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Big Wheel plans



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Angie and Gary Clark help a customer check out at Wheel & Spoke Antique Mall. The Clarks are the new owners of the Meridian Street property on the south side of Portland.

New antique mall owners hope to add restaurant, Airbnb at former Jay Garment site

By LOUISE RONALD
The Commercial Review

New owners have big plans for a huge Portland property.

A few months ago, Gary and Angie Clark took possession of a conglomeration of buildings covering most of a city block on the city's south side.

Since 1998, what was once the Jay Garment Co. — complete with offices, factory floor, outlet store and more — has been home to an antique mall and, more recently, an event venue as well.

Those businesses will continue as Wheel & Spoke Antique Mall, 500 S. Meridian St., and Wheel & Spoke Event Center, behind the mall at 555 S. Bridge St.

The Clarks are working to make those spaces cleaner, better organized and more inviting.

That's just the beginning of what they hope to do.

They dream of reopening a restaurant in what was once the factory cafeteria, of creating a workshop where customers can learn to repurpose and customize antique furniture and of converting the historic home at the front of the property to an Airbnb.

"We want to build an entire experience, not just a place to shop for a couple of hours," Angie Clark said. "That's what we're really striving for."

Since March, they've started on much-needed roof repairs and better lighting in the antique mall. They've worked with vendors to make their booths more attractive and accessible to customers.

"The new ownership seems really good," said Chris Braman of Churubusco, who came to the mall to shop for tinsmith tools.

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Future plans include transforming the historic home at the front of the Wheel & Spoke property into an Airbnb.

British PM to step down

Scandals derailed Johnson's leadership

By ALEX MORALES and EMILY ASHTON
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Boris Johnson said he'll step down as UK prime minister, bringing the curtain down on a tempestuous three years in office marred by a succession of scandals that culminated in the rebellion of his own cabinet and parliamentary group.

Johnson, 58, bowed to the inevitable after the mass resignation of members of his government, including Chancellor of the Exchequer Rishi Sunak, as a mounting number of Conservative MPs launched excoriating public attacks on his judgment, leadership and allegiance to the truth.

"It is clearly now the will of the parliamentary Conservative Party that there should be a new leader of that party and therefore a new prime minister," Johnson said in a brief statement outside 10 Downing Street, blaming the "herd instinct" in Westminster for his departure.

He said a timetable for the leadership election will be announced next week and that he will serve alongside his cabinet until a new Tory leader is in place.

He leaves a nation mired in political and economic uncertainty and still showing the strains of his singular though deeply divisive triumph — the UK's exit from the European Union — as it confronts surging inflation, potential recession and the threat of widespread industrial action. The Conservatives trail the main opposition Labour Party in the polls, their past reputation for sleaze revived on Johnson's watch.

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Administration defends DACA program

By SUZANNE MONYAK

CQ-Roll Call
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration defended an Obama-era immigration program for "Dreamers" at a federal appeals court Wednesday, in a case that threatens to strip protections from hundreds of thousands of young immigrants.

The Justice Department's Brian M. Boynton told the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit that a 2012 memo that created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, also known as DACA, "is lawful in its entirety and should be upheld."

The appeals court is reviewing a decision last year from Judge Andrew Hanen of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas that struck down the program, in a ruling that

Appeals court is reviewing 2021 decision from Texas court

found the Department of Homeland Security lacked the authority to implement it.

That lower court ruling allows the federal government to continue processing renewals for existing DACA recipients, but closed the door to first-time applicants.

DACA since 2012 has provided deportation protections and work permits to certain undocumented immigrants who were brought to the U.S. as children. The program currently shields more than

600,000 young people from deportation and allows them to work or study in the country, according to government data.

Wednesday's hearing is part of litigation brought by Texas and eight other Republican-led states challenging the legality of DACA. The appeals court is expected to issue a decision in the coming months.

Boynton told the 5th Circuit that Texas and the other states behind the lawsuit didn't have the

right to bring a legal challenge to the program. He argued the alleged harms they outlined, including health care and education costs for the states, are merely speculative.

Judd E. Stone II, solicitor general for Texas, countered that the state estimates hundreds of millions of dollars in costs because of DACA, which he said "plainly are constitutionally sufficient" to allow the states to challenge the program.

The panel, which included two judges appointed by former President Donald Trump and one appointed by former President George W. Bush, appeared more open to Stone's argument.

While presenting his arguments, Stone was asked just one question, about why one of the state's arguments wasn't raised

earlier. Boynton, however, faced questions from the judges on how states could ever show they were harmed by an immigration program like this, if the harms claimed here were too speculative.

The judges also noted similarities with the appeals court's earlier decision striking down the Obama administration's attempt to expand DACA to protect the parents of American citizens as well. In that 2015 ruling, a different panel for the 5th Circuit concluded the states could bring that lawsuit because it would be financially injured by having to issue driver's licenses to beneficiaries of the expanded program.

In this case, the question of DACA's legality likely ultimately will be decided at the Supreme Court.

Deaths

William Knight, 82,
Dunkirk
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Weather

Jay County got about 1 inch of rain Wednesday. The high temperature was 85 degrees and the low was 65.

Tonight's low will be 69. There is a chance of showers and thunderstorms Friday morning, with storms likely in the afternoon. The high will be 79. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

Corrections

Incorrect information provided to The Commercial Review resulted in two errors in Wednesday's newspaper.

Swimming the backstroke for Jay County in the 13-14-year-old girls individual medley was Avery Wentz.

Also, the correct time for the Jay County 4-H beef and beef feeder show is 11 a.m. Sunday.

Coming up

Friday — Results from tonight's Portland Rockets, summer swimming and Portland Junior League action.

Monday — Special edition will feature coverage of the opening weekend of the Jay County Fair.



Obituaries

William Knight

July 14, 1939-June 29, 2022
William Daryc Knight Sr., 82, of Dunkirk, Indiana, passed away peacefully Wednesday, June 29, 2022, at his residence, while in the company of family and friends.

Bill was born in Ona, West Virginia, on July 14, 1939, a son of the late Dolly Marie (Hutchinson) and Lowen Chester Knight. He attended Milton High School, served in the United States Army, was formerly employed by Binko Glass Company, Marhoe-

fers, Anchor Glass and Indiana Glass, and worked in the maintenance department of Jay Schools until his retirement in 2003.

Bill was a former member of the Redkey United Methodist Church, Dunkirk Elks Lodge and Moose Lodge and a current member of the Dunkirk American Legion Post 227. He loved fishing and bringing a smile to the faces of onlookers as he performed his clown act.



Knight

Bill is survived by his wife Bette Armstrong-Knight; three sons, Billy Knight (wife: Holly), Jerry Knight and Steve Knight; two daughters-in-law, Conny Knight and Susan Knight; a sister, Ed Knight (wife: Joan); a sister, Faye Chambers; five stepchildren, Dale Shaw (wife: Jan), Laurie Whitaker (husband: Dennis), Jeanette Shaw-Livingston (husband: Dan), Cindy Yaney (husband: Brian) and Tanya Dahlenburg (husband: Dwayne); and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife Ruth Knight; son Mike Knight; great-granddaughter Tinley Foreman; and two sisters, Jean Landis and Betty Lodus.

Graveside services will be held in Gardens of Memory Cemetery in Muncie, Indiana, on Friday, July 8, 2022, at 10 a.m., with Michael J. Shannon officiating. Military honors will be performed by the Dunkirk American Legion and VFW Post.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Secret Fam-

ilies Christmas Charity of Jay County, P.O. Box 4, Dunkirk, IN 47336.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

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

Friday 7/8	Saturday 7/9	Sunday 7/10	Monday 7/11	Tuesday 7/12
79/63	80/56	81/59	87/67	88/64
There's a 60% chance of thunderstorms Friday through the afternoon and evening.	Mostly sunny skies Saturday, with a slight chance of rain. Wind gusts may reach 20 mph.	Sunny skies and warm temperatures are on the horizon for Sunday, with highs in the low 80s.	More sun is in the forecast for Monday, with a 30% chance of thunderstorms at night.	Thunderstorms may continue into Tuesday. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with highs in the upper 80s.

Big ...

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"There have been noticeable improvements."

After Gary Clark told him about blacksmithing opportunities in Redkey and vendors who routinely replenish the supplies of antique tools in their booths, Braman seemed to reassess his opinion of the mall.

"We'll put this place in our (shopping) rotation," said Braman.

The Clarks have a long history with antiques.

"We've always gone to auctions and collected things," Angie said. "I've always repurposed and used old things."

Before buying Wheel & Spoke from Brad and Pat Daniels, who had owned the facility for about six years and were the first to convert the west end into an event center, the Clarks owned Altered Style on Water Street in Portland, selling vintage and repur-

posed items and custom artwork. They also own and operate You Neekly Ur's, which offers interior and decorative painting such as faux finishes and murals.

They were concerned that it would be hard to keep the painting business going while working at the antique mall, but discovered that was not the case. People who are looking for interior decorating ideas also are interested in getting their rooms painted, Angie said.

"On both ends, we're so busy," she added.

No wonder their plans for the new property include converting some of the former office space into a residence for themselves.

But that will be far in the future.

Right now, their hands are full.

They work with 80 vendors in the mall — 13 of

whom have come on board since the Clarks took ownership. Remaining space is limited, but they would like to find dealers of coins, vintage jewelry, marbles or pocket knives.

"If they have a niche like that, people will come for it," Angie said.

In addition to working with vendors, the Clarks have their own booths at the mall for antiques and for paints and refurbishing supplies. They and daughter Britany Adams offer merchandising/marketing advice for vendors as well.

And they have created a display space in the mall entry to highlight community events.

Most recently, it was decorated for the Fourth of July. During the Jay County Fiber Arts Festival, it was filled with spinning wheels and a variety of fabric-related antiques.

"We had so much interest," Angie said.

During the upcoming Tri-State Antique Gas Engine and Tractor Show, Wheel & Spoke will host multiple quilt shops Aug. 25 to 27 with door prizes, swag bags and scissor sharpening. The Indiana Glass Collectors Convention comes to the center Oct. 6 to 8.

It's all part of the Clarks' efforts to make Wheel & Spoke a destination, an experience.

Angie admitted it's a work in progress.

"It's all one thing at a time," she said.

The next task in the event center is to create a changing room for brides and bridesmaids. She hopes to have the space done for the 2023 wedding season.

Once that's complete, there will be more plans in the works.

"We just want to continue to make it better," said Angie.

Lotteries

Powerball 32-36-49-62-69 Power Ball: 31 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$48 million	52-54-61-71-78-80 Cash 5: 1-6-30-37-41 Hoosier Lotto: 17-18-23-24-32-46 Estimated jackpot: \$15 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$400 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-1-9 Pick 4: 9-3-2-8 Pick 5: 4-9-1-5-2 Evening Pick 3: 4-5-6 Pick 4: 6-7-9-1 Pick 5: 0-9-2-0-1 Rolling Cash: 1-2-11-12-22 Classic Lotto: 16-24-25-33-38-49 Kicker: 2-4-8-3-4-2 Estimated jackpot: \$31 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-2-0 Daily Four: 9-7-1-9 Quick Draw: 1-5-8-22-28-29-33-34-35-40-43-44-53-54-57-61-66-73-74-75 Evening Daily Three: 6-3-0 Daily Four: 7-0-9-6 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-4-14-15-19-21-31-33-40-45-47-50-	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.07 Aug. corn7.11 Wheat7.90	Wheat 7.94 July 2023 wheat 8.28
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.10 Aug. corn7.15 Oct. corn5.90	Central States Montpelier Corn.....6.98 Late July corn6.83 Beans15.91 Late July beans.....15.71 Wheat7.96
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....6.94 Aug. corn6.09 Beans15.80 Aug. beans.....13.33	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....6.69 Aug. corn6.59 Beans15.57 Oct. beans13.14 Wheat7.90

Today in history

In 1898, President William McKinley signed a U.S. Congress joint resolution annexing Hawaii. The islands became a territory in 1900 and a state in 1959.

In 1928, the first pre-sliced bread went on sale in Chillicothe, Missouri.

In 1946, Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini became the first American citizen to be canonized as a saint by the Roman Catholic Church.

In 1972, demolition of Sutton Elementary School in Dunkirk began. The east end of the building had been constructed in 1874, with the west section added in 1911. The school had been closed

since the previous December when a chimney fell during high winds, resulting in injuries to a few students and severe damage to the building.

In 1981, President Ronald Reagan appointed Sandra Day O'Connor to the Supreme Court. She was the first woman to sit on the bench.

In 2016, Portland Board of Works approved a contract with Choice One Engineering to complete a street assessment. It was one of the steps needed for the city to be considered for grant funding from Indiana Department of Transportation.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today
2 p.m. — Jay County Personnel Committee, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.

Monday
9 a.m. — Jay County

Commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

4 p.m. — Jay County Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

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

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Felony court news

Unlawful possession

Three Indiana residents were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to unlawful possession of a syringe, a Level 6 felony.

Travis J. Borgerding, 33, 216 E. Walnut St., Portland, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but eight days suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Borgerding was fined \$25, placed on probation for 357 days, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was also ordered to submit an evaluation within 30 days of his sentencing for substance abuse counseling.

Betty S. Ogan, 32, 4313 Indiana 32 East, Anderson, was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given 232 days credit for time

served. Ogan was fined \$25 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for two counts of unlawful possession or use of a legend drug and a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana were dismissed.

Christopher E. Best, 38, 216 E. Main St., Portland, was sentenced to 226 days in Jay County Jail and given 226 days credit for time served. Best was assessed \$185 in court costs.

Battery

Two Portland men were sentenced to jail after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to battery charges.

Michael D. Hines II, 28, 515 N. Middle St., pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to domestic battery, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545

days in Jay County Jail with all but 10 days suspended and given 10 days credit for time served. Hines was assessed \$185 in court costs, placed on probation for 535 days and ordered to pay a \$50 domestic violence prevention and treatment fee. As part of his plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for strangulation and confinement as well as a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement were dismissed.

Carlos Navarro-Sanchez, 31, 124 Arch St Apt. 5, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to battery resulting in moderate bodily injury, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but two days suspended and given two days credit for time served. Navarro-Sanchez was assessed \$185 in court costs and placed on probation for 363 days. He was also ordered to pay \$7,395.01 in restitution to the benefit of Queider Juarez Hernandez.

Down ...

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Officials said earlier that he wants to stay on as caretaker premier until October. Whether or not his party allows him to remain in office for that long, possible successors are already lining up. They include Foreign Secretary Liz Truss, Trade Minister Penny Mordaunt, Defence Secretary Ben Wallace and the newly installed chancellor, Nadhim Zahawi, as well as Sunak and ex-Health Minister Sajid Javid — who both quit the cabinet on Tuesday. The field is likely to swell.

Johnson's position became untenable on Wednesday after a day of drama in Westminster that saw him confronted by Tory MPs, told to resign at Prime Ministers Questions in the House of Commons, and a delegation of cabinet ministers head to Downing Street to tell him his time was up. By Thursday,

with even his new appointments calling on him to go, Johnson conceded defeat.

It's a humiliating end to a political career that included his landslide election victory in December 2019 promising to "Get Brexit Done." That was the high point for a premier who idolized Britain's wartime leader Winston Churchill, his tenure fatally undermined by the constant drip-feed of scandal that eroded Downing Street's reputation for probity.

The final straw came with the prime minister's decision to promote an MP, Chris Pincher, to a senior government role despite knowing of a formal complaint into inappropriate behavior. Johnson then failed to come clean quickly enough on what he knew when Pincher was reported as having erred again last week.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

An Ohio man lost control of his semi after attempting to avoid a deer, causing the vehicle to go into a field off Indiana 67 about 5:09 a.m. Wednesday.

Kyle L. Gasson, 32, Fort Loramie, told Jay County Sheriff's Office he was driving south on the highway south of Indiana 26 when a deer ran in front of the 2005 Peterbilt 378 he was driving. Gasson swerved to avoid the animal, causing him to lose control of his vehicle. The semi stopped in a field east of the road.

Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

Have you checked to see if your child is up to date on immunizations for the 2022/2023 school year?

All children entering Kindergarten, 6TH Grade, and 12TH Grade need to be up to date on their immunizations. *Please call the*
Jay Co. Health Dept
at 260-726-7863

to see if your child is up to date or to schedule an appointment. We will be offering school shots at the Fair on Monday & Wednesday from 5pm-8:30 pm in the Bubp Building. *We will also have the COVID vaccine available on those nights.*

Felony arrests

Failed to appear

An Ohio man was arrested Wednesday for failing to appear in court.

Mark W. Kitchen, 58, 478 Half Avenue, Circleville, has two original Level 6 felony charges for possession of methamphetamine and theft.

He's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.

SERVICES

Friday

Knight, William: 10 a.m., Gardens of Memory, 10703 Old State Road 3, Muncie.

Saturday

Nibarger, Thomas: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

Tuesday

Sutton, Zeb: 1 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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McMillan, Evelyn: 1 p.m., Brockman-Boeckman Funeral Home, 308 S. Wayne St., Fort Recovery.

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California looking at alternative to burial, cremation

By ANABEL SOSA
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

During a rafting trip in the West, Angela Bean took a palm full of her son's ashes and spread them across rushing water. Her 27-year-old son, who died in a fatal fall from a pickup truck in 2015, had told her he wanted to donate his organs and be cremated.

Years later, Bean found out about human composting, an alternative burial method to cremation and conventional casket burials that had been legalized in Washington and other states.

"If California had that option back then, I know he would've liked to have been composted," the Oakland resident said about her son, who studied natural resources at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Now, it may soon be legal in California.

Assembly Member Cristina Garcia (D-Bell Gardens) this year introduced Assembly Bill 351, a bill that would make California the fifth state to legalize human composting. This is the third time California lawmakers are considering legalizing the alternative method, a pro-

posal that has strong bipartisan support.

Human composting — or natural organic reduction — is an eco-friendly alternative burial option to the traditional casket burial or cremation methods. When composted, a body is placed in a steel vessel and buried in wood chips and other biodegradable materials that allow the body to naturally decompose over a 30-day period.

Once the body decomposes fully into soil, it is then returned to the family's possession, similar to the practice of cremation. Natural organic reduction has gained in popularity mainly because it produces far fewer greenhouse gases than other burial methods and is less invasive of a process.

"I want to become a plum tree," Garcia told The Times, saying if the law passes, she would choose to be composted.

Washington was the first state to legalize human composting in 2019, and Colorado, Oregon and Vermont soon followed. Massachusetts lawmakers are also considering legalizing the burial method, and are expected to vote on the measure this summer.

Woman overhears insult

Dear Abby



the careers they are aiming for now. Many times "life" intervenes and takes folks on a very different path.

DEAR ABBY: My spouse "cancels" me, and I am no longer willing to accept feeling devalued. There has been a serious communication breakdown. Mid-sentence of almost any topic of conversation I begin, he interrupts me with, "I know already," "You take too long" or, "I'm busy." Another response is typically, "I've got work to do," when, in fact, he is reading the newspaper or just getting a cup of coffee. How do I convince my spouse this is detrimental to our relationship, or is getting through to him even possible? — WOMAN WHO DOES NOT MATTER

DEAR WOMAN: What one does in a situation like this is tell the spouse the current situation is not tolerable, and suggest counseling to save your marriage. If your spouse then refuses, you must decide whether to move on, because your assessment of your relationship is correct.

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

DEAR ABBY: More than a year ago, I heard my co-worker, whom I consider a friend, talking to another co-worker (who is a gossip) about my belly. I am 30 pounds overweight, and although I work out regularly, I still have this paunch from having had three kids. I am hurt that she would have said anything, but she doesn't know I heard her.

Occasionally, I see her glance at my stomach and I'm reminded of what happened. It is bizarre. Why is she looking at my stomach or discussing it with someone else? I always admired her and felt she was a friend to me. Should I bring it up next time she looks at my stomach? I'm having a hard time overcoming the hurt and wonder if I've made a mistake by considering her a friend. What do you think? — SOFT IN THE MIDDLE

DEAR SOFT: You caught your co-worker in mid-gossip. Shame on her! What I think is that this woman isn't as good a friend to you as you have been to her. If you wish to tell her you heard what she said and are very hurt by it, you are within your rights. Go for it, because she owes you an apology.

DEAR ABBY: I am a senior in high school. A lot of my friends are going to four-year colleges,

while I'm starting at a community college. Many of them are going far away. They know their majors, and they're all very confident in their future plans. I can't help but feel left out, even though my community college plan will save money and allow me to experiment before choosing my major.

I'm confident in my plan; I just feel so out of the loop with my friends' college discussions. Is it OK to feel awkward during this transitional period? And is it OK to be unsure of what I want to do? — WONDERING ABOUT THE FUTURE

DEAR WONDERING: Please stop being so hard on yourself. You are far from the only young adult who is unsure of what steps they should take as they approach adulthood. Some high school seniors take a gap year off and get a job for this very reason. Community college seems like a practical solution for you. Bear in mind that your friends' confidence in their future plans doesn't guarantee they will end up in

Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

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

Community Calendar

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

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

A BETTER LIFE - BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will

begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765) 584-6452.

Saturday

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

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

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building,

113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

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

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1

to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

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.

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Indiana isn't keeping up the pace

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Recent columns have examined Indiana's gross domestic product (GDP) in isolation and in mid-level detail (21 subsectors).

Now let's widen and narrow the view.

How was Indiana doing before COVID, which threw everything out-of-whack for a while? Between 2009 and 2019, Indiana's real GDP grew from \$280 billion to \$338 billion, after adjustment for inflation. That's a \$59 billion jump, a 21% increase (allowing for rounding off the numbers).

Over the same decade, the nation advanced by 25%. The difference seems small. But when we're dealing with billions of dollars in constant buy-

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ing power, that's \$10.8 billion foregone in the value of our output, and roughly \$5.5 billion in personal income.

Not keeping pace with the nation has its price, as well as its benefits.

Why didn't Indiana keep pace with the nation? Let's look at just one cluster of industries where we were "deficient."

Computer technology is what many studies and their authors

label as "high-tech." In terms of the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, there are three of 65 industrial groups that qualify:

- Computer and electronic product manufacturing
- Data processing, hosting and other information services
- Computer systems design and related services

Please note, most studies and economic development press releases refer to jobs. We are using GDP actually produced. Jobs may include many occupations that, in themselves, are not high-tech. For example, a firm may employ an economist and a janitor.

Further, there is often nothing else identified as "high-tech," although the news is filled with articles about what is consid-

ered "high-tech" in biology, chemistry and physics. I imagine economic developers use this more inclusive definition.

The three groups above had a 128% increase in the value of output (GDP) nationally over 10 years, while Indiana's increase amounted to 79%. That increase accounted for 16% of the total increase in Real GDP for the nation, while contributing only 6% to the growth in Indiana.

Data processing and hosting led all of the 65 industrial groups in the U.S. in its rate of growth; system design ranked third. Indiana mirrored the nation with data processing and hosting ranking second among the 65 Hoosier growth rates, system design ranked fourth.

To satisfy curiosity, growth

rates for motor vehicles, bodies and trailers, and parts manufacturing ranked second in the nation and first in Indiana.

Please remember, 2009 was the bottom of the housing finance bust of 2008 and cars were not selling well because of joblessness and tight credit. Hence the high ranking of the motor vehicle group reflects a cyclical circumstance rather than a trend.

What's ahead? The GDP of individual Indiana counties. If no one is complaining, we'll move into demographics or housing, or both ... or any of many other areas of our state's profile.

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Companies need to get real about risk

Bloomberg Opinion
Tribune News Service

For decades, U.S. companies have been making a significant omission in their financial statements: They've failed to recognize and disclose the full cost of climate change. This matters not only for the planet's future, but also for investors today. It makes some businesses look more profitable than they really are, and it prevents others from realizing the value of new and greener opportunities.

The Securities and Exchange Commission wants to address this by requiring better disclosure of climate-related costs and risks. With some minor adjustments, its proposal is an excellent idea.

Many of the world's largest companies trumpet their commitment to the environment, producing glossy annual reports loaded with facts and figures. But these efforts often lack rigor and they can be hard to compare across entities and industries. Hence, investors have been clamoring for more consistency and accountability. To that end, initiatives such as the Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures (chaired by Michael Bloomberg, founder and majority owner of the parent company of Bloomberg News) have developed global reporting standards, and regulators around the world are working to make them mandatory.

The SEC's proposal hews close to the TCFD's recommendations. It would require publicly traded companies to describe how their boards and executives manage climate-related risks, such as natural disasters and the transition to greener energy; disclose risks that they deemed "material," or relevant to a reasonable investor; report the dollar impact of any climate-related event that altered a financial-statement line item by more than 1%; and produce audited estimates of greenhouse-gas emissions from their own operations and energy purchases — as well as, in many cases, unaudited estimates for the rest of their supply chains.

Unfortunately, this sensible effort faces vehement opposition. Corporate lobbyists and their

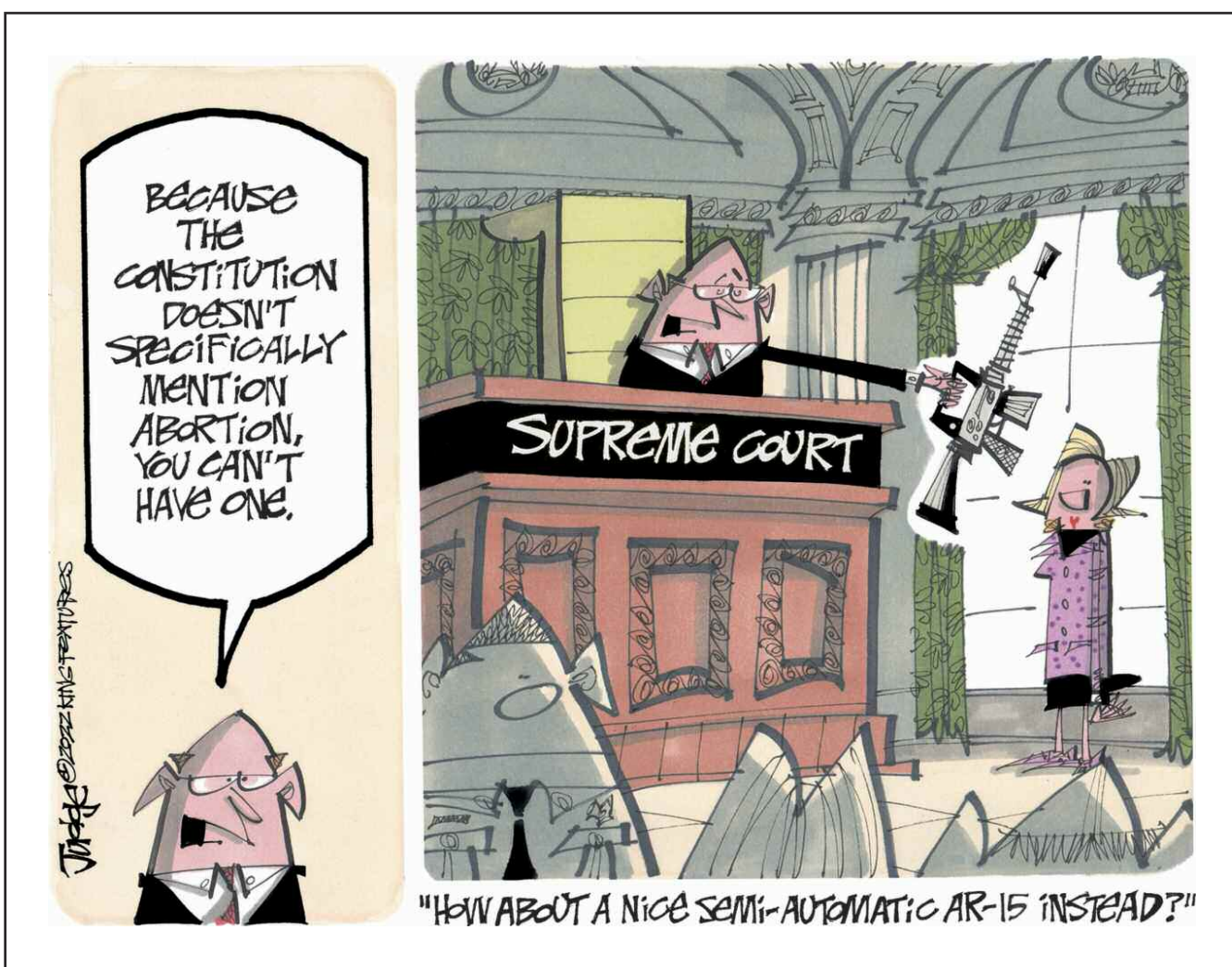
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allies in Congress portray it as an unjustified power grab, imposing an excessively costly and legally fraught burden on companies to provide information that they're often not well equipped to collect. They're preparing to fight in court, arguing that the SEC has exceeded its statutory authority and possibly even violated the Constitution.

Although these criticisms are mostly overwrought, the SEC could make some adjustments to address reasonable concerns. In a few areas, for example, it could simplify the reporting requirements by allowing companies to decide what's relevant rather than prescribing exactly what to disclose. Investors don't necessarily need to know the ZIP codes of properties vulnerable to wildfires, or the names and qualifications of board members responsible for overseeing climate-related risks. Conversely, the effect of a hurricane on revenue might be material, even if it's less than 1%.

Beyond that, though, the SEC should stay the course. Requiring such disclosure falls well within its statutory mandate to protect investors and "promote efficiency, competition and capital formation" — and there's plenty of precedent for Congress to delegate such authority. Hundreds of companies already make similar disclosures, and the proposal offers the rest plenty of time to figure it out. The SEC estimates the ongoing compliance costs at several hundred thousand dollars a year on average — but the incremental cost will be minimal for the many companies that already disclose, and in any case the investment is tiny compared with the potential consequences of sticking with the status quo.

No doubt, full financial recognition of climate change will be a challenge for corporate America, creating new winners and losers. The sooner the process gets started, the less disruptive it will be.



On new law, thanks for nothing

By GENE COLLIER
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette
Tribune News Service

Hello America, try not to get shot today.

That's it; that's the lede. In what's obviously become the safest country in the world so long as you're invested in this guns-make-us-safer psychosis, you can now get shot for the way you make a sandwich.

Or did you miss that story in the wrap-up of the overnight carnage? Man walks into Subway sandwich shop in Atlanta last month and places his order, which includes one fateful word: mayo. Brittany Macon, 26, makes it for him. Brittany is apparently too generous with the mayo. Man shoots Brittany dead. Then turns and shoots another young woman in front of her 5-year-old. That woman survived.

The price of safety seems awfully high, does it not?

Poor Brittany had been putting sandwiches together at the Subway for less than a month. Had she been trained on the exact apportionment of mayo for members of our well-regulated militia? Because in America, that kind of oversight can end your life.

"It breaks my heart to know that someone has the audacity to point a weapon and shoot someone for as little as too much mayonnaise on a sandwich," said Willie Glenn, who owns that particular Subway and spoke with a local TV station. Glenn called the shooting victims "model employees."

Police arrested a 36-year-old Atlanta man with ridiculously exacting sandwich standards later that night, but anywhere in America tonight, and then again tomorrow night, and the night after that, someone will get shot for less.

No one need ever again explain that our absolutist gun culture, in

conjunction with the gun lobby and the despicably gutless politicians in its pocket, have essentially turned America into Chris Rock's neighborhood, a place the great comic once described as "so bad you can get shot while you're getting shot."

When 5% of the world's population is toting around almost half of all the privately owned firearms on the planet, I don't think you have to be an expert on anything to understand that bad things are going to happen. The key dynamic in America, however, is that we don't care. Because your right to own an assault rifle as well as a high-capacity magazine shall not be infringed, 7-year-olds are just going to have to deal with their little thoughts about getting randomly slaughtered. Because America.

But don't worry; there's a new gun law in town thanks to President Joe Biden and some pliable Republicans who have boldly responded to the public cries of "Do Something!" in the weeks after 19 elementary schoolers and two of their teachers were annihilated in Texas and 10 people died in a New York grocery store massacre. Well, they've done something, at least to the extent something can be defined as right next door to nothing.

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, which Biden signed over the weekend and for which he's planning a showy White House event July 11, enhances background checks on gun buyers under 21, directs money to states to establish red flag laws, adds "serious dating partners" to the list

of domestic abusers who won't be allowed to buy guns (previously limited to spouses and domestic partners) and directs funding to mental health and school safety programs.

That's "something?" Smells like "nothing."

Here's a quick Q&A on the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.

Q. If I'm just a "casual dating partner," can I still purchase a firearm?

A. Oh sure.

Q. If I'm only 18 and have to prove it to buy cough syrup, will I still be able to purchase an AR-15 style assault weapon?

A. Oh sure.

Q. If I'm only 19, should I purchase an assault rifle now in case assault weapons are banned at some point?

A. Don't make me laugh young militiaman. In America?

Nearly 70% of Americans support an outright ban on assault weapons, but have to settle for some tinkering on dating partners because their government simply won't listen to them. To have any measurable impact, the bill Biden just delivered would had to have included not only an assault weapons ban but a ban on high-capacity magazines. It should have raised the legal age for purchasing a handgun to 21, established universal background checks that included internet sales and sales at gun shows, and much, much more.

If the government is suddenly in the business of requiring women to carry their rapist's baby to term, I suppose it'll soon get around to requiring everyone to carry a gun as well. When that happens, you should be sure I'll remain extremely unlikely to shoot anyone.

That said, I still wouldn't bring 13 items to the 12-items-or-less line, and whatever you do, do not say, in my presence, "it is what it is." As for you sandwich makers, relax, I never ask for mayo.



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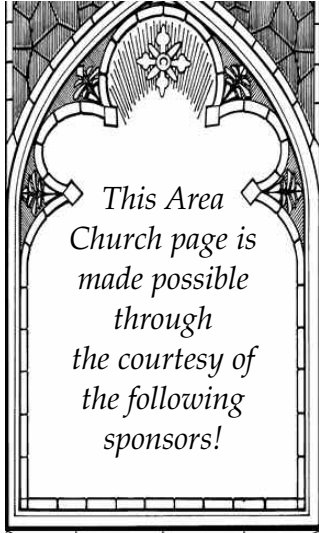
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1217 W. Votaw St., Portland
Michael Burk
(260) 726-4282
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Bellefontain United Methodist
440 S. 600 East
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Indiana 167, 4 miles north of Dunkirk
Scott McClain
Services: 10:45 a.m.

Bluff Point Friends
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nanybell@yahoo.com

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Floral and Chicago avenues, Portland
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(260) 729-7295
Services: 10 a.m.

Church of the Living God
South Broad Street, Dunkirk
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Billy Stanton
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Cornerstone Baptist
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Wayne Ward
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Tom Fett
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Gordon Jackson
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Services: 11 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
Wednesday
thefamilyworshipcenter.org

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12369 W. 600 South, Dunkirk
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Geneva Nazarene
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Mary Help of Christians
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Rev. Ned Brown
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Mount Tabor United Methodist
216 W. Pleasant St., Dunkirk
John Retter
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Mount Zion United Methodist
County roads 600 East and 200 North
Rev. Darrell Borders
(260) 726-4786
Services: 9 a.m.

New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine
4017 W. 200 South
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(260) 251-2406
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nbholiness.com

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Chuck Myers
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mypleasanthillchurch.org

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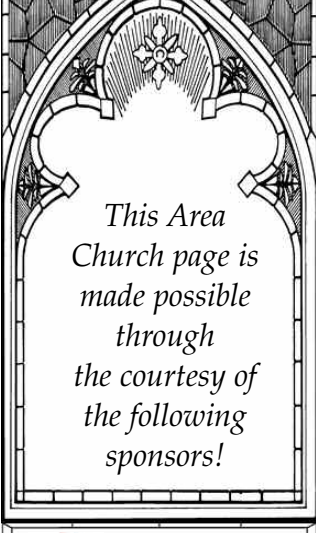
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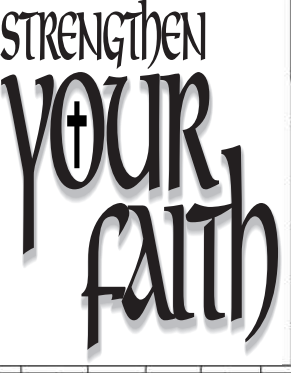


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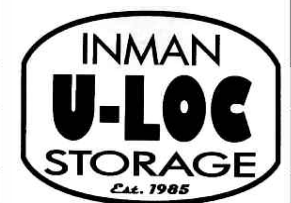


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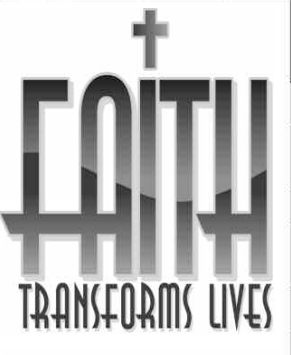
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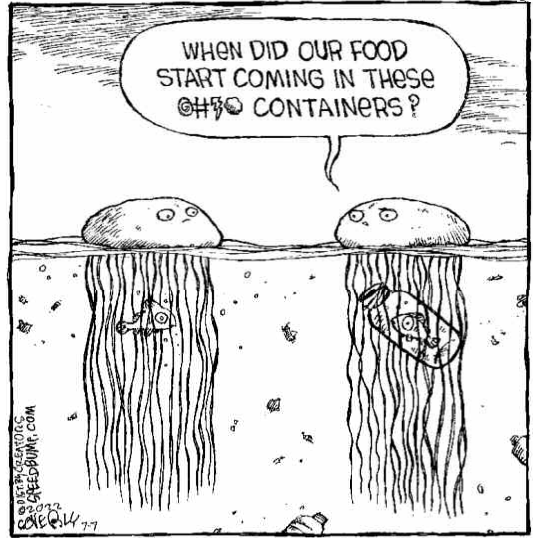


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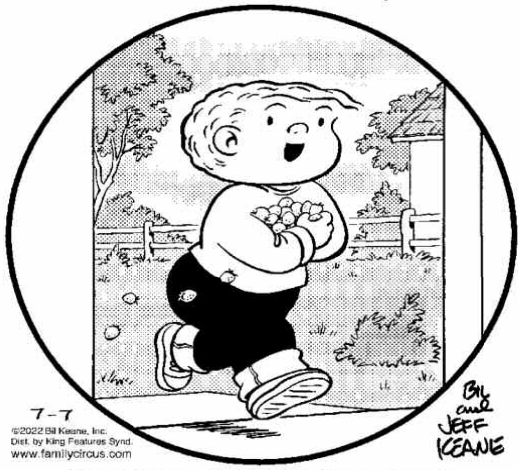


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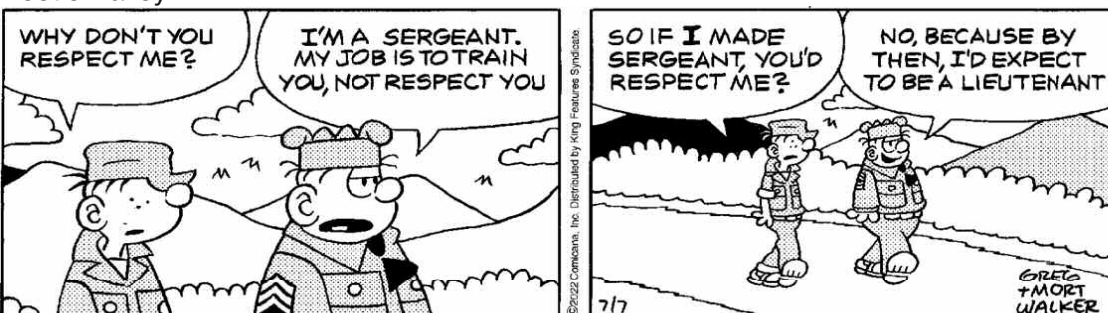
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The philosophy of good defense

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable. NORTH... WEST... SOUTH... The bidding: East Pass, South 1♥, West Dble, North 4♥. Opening lead — king of diamonds.

suit in hopes of snatching three quick diamond tricks. But declarer ruffs the next diamond lead, and you must now reconsider how your side is going to collect the four tricks needed to set the contract.

At trick three, South leads a trump to the ten and returns a club from dummy. If you follow the general rule of second-hand low, you will later regret it.

Note, however, that if you go up with the king on the first club lead from dummy and return a spade, South goes down one. Moreover, that's the play you'd make if you had been thinking along the proper lines when the first club was led.

After declarer trumps the diamond at trick two, it is clear that your side must score three tricks in the black suits to stop the contract. If South has the A-Q of clubs, your king is dead no matter what you do, so rising with the king can do you no harm.

Good defense is not difficult if you keep the ultimate objective — defeat of the contract — firmly in mind. Most defensive errors are usually due to a failure to view the play of the hand as a whole.

Assume you're East, defending against four hearts, and partner leads the king of diamonds. When dummy appears, you should feel there's a reasonable chance to defeat the contract. This is because the dummy, aside from its trumps, does not pose much of a threat.

You signal with the seven of diamonds, asking West to continue the

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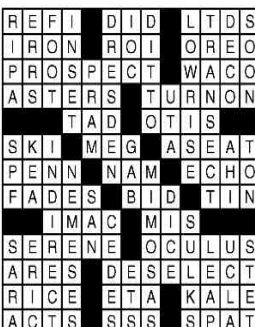
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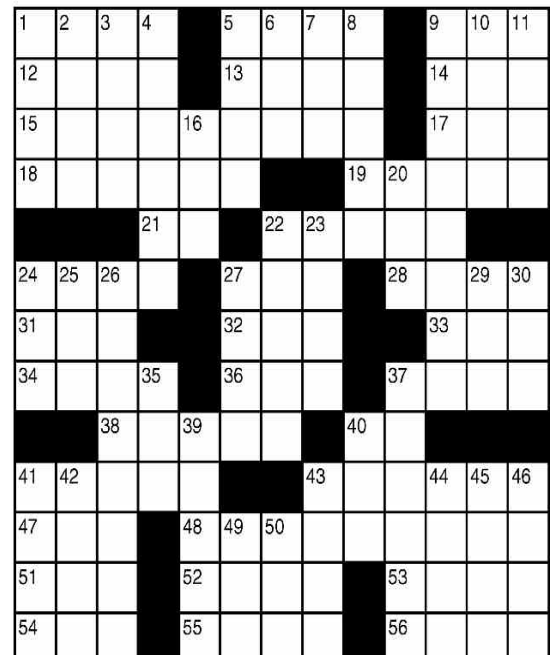
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Softball stars

Award winners were honored following tournament championship games last week in Portland Junior League Major softball and Minor softball.

Pictured above, from left, are Major rookie of the year Jadalyn Plessinger, sportsmanship award winner Erin Aker and Miss Softball Brooklynn Bright.

At left are Minor Miss Softball Madysen Taylor and Rookie of the Year Kayla Sims. Not pictured is sportsmanship award winner Alieah Cox.

Nadal overcomes injury in quarters

By **SAM FARMER**
and **HENRY CHU**
Los Angeles Times
Tribune News Service

WIMBLEDON, England — Early in his Wimbledon quarterfinal match Wednesday, Rafael Nadal hobbled off Centre Court and winced in pain. It was clear he had aggravated an abdominal injury that had bothered him all tournament. He asked the umpire for a medical timeout.

Nearby, in the player's box, his father and sister gestured to him, urging the Spaniard to retire from his match against Taylor Fritz of Rancho Palos Verdes, California, the same player who had beaten him in the final of the PNB Paribas Open at Indian Wells earlier this year.

So uncomfortable was Nadal that he gave fleeting but serious consideration to calling it a day. He couldn't bring himself to do it.

"I did it a couple of times in my tennis career," he said. "Is something that I hate to do it. So I just keep trying, and that's it."

That — and some medical attention — proved to be enough, as Nadal slogged through the pain to rally to victory in a marathon match, four hours and 21 minutes. He held off the 11th-seeded American 3-6, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5, 7-6, finally winning in a 10-4 tie-break.

It set up a semifinal grudge match with Nick Kyrgios and kept alive Nadal's hopes for a calendar Grand Slam — he won the Australian and French opens — a feat that hasn't been accomplished on the men's side since Rod Laver in 1969.

Laver was watching the thrilling comeback from the royal box, as was fellow Wimbledon champion Stan Smith, soccer star David Beckham and others.

Nadal didn't receive a miracle cure, instead relying on his legendary tenacity to pull him through.

"Doctor came, give me some anti-inflammatories," he said. "Well, anti-

inflammatories and analgesic, no? And that's it. The physio just tried to relax a little bit the muscle there. But it's difficult. Nothing can be fixed when you have a thing like this."

Using his wife and experience more than his serve — which mostly was in the mid-90 mph range — he played especially well from the baseline and was surgically precise with his drop shots.

Fritz, looking to become the first American man to reach the Wimbledon semifinals since John Isner in 2018, said he might have taken his foot off the gas slightly when his opponent ran into physical problems in the second set.

"I kind of stopped being as aggressive," said Fritz, 24, who is 11 years younger than the 22-time Grand Slam champion. "I feel like I let it kind of get to me a little bit. It looked for a bit like he wasn't moving so well for some shots, and then obviously the serve lost some speed."

"But then I feel like towards the end of the second, we played some really long rallies where I was running him side to side and he was making some gets that I don't think a lot of normal players would be getting to."

Nadal couldn't guarantee he'll be able to play in the semifinals Friday.

"I don't know," he said. "Honestly, I can't give you a clear answer because if I gave you a clear answer and tomorrow another thing happens, I will be a liar."

If he can play, he will be the overwhelming crowd favorite. He's scheduled to face the undeniably talented, and undeniably volatile, Kyrgios. The Australian routinely elicits gasps on court with both his brilliant shot-making and with his outbursts at his opponent, his outbursts at the umpire and line judges, the crowd, his team ... and even outbursts at himself.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County Summer Swim Team vs. North Adams Central — 6 p.m.
Portland Rockets vs. Muncie Chiefs — 7 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
1 p.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon — Mixed doubles final (ESPN)
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro —

Northern Ireland vs. Norway (ESPN2) 7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Chicago Sky at Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana) 7 p.m. — NHL draft (ESPN)

Friday

8:30 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon — Men's semifinal (ESPN)
5 p.m. — Auto racing: ARCA Menards Series — Dawn 150 (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay Rays at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: D.C. United at Philadelphia Union (ESPN)

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10:05 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX — Juarez at Tijuana (FS1)

Local notes

5K circuit continues July 16
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will

continue with a race July 16.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Sculpt Fitness 5K, which begins at 8 a.m. July 16 in downtown Dunkirk. Registration is \$25.

The final race in the circuit will be the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

Outing scheduled

Portland Mayor John Boggs will host his Mayor's Golf Outing on Friday 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@jay-countychamber.com. The deadline is July 11.

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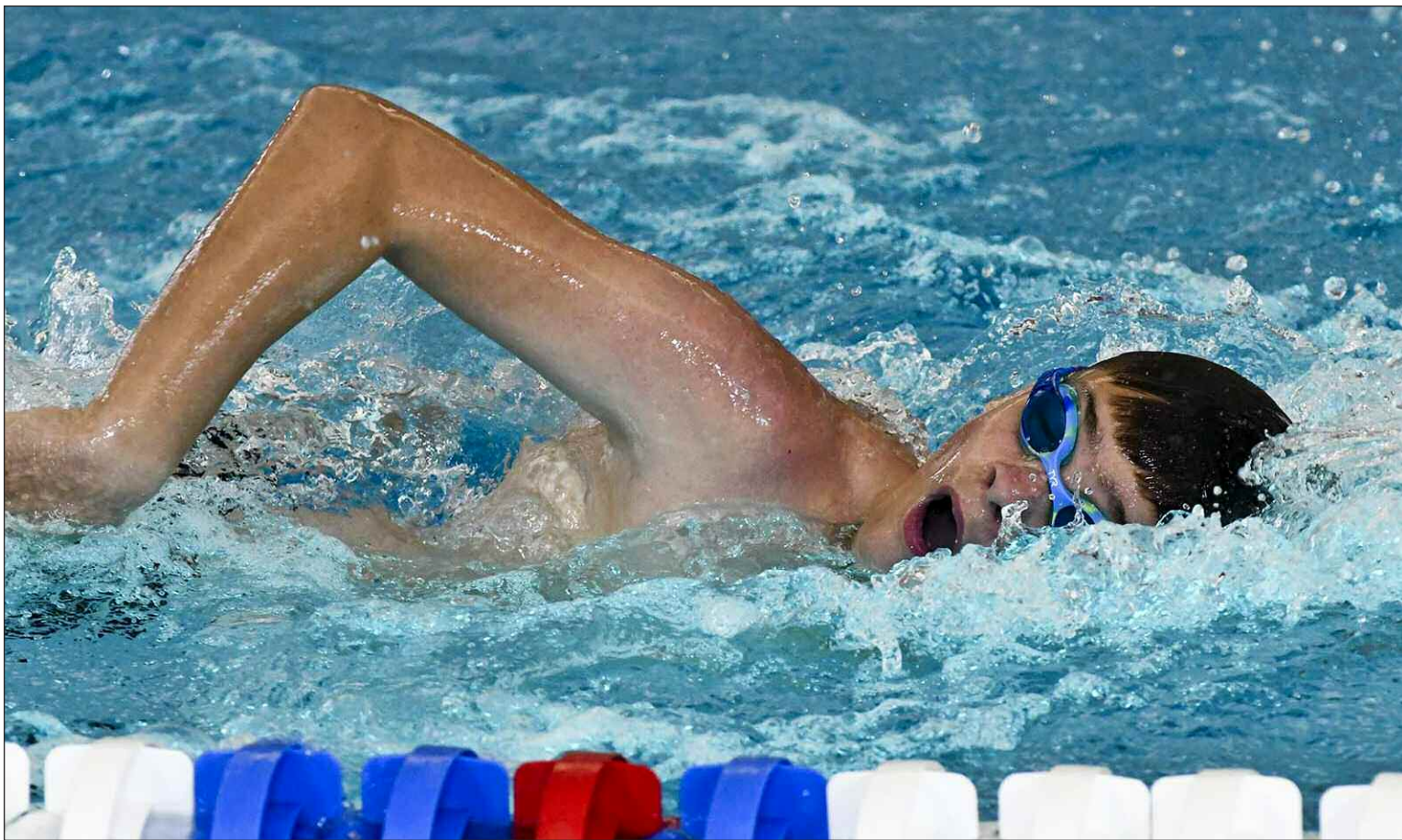
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Free Rivers

Alexander Rivers of the Jay County Summer Swim Team competes in the 11-12-year-old boys 100-yard freestyle during Tuesday's double victory over Huntington North and Union City at Jay County Junior-Senior High School. The team will compete at home again at 6 p.m. tonight against North Adams Central.

Garcia lifts White Sox

By PHIL MILLER
Star Tribune
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — The White Sox trailed in the first, fourth, fifth, seventh and eighth innings.

They gave up 13 hits and three home runs.

But they matched every hit, every homer, and finally took a lead of its own when it mattered most.

With the Twins' infield drawn in, Leury Garcia grounded a single past a diving Gio Urshela at third base in the 10th inning, scoring Eloy Jimenez to hand the Twins a 9-8 loss at Guaranteed Rate Field.

"It's a hard way to end a good series because we played a lot of good baseball. We did way more things the way we wanted [in] this series than not," Twins manager Rocco Baldelli said. "We've got to find a way to get through these

innings clean, or limit some damage to one run instead of giving up multiple runs."

The loss ended the Twins' seven-game winning streak against Chicago and prevented them from widening their division lead over the Guardians to a season-high 5-1/2 games.

Ryan Jeffers grounded into a double play to end the 10th inning without a run for the Twins and gave up a passed ball that forced the Twins infield to be drawn in for the final play.

Twins starter Joe Ryan wasn't his usual economical self, piling up 85 pitches in just four innings and putting runners on base in each one. Ryan let the Twins' first-inning lead slip away due to a throwing error of his own, and a two-run lead in the fourth disappear with the baseball that Jimenez launched just inside

and barely beyond the left-field foul pole.

The real slaps at the Twins' chances at winning came when they turned to the bullpen, though.

Back and forth it went, with Jorge Polanco twice hitting home runs and Urshela lofting a two-run shot over the White Sox bullpen, only to see relievers Emilio Pagan, Griffin Jax and Trevor Megill allow game-tying runs, Pagan and Megill via home runs.

Each team's best reliever, Liam Hendriks for the White Sox and Jhoan Duran for the Twins, restored order with easy ninth innings, but neither was allowed to pitch another. Duran, who threw only nine pitches, would have pitched the 10th if the Twins had scored, Baldelli said, but he chose Jovani Moran when the game remained tied.

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