidies — 7 in 8 — don't sway a company's decision over where to locate or expand. Fundamental factors affecting production and profitability — like the availability of skilled workers and access to customers — are far more important to any business' long-run success.

Even worse, subsidies tend to reduce economic growth, not improve it. They make our economy less productive by insulating politicians'



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favorite companies from healthy competition. This leads to even more waste as businesses shift their focus toward pleasing politicians rather than satisfying customers.

Unfortunately, the temptation of political benefits and positive headlines that comes from granting subsidies is hard for lawmakers to ignore. That's why we're currently seeing a surge of subsidies, funded in part by the flood of federal grants from the American Rescue Plan.

The upcoming election is exacerbating the problem, since research also shows that governors tend to increase corporate handouts during reelection years. At least eight governors running for reelection have already hitched their wagons to taxpayer-funded subsidies for flashy business projects, like the Rivian and General Motors electric vehicle plants in Georgia and Michigan, the Buffalo Bills and Tennessee Titans stadiums in New York and Tennessee, or the Intel and Samsung semiconductor plants in Ohio and Texas.

This is not a small problem. Combined state and local spending on corporate handouts is estimated to be \$100 billion every year. Imagine if this money went to useful government services or was returned to taxpay-



an interstate compact — a constitutionally based treaty between states — is more durable. Compacts are contracts, meaning they can create legal accountability with agreed-upon penalties for violations. And the compact could protect early adopters with a trigger clause, such that it only takes effect when enough other states sign on.

The compact idea has strong bipartisan support. Legislators in 18 states have already introduced an initial version. Our experience is that policymakers who learn about it often exclaim "Why haven't we heard about this before!?" That's because plenty — even economic development officials — don't like corporate arm-twisting. As Engler said: "You're always subject to one state being played off another."

In the end, politicians offer subsidies mostly because they don't want to be seen as one-upped by their neighbors. To quote Edgar: "If you've got some states doing it, it's hard for the others not to do it. It's like unilaterally disarming." An interstate compact offers the perfect path toward multilateral disarmament. This summer, let's hope our governors schedule some time to talk about using a compact to end the interstate subsidy war.

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There is always room

New Jersey teacher keeps an empty chair available

By SYDNEY PAGE

Special to The Washington Post

All 26 chairs in Dan Gill's middle school classroom are occupied — aside from one, which he leaves vacant.

For the past 30 years, the social studies teacher at Glenfield Middle School in Montclair, N.J., has kept an empty seat in the front corner of his classroom. It represents a childhood memory — which, Gill said, not only propelled him to become a teacher but also shaped the way he teaches.

"The chair symbolizes that we will always have room in the classroom for anyone," said Gill, 75, who described Glenfield Middle School as having a diverse student body. "It symbolizes acceptance."

As a 9-year-old boy in New York City, Gill and his best friend at the time, Archie Shaw, went to a friend's birthday party together. When they knocked on the door of the friend's apartment, the child's mother looked disapprovingly at Archie — a Black boy. She invited Gill inside, then told Archie he had to go home because "there are no more chairs," Gill recalled her saying.

"I can still see this woman's face," he said, adding that he offered to sit on the floor and give Archie his seat. "She said: 'No, you don't understand. There are not enough chairs.'"

"That's when it hit me," Gill continued. "She was judging him because of the color of his skin."

Although he was only a child, he had some sense of the racial inequalities that plagued society. At the time, it was the beginning of the civil rights movement.

"I felt so bad because he had been humiliated," Gill said. "We gave her the presents and I said we're going to go to my house, where there are plenty of chairs."

In hindsight, Gill presumed the child's mother did not know her son had invited a Black boy to his birthday party. "I don't think she would have allowed it," he said.

Both boys, confused and hurt by what had happened, cried when they got back to Gill's house, he said. His mother took them for ice cream to cheer them up.

Gill lost touch with Shaw as they got older, but that day stayed seared in his mind and influenced his desire to become an educator.

"When I look back now, I think that really made me want to help young people," he said, explaining that he hoped to set a positive example. "Any bad behavior that kids have, they get it from an adult, and any good behavior they have, they get it from an adult."

When he began his teaching career 52 years ago, he started a tradition of telling the story to his students annually on Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, "as a way to punctuate what the day means in the lives of ordinary people, and how they should act when confronted with racism," Gill said.

As he honed his teaching skills, Gill said he realized "kids learn



Courtesy of Dan Gill

Dan Gill, 75, a teacher at Glenfield Middle School in Montclair, N.J., always keeps an empty chair in his classroom. "The chair symbolizes that we will always have room in the classroom for anyone," said Gill, 75, who described Glenfield Middle School as having a diverse student body. "It symbolizes acceptance."

really well through metaphors," he said. So, he decided to add an empty chair to his classroom about 30 years ago — and it has remained there ever since.

"It's been a really effective tool," said Gill, who teaches students in grades 6 to 8. The chair embodies "the idea of opportunity; it's the idea of welcoming; it's the idea of treating people with respect."

Over the years, the chair — and, more importantly, the story behind it — has resonated with students. One teen even made a customized necklace with a chair on it, Gill said.

Naturally, there have been a few students "that don't get it," Gill said, "but the group psychology of it is that the kids that do get it will explain it."

For Maggie Horn, 16, learning about the chair in 2017 left a strong impression on her. It's a story she regularly remembers and references often in conversations with peers.

"Its message was something that could speak to sixth-graders and allow us, for the

first time, to understand what it meant to be privileged, and what it meant not to be," Horn said. "That was really powerful for us all."

"It helped me understand the idea of belonging, and that everyone deserves to feel like they belong," she added. "It helped me understand that everyone deserves a seat — quite literally."

Amid America's racial reckoning in 2020, Horn said the chair was the first thing that came to mind.

"I thought of Mr. Gill's story, and how timely it still is today," she said.

It is most rewarding, Gill said, "when they come back and visit me, and kids say, 'I always remember the chair.'"

Emily McCarthy, 25, is one such former student.

"When I think about the lessons that I learned from Mr. Gill, I think a lot of them started with that chair," she said.

School administrators said that Gill, who has been at the school for 45 years, has left an

impression on the whole community. He was also heavily involved in the school's desegregation efforts in the 1970s.

"I often refer to him as our anchor," said Erika Pierce, the principal of Glenfield. "He is an amazing force to have in the building, and such a wealth of knowledge for all of us."

Students throughout the school — including those who have not been taught by Gill — are aware of the chair story, she added, explaining that he has shared it at schoolwide assemblies.

"The chair really speaks to his educational philosophy about inclusion and making sure that everyone feels that they have a place and a space, and that they're valued," Pierce said.

Now, Gill is getting the opportunity to tell the story to a wider audience. Last month, he won an impromptu book pitch at the Montclair Literary Festival, securing himself a publishing contract for a children's book he wrote, titled "No More Chairs."

He had no intention of participating in the "Pitch-a-Palooza," but at the last minute, he decided to give it a shot. Writing a book about the chair, Gill said, "has always been in the back of my mind."

Gill's one-minute pitch won against 13 contenders, an experience he called "so surreal."

The text for the book is complete, and Gill is now working with an editor to refine the writing. He is also in the process of finding an illustrator, and he hopes the book will be published within a year.

He plans to retire in 2023, but "through this fortuitous opportunity, I'm going to be able to still teach," Gill said. "I'm really happy that I now have a wider audience to share the story."

He will be dedicating the book to Archie Shaw, who passed away last year.

"It's wonderful to be able to share this meaningful story that can touch other people, and motivate them to open up their hearts," Gill said.

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The CR will publish special edition

For the first time in more than two years, The Commercial Review will publish a Monday edition.

Editor and publisher Ray Cooney announced this week that The Commercial Review will publish a special edition on Monday, July 11, for coverage of the Jay County Fair.

Cooney noted that last year was the first year The CR covered a full-scale fair without a Monday edition. (The newspaper reduced from six days a week to five by eliminating Mondays at the end of May 2020, and that year's fair was scaled back because of the coronavirus pandemic.)

Business roundup

The four-page special edition will feature coverage of the weekend's events at the fair. It will be available only at Portland newsstands, online at thecr.com and at the secretary's office at the fairgrounds.

The newspaper will resume its regular publishing schedule on Tuesday, July 12.

Everheart hires

EverHeart Hospice has named Angie Dider as its new chief quality officer.

Didier earned her nursing degree from Excelsior College. She is also a certified dementia practitioner.

"I love EverHeart's mission and commitment to providing quality care to those they serve," she said. "I have worked alongside EverHeart Hospice through my work in healthcare and have always been impressed with the care and compassion of the EverHeart staff."

EverHeart provides hospice

services in Jay, Adams, Blackford, Delaware, Randolph, Grant and Wayne counties in Indiana and Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, Allen, Miami, Preble, Shelby and Van Wert counties in Ohio.

Mercer announces

Mercer Health has announced a partnership with Maternal Fetal Medicine of Dayton, Ohio.

Mercer Health Women's Health Services and OB/GYN will partner with the organization to offer virtual visits to patients. Maternal Fetal Medicine provides services for

women experiencing complicated or high-risk pregnancies.

"By providing virtual visits, patients are able to continue to receive prenatal care by their Mercer Health Medical Group OB/GYN at Mercer Health but also have access to advanced, specialty providers," said Mercer Health vice president of provider practices Martin Shehan in a press release. "Virtual, or telehealth, visits give patients quicker access to specialists and save them time and travel. We are excited for this partnership and enhancing the care for women during their pregnancies."

Farmers battle floods, heat

By KIM CHIPMAN, ZIJIA SONG and TARSO VELOSO RIBEIRO
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Global grain markets are at a pivot point, with prices finally starting to ease after a dizzying surge earlier this year. Where things go from here could end up

being determined by farmers like Justin Sherlock and the extreme weather that's hitting parts of the U.S. crop belt.

For Sherlock, like most of America's farmers, crazy weather isn't anything new. But this year has been exceptional. Forget puddles. This spring, the rains were so hard it was more like his farm got dotted with miniature lakes.

"It's been a struggle," said Sherlock, who got about 75% of his planned corn and soybean crops

into the ground. "It's been such a long, kind of horrible spring, that I'll do what I can to grow the best crop I can this year, but I basically already decided to put my hopes on 2023."

In any normal crop year, flooding on a field like Sherlock's might not matter that much in the bigger picture of the global agriculture market. After all, North Dakota is a smaller player when it comes to corn, and powerhouses like Iowa and Illinois saw better conditions for spring planting. But as everyone

knows, 2022 is anything but a typical year.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine has stifled exports from a region that's known as the world's breadbasket. The disruption has sent crop futures to near-record highs, with stockpiles extremely tight. That's adding to rampant food inflation and raising fears of global grain shortages. Markets have finally started to calm in recent weeks on optimism that key producers like Australia and the U.S. will reap harvests large enough to help replenish war-pinch reserves.

But in order to keep food inflation at bay, every bushel of U.S. acre will need to see maximum yield potential. And every bushel of grain will count.

"U.S. production will play an important role this year in stabilizing markets and any 'bad news' will push prices up on world markets," said David Laborde of the International Food Policy Research Institute in Washington.

There's concern over drought this summer for parts of Iowa and Illinois, a U.S. government outlook shows. That could further endanger yields as climate change makes extreme weather events more likely to occur and more severe.

Already, scorching heat in parts of the Midwest means farmers may have "lost the top end of the yields and productivity," said Mark Licht, a professor at Iowa State University.

Despite this year's surge in prices, which some hoped would lure farmers to increase acres, analysts are expecting the USDA report will show little deviation from growers' original intentions after the field delays.

Corn planting is seen at 89.8 million acres, according to the average estimate from analysts surveyed by Bloomberg. That compares with 89.5 million from the USDA's March prospective plantings survey.

Matt Bennett and his partners at commodities brokerage AgMarket.net expect a "slight increase" in both corn and soybean acres. Even if plantings are higher, Bennett warns not to forget about drought potential in some areas that could dent national production.

"There's a ton of concern right now that you might be the farmer that doesn't catch the rain this year because there's so much money invested in these crops," Bennett said.

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The next two times he joined out of love for the Marine Corp.
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Believe me he's got more medals than this Seabee ever saw.
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Watermelon Jim

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AEVZE-NPEYQ.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: THE ORNITHOLOGIST, OUT SEARCHING FOR SOME SPECIMENS BUT FINDING NONE, IS AT A LOSS FOR BIRDS.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals F

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Fourth festivities

1) Three presidents have died on July 4. Thomas Jefferson and John Adams both did so in 1826. Who is the third?

2) What was the population of the U.S. when the Declaration of Independence was signed?

(1) James Monroe
(2) 2.5 million

7-2 CRYPTOQUIP

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NXCLSVRGY BTL NTFX NQXSRFXGN
WZE BRGMRGY GTGX, RN CE
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: PROLONGED, BITTER RIVALRY BETWEEN TWO MEN WHO ARE PEDDLING MOSTLY THE SAME WARES: A VEND-ETTA.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to roller coasters. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 12 = D)

A. 12 6 1 16
Clue: Fall vertically

B. 9 16 14 14 12
Clue: Velocity

C. 17 10 6 25 19 19 9
Clue: Exciting experiences

D. 6 25 12 14
Clue: Amusement structure

Answer: A. drop B. speed C. thrill D. ride

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to roller coasters.

TKRCA

Answer: Track

Guess Who?

I am a reality star and entrepreneur born in California on June 27, 1984. Together with my sisters, I am part of a famous family. My father was a prominent attorney, and my mother was once married to a legendary Olympic athlete.

Answer: Khloe Kardashian

kids' corner

ANIMAL FACT:

THIS IS THE NAME OF A BUILDING THAT HOUSES FISH AND OTHER MARINE LIFE ON DISPLAY, BUT ALSO THE WORD THAT REFERS TO A FISH TANK AT HOME.

ANSWER: AQUARIUM

How they SAY that in...

ENGLISH: Zoo
SPANISH: Zoo
ITALIAN: Zoo
FRENCH: Zoo
GERMAN: Zoo

Maze Craze

Can you find the way through the maze?

Start

Finish

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

JUN 29

- 1613: THE GLOBE THEATRE IN LONDON BURNS TO THE GROUND.
- 1976: THE SEYCHELLES GAIN INDEPENDENCE FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM.
- 2007: APPLE INC. RELEASES ITS FIRST MOBILE PHONE, THE IPHONE.

New Word

EXTINCT

no longer in existence

ROLLER COASTER WORD SEARCH

I A G T U D G M K F N U R E K A R B T D
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- ACCELERATION
 - AIRTIME
 - ASCEND
 - BARREL
 - BENTS
 - BOOMERANG
 - BRAKE RUN
 - CARS
 - CHAIN
 - CIRCUIT
 - CORKSCREW
 - CUTBACK
 - ENCLOSED
 - ENTHUSIAST
 - HEADREST
 - INVERSION
 - LAPBAR
 - LIFT
 - LOOP
 - PLATFORM
 - RESTRAINT
 - STEEL
 - TRACK
 - WOODEN

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

Did You Know?

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GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Yesterday's answer 7-2

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Good to the last drop

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

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

WEST
♠ 6 3 2
♥ Q J 10 7
♦ 10 9 5 2
♣ 10 5

EAST
♠ 7 4
♥ 9 6 5 4
♦ A J 8 3
♣ Q J 9

SOUTH
♠ A J 10 9 8
♥ A 8 2
♦ K 7
♣ A 7 3

The bidding:
North: 1♣, 2♦, 3♣, 4♣
East: Pass, 1♠, 2♠, 3♠
South: 1♠, 2♠, 3♠, 4♠
West: Pass, 6♣, queen of hearts.

When a contract appears to be hopeless, that's the time declarer should put on his thinking cap and see whether he can pull some kind of miracle out of the air. We've all had the experience of biting off more than we can chew, but occasionally an overly ambitious contract can be salvaged in an unexpected manner.

Take this case where South is in six spades. The outlook is certainly dim. It seems declarer must inevitably lose a diamond and a club and go down one. But the slam can be made, and, furthermore, it should be made.

South's only real chance is to find East with the ace of diamonds and length in clubs. Accordingly, he cashes the K-A of hearts and ruffs a heart high in dummy. He then leads a low diamond, winning in his hand with the king. (East can't afford to rise with the ace, which would give South an extra diamond trick and the contract.) Declarer next plays four rounds of trump, producing this position:

North: ♠ Q 6, ♣ K 8 6
West: Immaterial
East: ♠ A J, ♣ Q J 9
South: ♠ 9, ♠ 7, ♣ A 7 3

When South now cashes the nine of spades and discards a club from dummy, East can't afford to part with a club, so he discards the jack of diamonds. Declarer thereupon leads the seven of diamonds and plays low from dummy, forcing East to win with the ace, and the queen of diamonds becomes South's 12th trick.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

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Solution time: 21 mins.

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Saturday's answer 7-4

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

West dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ Q 7 6
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WEST
♠ 8 4
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♣ J 7 5 2

EAST
♠ A 10 9
♥ A 9 5 4 2
♦ 10 9 5 4
♣ 4

SOUTH
♠ K J 5 3 2
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The bidding:
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North: Pass, 1♠, 2♠, 3♠
East: Pass, 1♠, 2♠, 3♠
South: 1♠, 2♠, 3♠, 4♠
Opening lead — king of hearts.

There's no law against declarer intercepting the opponents' signals. In fact, sometimes he might be able to make better use of them than the opponents themselves.

Take this case from the 1988 Grand National Team Final between Chicago and Washington, D.C. The bidding shown occurred at the table where Washington's Steve Robinson was South.

West led the heart king, and East tried to steer him to the winning defense by playing the deuce. Had West shifted to a club at this point, East would win the ace of spades whenever a trump was led, lead a heart to West's queen and get a club ruff to sink the contract.

But West erred by cashing the heart queen before shifting to a club. Declarer won the club with the ace, led a spade to the king and continued with the jack. East took the ace and returned the ace of hearts, hoping dummy would have to ruff with the queen. But Robinson trumped in his hand, led a spade to the queen and returned to his hand with the ace of diamonds. He then led his remaining club.

East's play to the first trick had not been lost on Robinson, who finessed dummy's ten to make the contract. Had he not finessed, he would have eventually lost a diamond to West's queen and gone down one.

At the second table, the Washington East found a better way to steer West in the right direction. Instead of playing the heart deuce on the king at trick one, he overtook the king with the ace and shifted to his singleton club.

The Chicago declarer saw what was going to happen if he played a trump immediately, so he made a valiant try to save the contract by leading a diamond to the jack. Had the finesse worked, he would have discarded dummy's heart on a high diamond. But when West turned up with the queen, declarer quickly found himself down two, giving Washington a gain of 820 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: Calling a vital link.

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SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

I DON'T CARE IF THE PAINT'S NOT DRY YET, BOB—I NEED MY BRASS KNUCKLES.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

7-2

"Remember what Grandma said! Stay close to her so she doesn't get lost."

SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly

THE MIDDLE-AGED DOG

WAIT—WHY DID I RUN INTO THIS FIELD?

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

7-4

"PJ wins the constellation prize!"

Peanuts

WELL, WE MADE IT TO TULSA!

I'M EXHAUSTED, MARCIE... FLYING AN AIRPLANE ALL DAY IS HARD WORK... LET'S FIND A NICE MOTEL, AND GET A GOOD NIGHT'S REST...

THAT LOOKS LIKE A NICE PLACE, SIR...

VACANCY
Motel
POOL DINING DANCING

Peanuts

THIS IS THE LAST LEG OF THE POWDER PUFF, MARCIE...

TODAY WE FLY UP TO BOYNE FALLS, MICHIGAN, WHERE WE FINISH THE RACE, AND THEN JOIN EVERYONE FOR A GREAT DINNER!

HEY! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON OUR PLANE?!

HERE'S THE WORLD WAR I FLYING ACE ON A SPECIAL MISSION...

GET OFF OUR PLANE! WE HAVE TO LEAVE!

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Agnes

HOW MANY TIMES HAS YOUR MOM BEEN MARRIED?

I'M NOT SURE.

YOU'VE NEVER ASKED?

SHE'S KIND OF TOUCHY ABOUT IT.

SHE SHOULDN'T BE ASHAMED.

SHE'S NOT... SHE'S TOUCHY BECAUSE SHE LOST THE LOG BOOK.

Agnes

OUR POOL IS DEFLATING!

...AND ON THE FOURTH OF JULY...

IS THIS A METAPHOR FOR AMERICA?

MAYBE.

ARE WE GOING TO JUST WATCH?

NO... WE ARE AMERICANS. I'M CALLING THE FEDS FOR MONEY!

Hi and Lois

ANY RECOMMENDATIONS?

100 Flavors FOR YOU?

I SUGGEST VANILLA.

I DIDN'T ASK FOR AN INSULT.

Hi and Lois

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

AMERICA IS 246 YEARS OLD.

THAT'S MORE THAN 3 GRANDPAS.

KA-BOOM

POW

POW

BANG!

Funky Winkerbean

DARIN DID A NICE JOB ON THE SIGN.

IT PAYS TO HAVE A BEST MAN WHO'S A CARTOONIST.

HE'S MARRIED!

Funky Winkerbean

GOOD TO SEE YOU GUYS AGAIN... WELCOME BACK!

YES, IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT IT WAS A YEAR AGO THAT ALL OF THE RESTAURANTS WERE SHUT DOWN BY THE PANDEMIC.

OKAY, THAT WAS TRIGGERING... I'M GOING BACK ON THE BOTTLE!

Blondie

SO MRS. B MAKES UP A LIST OF THINGS FOR YOU TO DO AND YOU DO EM?

THAT'S ABOUT RIGHT

NEXT TIME YOU MAKE A LIST FOR MR. B, COULD YOU PLEASE PUT DOWN 'BUILD A CLUBHOUSE FOR ELMO'?

Blondie

READY? 3...2...1...

BOOM! KA-POW!

BLAM!

KABLOOEE!!

WE FIGURED YOU WANTED MORE HOLIDAY NAP TIME, MR. B.

SO WE LEFT OUT OUR GRAND FINALE... HAPPY 4TH!

HAPPY 4TH TO ME!

Snuffy Smith

HOLY COW !! LOOK AT THAT, JAMEY !!

LOOKS LIKE WE'VE BEEN PLAYIN' THAT ALL WRONG !!

Snuffy Smith

THAT'S A REASON WE CELEBRATE TH' FOURTH OF JULY WIF BASEBALL, HOT DOGS AN' APPLE PIE...

IN THAT ORDER !!

GRON !! I'M TOO STUFFED TO PLAY NOW !!

ME TOO !!

YEP !!

Beetle Bailey

HEY! I THREW THAT COMIC BOOK IN THE RECYCLING BIN

THIS IS A GREAT ISSUE AND A REAL COLLECTOR'S ITEM!

WHEN YOU FINISH "RECYCLING" IT, GIVE IT BACK TO ME

Beetle Bailey

I LOVE THIS COUNTRY!

A GOOD OLD BARBECUE BRINGS OUT THE PATRIOT IN SARGE

BAM

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Laughter

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many other items not
listed.

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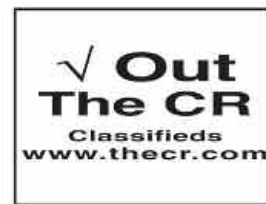
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Moves are all about the money

By RYAN PRITT
The Charleston Gazette-Mail
Tribune News Service

When it comes to conference realignment, none of us should be surprised ... by anything.

If news were to break tomorrow that the Southeastern Conference was in talks with Oxford University, my initial reaction would be something like, "Well, it is near London, a major market. I could see it."

Yet, Thursday's news still somehow caught me off guard. UCLA and USC to — checking notes... and then an atlas — the Big Ten?

In case you missed it, reports began to surface early Thursday afternoon linking the Pac-12 stalwarts to the Big Ten as first reported by Jon Wilner of Pac-12 Hotline.

But what is it all leading to?

A popular theory is that we are headed toward four super conferences — the Big Ten, the SEC, the ACC and whatever remains of the Pac-12 and Big 12.

Could the two merge? Will one pick off the best of the other?

Maybe those steps come next.

Personally, I think four leagues is a little short-sighted. It sure seems to me like the Big Ten and the SEC are in an arms race, one in which the other major conferences are not equipped to compete.

This news sure seems a lot like a response. Picking off two prestigious, historical programs from another Power-Five league — sounds familiar right? Maybe a lot like what started this whole wave of realignment a little short of a year ago when reports of Texas and Oklahoma leaving the Big 12 for the SEC began to surface last July.

We all wondered what was next and how the other Power-Five leagues would respond.

The Big 12 added BYU, Cincinnati, Central Florida and Houston. There was plenty of subsequent moving and shaking at the Group-of-Five level. That's all well and good, but it's not landing the likes of USC and UCLA.

Make no mistake, this would be the first, legitimate answer to the SEC's shot to the bow of college football. In this landscape of college football, it's eat or be eaten and from where I sit, we're

one phone call away from the solidification of two super conferences. Not four.

Yeah, I know there are agreements and contracts and yada, yada, yada — all of which are supposed to bind teams to the leagues they're in for now. That means about as much as a one-dollar bill at a gas pump these days.

So, assuming that all of that is fluid, which it undoubtedly is, what keeps the SEC from calling Clemson today? Say they also give either Miami or Florida State a call. What if that's the next move?

Would it cripple the ACC? You bet. Take Clemson out of there and tell me that the ACC is in any better shape than the Big 12 or Pac-12 currently are, even if USC and UCLA bolt. Oregon is probably a better program in terms of recent history than any of the other teams in the ACC. And the Big 12, for that matter.

We all know that geography means zilch in all this. But Clemson and one of the Florida schools actually makes sense for the SEC there as well. Almost like a bonus, right?

It's just a thought, accuse me of being a doomsday theorist if you'd like. How would a two-conference sport work and what would that look like? Would each have 20 teams? 30?

I'm not sure any of that matters. It makes sense for both leagues on the bottom line and if we've learned anything, that's all that matters. Loyalty, rivalries, tradition — all of it apparently has a price. Should USC and UCLA go through with this move, that amount will apparently be worth sacrificing long-standing series against the likes of in-state rivals Cal and Stanford for road trips to Maryland and Rutgers.

In college athletics, all that matters is the almighty dollar.

If you don't buy that, you're California dreamin'.

Ryan Pritt



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Championship catch

Catcher Jordyn Hutzler of All Circuit Electrical makes a grab in foul territory during her team's 11-2 victory over Masonic Lodge in the Portland Junior League Major softball championship game Wednesday.

Chicago storms past the Red Sox

By CHRIS COTILLO
masslive.com
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — Early on, Friday's matinee looked like it had the makings of a Red Sox blowout. Then the Cubs stormed back.

Boston led 4-0 before the fourth-place Cubs put together back-to-back three-run innings en route to a 6-5 victory in the opener of a three-game series at Wrigley Field.

In the sixth, Christopher Morel tied the game with a two-run homer off Hansel Robles and Willson Contreras scored the game-winning run on a Jake Diekman wild pitch.

The series opener started off just about as well as it could have for Boston. Jarren Duran, who returned after three days on the restricted list, sent Adrian Sampson's first pitch of the game over the center-field wall. The Sox then opened things up in the second when Jackie Bradley Jr. — who entered the day hitless in his last 26 at-bats — cleared the bases with a three-run double.

Starter Rich Hill cruised early before running into trouble (and an injury) in the fifth. Nelson Velazquez put Chicago on the board with an RBI triple, then Morel cut the score to 4-2 with an RBI groundout. After Hill departed, Tyler Danish walked in a run to make it a one-run game.

A Duran RBI single in the sixth put the Sox back up two runs. But Robles ran into two-out trouble in the bottom of the inning, walking Andrelton Simmons before Morel tied the game with his eighth homer of the season. Two walks and a double later, Diekman came in and bounced a slider that got away from Christian Vázquez and allowed Contreras to score.

Chicago's bullpen shut down Boston's offense for the final three innings, allowing just one baserunner in the final three frames. David Robertson needed eight pitches to record a 1-2-3 ninth and secure his 10th save of the year.

Boston had just one baserunner in the final three innings.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Sunday
Portland Rockets doubleheader at Battle Creek Merchants — 1 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County Summer Swim Team vs. Union City and Huntington North — 6 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
1 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Chicago Sky (ESPN)
1 p.m. — Basketball: BIG3 — Power vs. Enemies, EHM vs. 3s Company and Triplets vs. Ball Hogs (CBS)
2:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Henry 180 (USA)

3 p.m. — Golf: John Deere Classic (CBS)

4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana); Oakland Athletics at Seattle Mariners (FS1)

7 p.m. — Canadian Football League: Saskatchewan Roughriders at Montreal Alouettes (ESPN2)

7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Boston Red Sox at Chicago Cubs (FOX)

8 p.m. — Auto racing: Camping World SRX Series — Stafford Motor Speedway (CBS)

10 p.m. — UFC 276 (ESPN)

Sunday
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)
10 a.m. — Auto racing: British Grand Prix (ESPN2)

Noon — College soccer: National championship (CBS)

12:30 p.m. — IndyCar — Indy 200 at Mid-Ohio (NBC)

1 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Washington Mystics at Connecticut Sun (ESPN)

1:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

3 p.m. — Golf: PGA Tour — John Deere Classic (CBS)

3 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Seattle Storm at Atlanta Dream (FOX)

3 p.m. — Auto racing: Chevrolet Grand Prix (NBC)

7:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Philadelphia Phillies (ESPN)

8:05 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX — Monterrey at Santos Laguna (FS1)

Monday

6 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN2)

8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN)

6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Phoenix Mercury at Los Angeles Sparks (ESPN)

9 p.m. — Soccer: USL Championship — San Diego Loyal at Colorado Springs (ESPN2)

Tuesday

8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon (ESPN, ESPN2)

6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Seattle Storm at Indiana Fever (FOX)

Local notes

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 lkelly@thecityofportland.net.

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@jaycounty-chamber.com. The deadline is July 11. For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

5K circuit continues July 4

The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race on Independence Day.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Firecracker 5K, which begins at 8 a.m. Monday at Jay County Fairgrounds. Registration is \$20.

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The Jay County High School Marching Patriots band staff, including Kelly Smeltzer and Dave Humbert, reacts to the news that the group finished as the Indiana State Fair Band Day runner-up in 1989. They would finish second in each of the next two years before breaking through for the championship in 1992.

Marshals ...

Continued from page 1
Humbert worked at Redkey, Pennville and Portland high schools before becoming the director of the Jay County High School band when the county's five remaining high schools were consolidated into one in 1975. After finishing 10th or lower in their first several years of the Indiana State Fair Band Day competition, the Marching Patriots jumped up to fourth place in 1980. They were second in 1985, '89, '90 and '91 before winning the title with a show featuring selections from "West Side Story" in 1992. (By that time, Smeltzer was one of Humbert's assistant directors along with Pete Vogler.) Jay County reached the top again in 2001.

"Obviously the two state fair wins were cool," said Humbert, who now lives in Fishers, before quipping that he felt the Marching Patriots should have won more but "they

didn't let me count the votes."

"We had the chance to take the five schools into one, so we kind of got to create our own little monster," he added. "At first, people didn't really think that one school was the answer. ... But the band worked through that. It was just a great place to be. It really was."

Smeltzer took the helm following Humbert's retirement at the conclusion of the 2004-05 school year. He led the Marching Patriots to 10 top-five finishes at the state fair, including a runner-up effort in 2006.

Since retiring after the June 5 commencement ceremony, Smeltzer and his wife Jamie have taken a trip to Michigan with visits to Mackinac Island, the Gerald Ford Presidential Library and Tahquamenon Falls. They also took in a Billy Joel concert at Notre Dame Stadium.

When the Marching

Patriots started evening practices June 20, he made sure he wasn't hanging around home. (He lives on Dorothy Drive, just across county road 75 South from Jay County Junior-Senior High School.) Being away helped make the adjustment a bit easier after his more than three decades with the band.

Monday will be a new experience, too, for both Smeltzer and Humbert as they'll be riding along the parade route rather than leading a group of high school students. Smeltzer said he's looking at it as a sort of "drive-by reunion."

"It's very different," said Smeltzer. "I definitely have not put a whole lot of thought into it. It will be exciting to see a parade from a different perspective."

"Maybe I'll get a chance to communicate a little bit more with the people standing on the side and saying hi."

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Freedom Flyers Flag

Waterball

Weather Permitting
Hot Air Balloon Rides

Garden Tractor Pulls

Indiana Wild

Live Animal Show

Arch Bridge Cruisers
Special Guest "Captain America"

C.A.S.A de Portland Soccer Tournament

Steve Norman Karaoke

Inflatables

Pretty Fancy Balloons

Face Painting by Deb Price

10:00 P.M. SPECTACULAR FIREWORKS DISPLAY



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