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Site for sale

City sets specifications for Sheller-Globe, will accept bids through the end of August

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

The former Sheller-Globe south building is for sale again.

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the specifications for bidders for the property at 510 S. Bridge St.

Those interested in bidding on the property must supply an outline of plans for the building, with a projected timeline for renovations and estimated costs. They must also indicate the number of jobs that will be created in the first year of operation and after five years.

The minimum bid for the building is \$46,000, the average of two independent appraisals, and 10% of the total bid must be provided in earnest money at the time the bid is received. The property is being sold as-is.

As part of the purchase, the contract calls for the buyer to enter into an agreement to allow the city to use the north building on the property for storage at no cost for at least five years.

Bids will be accepted through the end of August, with full details to be advertised in The Commercial Review and at thecityofportland.net. Bids will be opened during the Sept. 1 board of works meeting.

Board of works members Steve McIntosh, Jerry Leonard and Mayor John Boggs voted unanimously in favor of the bid specifications. (Boggs has previously said several businesses have expressed interest in the site.)

Portland City Council at a special meeting June 28 at the Sheller-Globe site voted 4-2 to

put it up for sale with Don Gillespie, Michele Brewster, Mike Aker and Matt Goldsworthy in favor and Janet Powers and Dave Golden against.

The site, which has been mostly vacant since the 1980s, has been the subject of much discussion over the last five-plus years. The city in 2018 approved selling it to John Goodhew of Goodhew Roofing and Metals, but he terminated his contract to purchase the property in May 2021 because the city could not provide a clean environmental study. (The clean environmental study was a stipulation of that contract. It will not be part of a sale agreement this time around.) Goodhew had planned to renovate the property to manufacture standing seam roofing and carports.

The former Sheller-Globe

north building was sold in 2013 and is now the home of the furniture company TLS by Design.

In other business, the board: OK'd a consulting contract for \$47,926 with Choice One Engineering for inspection services for the Indiana Department of Transportation project to add a sidewalk along Votaw Street from Commerce Street to Walmart, 950 W. Votaw St. INDOT will pay 80% of the contract with the city responsible for the remaining 20%.

Approved a reimbursement agreement for Portland police officer Brandon Wright. The agreement requires Wright to pay back some or all of the cost of his training at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy if he does not stay with the department for at least three years.

County looking at its raise options

Selected departments may get additional increases

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

County personnel are suggesting raises across the board.

They're also advising wage increases for various county departments.

Jay County Personnel Committee agreed Thursday to suggest raises for Jay County Sheriff's Office, Jay County Highway Department and Jay Emergency Medical Service in addition to the across-the-board raises Jay County Council has already discussed.

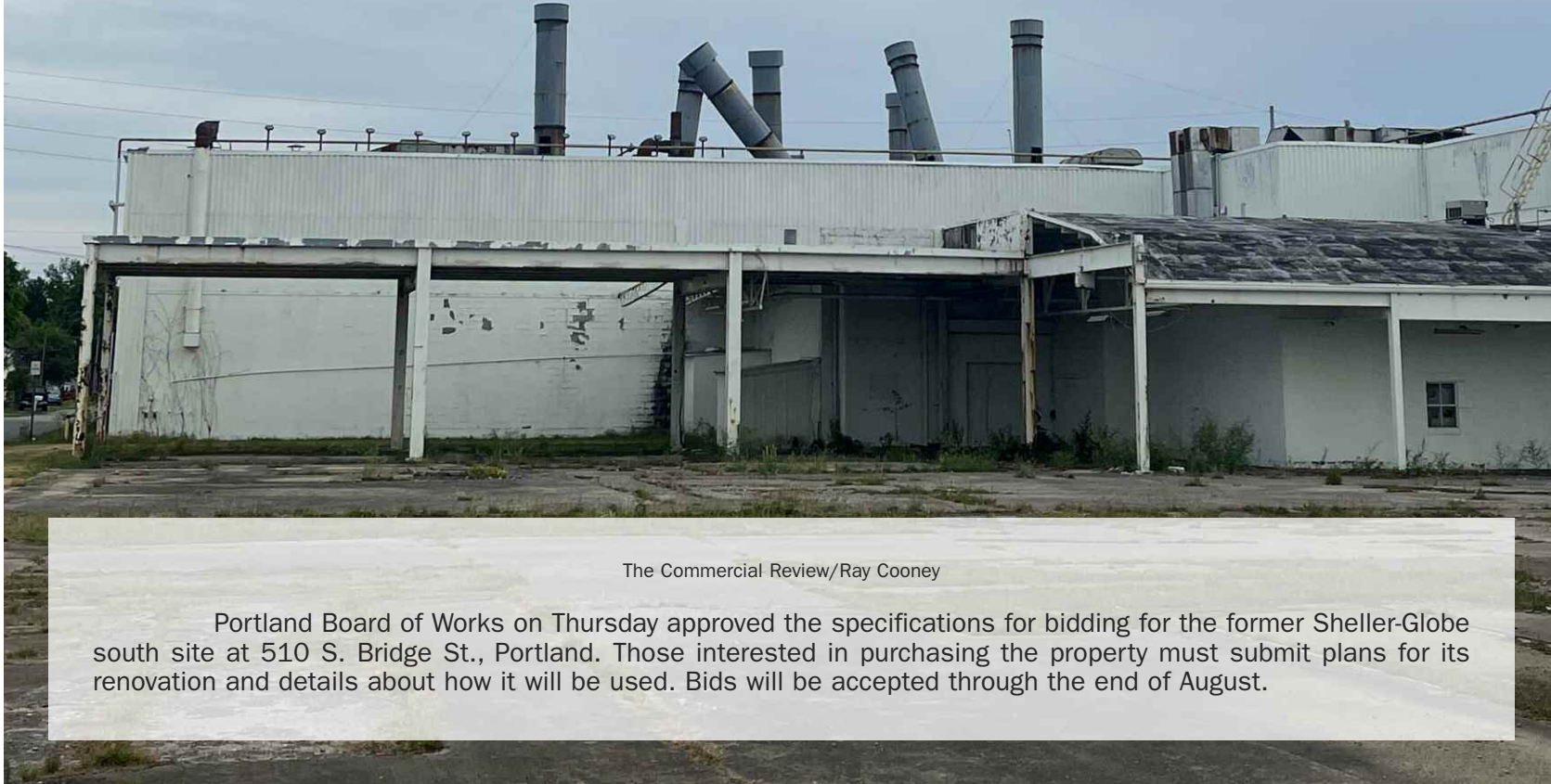
The increase, along with the suggested 6% raise across the board for county employees, would cost an additional roughly \$795,000.

Council has been considering a 6% wage increase for next year's budget.

Jay County Sheriff Dwane Ford and chief deputy Ben Schwartz approached personnel committee previously, suggesting a 20-year matrix pay scale for positions at the sheriff's office and Jay County Jail. The scale factors in 0.5% wage increases for the first few years and 1% wage increases in following years. It would increase workers' pay depending on how long they've been working in their position for the county, with salaries bumped accordingly. (Longevity would be added on top of the matrix pay.)

Officials last week discussed bumping wages next year according to the employee's place on the matrix pay scale (for example, a 10-year deputy's annual wage would be increased from at least \$40,800 to just over \$50,310), and instead factoring in potential raises on an annual basis, leaving the decision up to county officials.

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Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the specifications for bidding for the former Sheller-Globe south site at 510 S. Bridge St., Portland. Those interested in purchasing the property must submit plans for its renovation and details about how it will be used. Bids will be accepted through the end of August.

Abe assassinated

Former leader of Japan was shot during a campaign event

By ISABEL REYNOLDS,
YUKO TAKEO
and ISABEL REYNOLDS

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

Former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe — Japan's longest-serving premier and a figure of enduring influence — died after being shot at a campaign event Friday in an attack that shocked a nation where political violence and guns are rare.

Abe, 67, was shot from about 10 feet away with what appeared to be a homemade firearm in the western city of Nara, as he was giving a campaign speech at an outdoor venue for his ruling Liberal Democratic Party ahead of Sunday's upper house election. Video and images from the scene showed the former premier collapsing to the ground, with blood on his shirt after two loud blasts rang out.

Abe was flown by helicopter to Nara Medical University Hospital, where he had no vital signs upon arrival, Hidetada Fukushima, the doctor who treated Abe, told a news conference. The former premier suffered two gunshot wounds to his neck and injuries to his chest. He was pronounced dead at 5:03 p.m., a little more than five hours after he was shot.

The current prime minister, Fumio Kishida, who served as for-

eign minister under Abe, denounced the loss of his "good friend" in what he described as an act of "despicable barbarism."

"He loved this country and always looked one step ahead of the times," Kishida said. "He was a great politician who left many achievements in terms of developing the future of the country in various fields. To lose him in such a way is a great sadness."

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Candy kids

Children toss candy while riding in a van Monday during the Jay County 4th of July Parade in downtown Portland.



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Deaths

Keith Pursifull, 94, Redkey
Zeb Sutton, 43, Dunkirk
Linda Crocker, 77, Ohio City, Ohio
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 84 degrees Thursday. The low was 68 and there was about 0.2 inches of rain. Showers are expected tonight with a low of 63. Expect partly sunny skies Saturday with a high of 79 and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

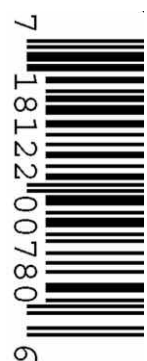
In review

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

Coming up

Saturday — New 4-H program will launch Friday at the Jay County Fair.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.



Obituaries

Keith Pursifull

March 27, 1928-July 6, 2022
Keith Alvan Pursifull, 94, of Redkey, Indiana, passed away at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday, July 6, 2022, at his residence.

Keith was born in Progress, Indiana, on March 27, 1928, a son of the late Josephine M. (Hook) and George A. Pursifull. He was a graduate of Redkey High School, a member of the First Christian Church of Redkey, Christ Pursifull



Pursifull

University Christian Church, Jayland Antique Car Club and Redkey Lions Club. Keith was a dedicated local dairy, grain and hog farmer who also enjoyed playing music on his guitars, banjo and fiddle.

Keith is survived by four daughters, Jill Pursifull, Debbie Bogue (Paul), Cindy Logan (Roger) and Lisa Higgins (Joseph); a son, Eric Pursifull (Loria); 15 grandchildren, Andrea Bogue, Shayla Sickels (Gabrial), Kyle Bogue, Kayla Bogue, Nathan Logan (Giselle), Jason Logan, Brandon Logan (Kandi), Holly Logan, Erica Kelly (Michael), Tyler Pursifull (Leah), Leah Thornburg, Kelli Thornburg, Paul Thornburg, John Higgins (Anna) and Kelly McDaniel (Brandon); 31 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Keith was preceded in death by his first wife Martha; his loving wife of 64 years Roma Lee; infant son David Pursifull; grandson Aaron Bogue; sister Roma Ni Critton; and brother Drexel Pursifull.

Friends are invited to call

Monday, July 11, 2022, from noon to 2 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral Services will follow at 2 p.m. with Pastor Steve Huddleston officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the University Christian Church, 2400 N. Nebo Road, Muncie, IN 47304.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel.

Zeb Sutton

Nov. 9, 1978-July 4, 2022

Zeb Sutton, age 43, a resident of Dunkirk, passed away on Monday, July 4, 2022, at his home in Dunkirk.

Zeb was born on Nov. 9, 1978, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Harold Sutton Jr. and Cinda (Lee) Sutton. He graduated from Jay County High School in 1997.

Zeb enjoyed helping children of

all ages and he expressed that by coaching different sports in Portland, Redkey, Fort Recovery, Winchester and Fort Wayne. He was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Portland.

Zeb married Amy Constant on Dec. 20, 2012.

Survivors include: His wife - Amy Sutton, Dunkirk, Indiana

Three daughters - Chloe Sutton, Fort Recovery, Ohio, and Isabella and Payton Sutton, Dunkirk, Indiana

His mother - Cinda Sutton, Portland, Indiana

Brother - Zac Sutton (husband: Justin), Portland, Indiana

Sister - Shonda Sutton (husband: Tyler Coats), Portland, Indiana



Sutton

Grandmother - Betty Pensinger, Pennsylvania

Uncle - Jerry Lee, Portland, Indiana

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Services to celebrate Zeb's life will follow at 1 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Pastor Randy Davis will officiate and burial will follow at Hopewell Cemetery, north of Farmland.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent expressed at williamson-spencer.com.

Linda Jane Crocker, Ohio City, Ohio, died April 14. Graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

CR almanac

Saturday 7/9	Sunday 7/10	Monday 7/11	Tuesday 7/12	Wednesday 7/13
79/54	81/57	86/66	86/63	84/59
Partly sunny skies are in the forecast Saturday, with wind gusts reaching up to 20 mph.	Sunny skies all day, with warm temperatures in the low 80s. Cool, in the upper 50s, at night.	Monday's weather looks like more sunny skies, with a chance of rain at night.	There's a 30% chance of showers Tuesday. Otherwise, mostly sunny, with a high near 86.	Wednesday's forecast shows sunny skies, with a high in the low to mid 80s.

Lotteries

Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$48 million	17-20-22-24-27-35-39-42-45-53-54-55-73-74-75 Cash 5: 7-10-27-31-33 Estimated jackpot: \$174,500
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$400 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 7-3-0 Pick 4: 8-8-5-8 Pick 5: 8-5-0-3-8 Evening Pick 3: 8-3-9 Pick 4: 1-2-2-9 Pick 5: 6-2-0-3-0 Rolling Cash: 6-12-23-26-38 Estimated jackpot: \$110,000
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 9-5-0 Daily Four: 3-2-4-2 Quick Draw: 3-8-12-15-19-22-25-26-28-32-35-36-39-51-54-61-70-73-77-78 Evening Daily Three: 4-4-9 Daily Four: 3-7-6-2 Quick Draw: 1-3-5-9-15	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.10 Aug corn7.14 Wheat8.34	Wheat 8.44 July 2023 wheat 8.74
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.15 Aug corn7.20 Oct. corn5.99	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.06 Late July corn6.91 Beans16.16 Late July beans.....15.96 Wheat8.51
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Today in history

In 1800, Dr. Benjamin Waterhouse administered the first cowpox vaccination in the U.S. He gave it to his son in order to prevent smallpox.

In 1896, William Jennings Bryan delivered his "Cross of Gold" speech at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago. He supported "bimetallism," arguing that the gold standard should be dropped and other metals, including silver, should be used to back U.S. currency. He went on to lose the general election to Republican William McKinley and to William Howard Taft in 1908.

In 1918, Ernest Hemingway was wounded in Italy while working as an ambulance driver for the American Red Cross. His time serving during wars influenced the writing of the author who published "The Sun Also Rises" in 1926, "A Farewell to Arms" in 1929 and "For Whom the Bell Tolls" in 1940.

In 2020, Ryan Steinbrunner was hired to be the new Fort Recovery Middle School principal. Steinbrunner, a 2004 Fort Recovery High School graduate, had been a science teacher at East Jay Middle School. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
9 a.m. - Jay County Commissioners, 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.
6:30 p.m. - Fort Recovery School Board, conference room, high school, 400 E. Butler St.
7 p.m. - Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.

Capsule Reports

Lost control

A Texas man lost control of the semi he was driving along Indiana 67, causing him to drive into a ditch about 7:34 a.m. Friday.

Lipson Blanc, 48, Houston, was

driving south on the highway near the intersection with Indiana 26 when the empty trailer attached to the 2020 Freightliner Cascadia he was driving started to wobble, according to a Jay County Sheriff's

Office report. The vehicle went into a ditch along the side of the road.

Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000. The vehicle Lipson is registered to New Prime of Springfield, Montana.

Felony arrests

Domestic battery

A Portland man was arrested this morning for domestic battery.

Zachary A. Bailey, 35, 204 W. McNeil St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.

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

Failed to appear

A Muncie man was

arrested Thursday for failing to appear in court.

Kendrick L. Brown, 39, 1108 W. 15th St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine, along with a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement and two Class C misdemeanors for possession of paraphernalia and driving without a license.

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

Felony courts

Drunk driving

Two Portland men were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay Superior Court to charges relating to operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

Phillip L. Fox, 26, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to two years of house arrest and given four days credit for time served. Fox was assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 180 days retroactive to March 22, 2021. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration equivalent to 0.15% or more was dismissed.

John C. Turner, 56, 3127 S. Boundary Pike, pleaded guilty to operating a vehicle with a blood alcohol concentration equivalent to 0.08% or more, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 180 days sus-

pending and given two days credit for time served. Turner was ordered to spend 178 days of his sentence on house arrest. He was placed on probation for one year, assessed \$185.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 alcohol and drug countermeasures fee. The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend his license for 473 days retroactive to Jan. 4, 2021. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

No license

A Portland man was sentenced to prison after pleading guilty in Jay Circuit Court to carrying a handgun without a license, a Level 5 felony.

Zachary B. Combs, 32, 101 W. Moody Ave., was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction and given credit for time served. He was fined \$15 and assessed \$185 in court costs. As part of his plea agreement, a Class A misdemeanor for resisting law enforcement was dismissed.

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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.**

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SERVICES

Saturday
Nibarger, Thomas: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Crocker, Linda: 3 p.m., Pennville I.O.O.F. Cemetery.

Monday
Pursifull, Keith: 2 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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

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Using sun protection is important

By BRITTANY KERN

As the temperature continues to rise and the sun shines brightly, it's tempting to sit outside and soak up the rays. While there are benefits to being outside and getting some Vitamin D, it is also important to know the risks. Studies show that over 5 million Americans are diagnosed with Skin Cancer each year which makes it the most common cancer in the United States. In addition, it is also one of the most preventable forms of cancer.

What are risk factors of skin cancer?

Everyone is at risk of getting skin cancer but some people are

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at a higher risk. Some risk factors include: a lighter natural skin color; skin that burns, freckles or reddens easily; blue or green eyes; blond or red hair; certain types or a large number of moles; family history or personal history of skin cancer; and older age. No matter how many of the risk factors you have, everyone should reduce

their exposure and protect themselves from UV rays.

What are symptoms of skin cancer?

To help identify skin cancer in the early stages, it is important to have your body regularly scanned for changes in your skin. Some healthcare providers include a skin exam as part of a routine health check, but it is also suggested to check your own skin monthly. Not all skin cancers look the same but some changes to look for include a new growth, a sore that doesn't heal or a change in a mole. Make sure to contact your healthcare provider if you see any changes in your skin.

Many experts suggest using the ABCDE rule to look for common signs of melanoma:

- A. Asymmetrical: Does the mole or spot have an irregular shape with two parts that look very different?
- B. Border: Is the border irregular or jagged?
- C. Color: Is the color uneven?
- D. Diameter: Is the mole or spot larger than the size of a pea?
- E. Evolving: Has the mole or spot changed during the past few weeks or months?

How can I reduce my chances of getting skin cancer?

Staying in the shade is proba-

bly the best way to prevent getting skin cancer, but for most people, that just isn't realistic. Some other ways to help reduce your chances of getting skin cancer include wearing clothing that covers your arms and legs, wearing a wide-brim hat to cover your face, ears and neck, wearing sunglasses that block UVA and UVB rays and using a broad-spectrum sunscreen with SPF15 or higher. Also avoid indoor tanning.

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Kern is a surgeon at IU Health Jay who specializes in minimally invasive and general surgery. For more information on surgery services provided, call (260) 726-2890.

Missing dogs worsen drama

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have inherited four dogs from relatives. I was out of state for a month (my husband was home) when two of them were dognapped, driven 42 miles away and abandoned in the wilderness. I suspected who had done it right away, but when I heard where the dogs had been abandoned, I knew without a doubt. We were lucky: One dog was microchipped, which eventually led him back to us. Both were cared for by rescue foundations until I could bring them home.

The person who did it is our son's girlfriend — and the mother of his child. We are appalled and feel betrayed and sickened. My son admitted he knew she had done it. He showed remorse and gave a heartfelt apology. She has completely avoided us, with no admission or apology.

Should we press charges for stealing our dogs and abandoning them? They live on our property in a home we own, and pay nothing to live here. She and I used to be close. Now my husband and I no longer want to have her around. All trust is gone. Please advise me how to deal with this. — VICTIM IN OHIO

Dear Abby



DEAR VICTIM: Did the dogs do anything to threaten the girlfriend or your grandchild? If the answer is yes, then those animals present a danger. If the answer is no, tell your son you plan to press charges against his girlfriend for theft and animal cruelty, and you expect him to corroborate that she was the perpetrator. If he refuses, give them a date by which they should be off your property.

DEAR ABBY: I recently lost my precious husband of 43 years to COVID. Needless to say, this is a very painful time for me. Since his passing, my "best friend" has been blowing me off if we have plans, and no longer calling or texting at all. I don't get it. I have done a lot for her during our friendship. I'm experiencing the hardest

time in my life, and I really need a friend. Now I'm not only grieving the loss of my husband, but I am also grieving a lost friendship and don't understand why. Aside from confronting her, is there anything I can do? — LONELY AND SAD IN NEVADA

DEAR LONELY: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your husband. That your friend is behaving the way she has been is regrettable. Before confronting her, please let me suggest some things you can do: Join a grief support group if you don't already belong to one. Your doctor or religious adviser can direct you to one. Stay physically and mentally active, which will give you less time to brood.

After that, you can decide whether it's in your interest to confront this person for her inability or unwillingness to be present for you when you needed her most. Do NOT expect her to magically change if you do this, but it may provide you the opportunity to get what's bothering you off your chest, which you are certainly entitled to do.

Wrist injuries from tennis are common

By JASON HOWLAND
Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

From beginners to the pros, injuries from playing tennis do happen, especially in the wrist. Whether it's the serve, forehand, backhand or volley, tennis puts a lot of stress on your wrist.

"There are about 18 million tennis players in the United States. And when we talk about injuries in the upper extremity, about 30% in tennis players are wrist injuries. That's a high number," says Dr. Sanj Kakar, a Mayo Clinic hand and wrist surgeon.

Many of those injuries are caused by chronic overuse.

"In the average tennis match, there are over 1,000 ground strokes. Now if you're practicing three, four times a week, for two, three hours, maybe not hit 1,000 shots. Maybe just

practice on volleying," says Kakar.

How you grip the racket and hit the ball plays a major role, too, which is why Mayo researchers recently studied tennis players' strokes in a motion analysis lab.

"We've learned — just by looking at the various muscles and motion capture technology — we can really break it down to the millisecond to see which muscles are firing appropriately and which ones aren't," says Kakar. "I've actually had patients who we've operated on, and they've gone through this program to see that actually, when they're hitting a topspin, their wrist is in the wrong position. That can't be picked up with the naked eye. And now they can work with their tennis professionals to improve their form to hopefully prevent further injury."

Community Calendar

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

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 Satur-

day 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.

JAY COUNTY FARM BUREAU — Will host its annual meeting from 3 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the farmer's building, Jay County Fairgrounds, 806 E. Votaw St., Portland.

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.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

Sudoku

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	3				7		1	
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	7							

Level: Advanced

Thursday's Solution

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

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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We still have a long way to go on reform

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Every mass shooting in America is a tragedy, but the one that killed seven people near Chicago Monday was especially jolting, as it combined two singularly

Guest Editorial

American phenomena: the nation's annual celebration of its independence and the chronic scourge of gun violence at a level unheard of in the rest of the advanced world. Why was a 21-year-old man who had posted violent imagery glamorizing mass shootings able to legally buy a weapon of war and at least 70 rounds of ammunition, and take it to a rooftop over a July 4 parade? That ludicrous scenario was as uniquely American as the parade itself.

The bipartisan, better-than-nothing gun safety measure President Joe Biden signed into law late last month might help prevent future shootings like this when it's fully implemented (it isn't yet), because it will create expanded background-check requirements for gun buyers between ages 18 and 21. But the attack also dramatizes, in several ways, what remains to be done.

For example, the reason authorities were able to so quickly identify the alleged shooter was that the AR-15-style rifle he left behind was legally purchased, with a serial number that allowed federal authorities, working with local police, to trace it to the seller and, from there, obtain the buyer's identity. But the new federal law doesn't close a loophole that allows buyers to avoid federally licensed dealers who keep such records, instead buying anonymously from private sellers in states that don't impose universal background checks.

Had the shooter bought his gun in Missouri, for example, he could have bought it anonymously from a private dealer who wouldn't be required to keep records of the transaction. Even tracing the serial number might have been a problem in Missouri because such tracing is done by the feds. Missouri's deranged new statute declaring federal gun restrictions unenforceable here has local police officials hesitant to work with federal law enforcement at any level for fear of inadvertently violating that law.

Nationwide restrictions on assault weapons and high-capacity ammunition magazines — like the restrictions on fully automatic weapons that have worked well for decades — could prevent some of these shootings, as could truly universal background checks and a nationwide red flag law to replace the current patchwork of state laws.

There is no constitutional impediment to reasonable gun restrictions, as even the late Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia specified in his role as the court's most adamant Second Amendment enthusiast. There are only political impediments, imposed by an extremist minority of lawmakers and judges who block even the most commonsense reforms.

The ultimate reform must start at the voting booth. Until that happens, America will continue to be held hostage every day — even on its birthday — by those who insist, wrongly and grotesquely, that nonstop carnage is the price of freedom.



There are reasons for hope

By MICHAEL J. HICKS

On the 246th anniversary of our founding, many Americans will find reason for pessimism about the nation's future.

There are many difficult challenges before us, which I will list shortly.

Still, we are also possessed with deep wells of strength from which to craft a free and prosperous future.

In 2022 we suffer a large public debt, but as a share of our GDP our external debt ranks 38th highest globally, behind nearly all the rest of the developed world. Our population growth rate has slumped, but nothing like that of China, Japan or most of Europe. Our murder rate ranks 64th worldwide, putting us well above most of the developed world.

Many of our institutions suffer deep stress.

Church attendance is down, and young people in particular have fewer formal institutions or clubs with which to reinforce their sense of community and shared responsibility.

Our political institutions have recently come under attack. Just last year, the United States was targeted by an attempted coup by a sitting president. A substantial share of sitting members of Congress enabled that coup attempt either directly or through their lack of moral courage.

Over the past two years, more than 1 million Americans died of COVID, with more than one-third dying needlessly over their objection to vaccines. This pandemic was the prime source of our current debt, the recent bout of inflation and the shrinking labor force. Our Federal Reserve and federal government responded too cautiously to inflation, prompting many states to make matters worse through tax cuts and heightened stimulus.

We have foreign enemies from Russia, China, Iran and North Korea, and in terrorist camps across Africa, the Middle East and in southeast Asia. Our nation appears more divided than at any other time in my life, and that discord

Michael J. Hicks



makes dealing with our enemies, both foreign and domestic, more challenging.

The most extreme views dominate debates about guns, abortion, voting rights, immigration and cultural issues. Too often, people of goodwill and who could craft principled compromise are yelled down from fringe activists.

My greatest concern for the future of our nation is that poor places are growing poorer while rich places grow more affluent. I see little meaningful effort to reverse that trend, which cannot be healthy for the Republic I so urgently love.

Despite this, I see three sources of strength that give me hope and optimism.

First, our institutions appear to be holding.

Let me provide two examples.

President Donald Trump's coup attempt against our Republic failed. As the Jan. 6 committee hearings now make clear, he orchestrated a broad and purposeful conspiracy to stage a coup against our government. These crimes failed due to the actions of hundreds of patriots from Congressional police officers to Vice President Mike Pence.

While the wheels of justice move slowly, indictments, arrests, confessions and imprisonment await many. This will affect officials from the highest levels of government.

In weaker nations, treasonous conspiracies are often met by summary executions. That these criminals face deliberate investigation and eventually a public trial is our nation's strength. This thoroughgoing process is needed to ensure we remain a nation ruled by laws, not despots.

Second, the checks and balances of government remain in active tension as our

founders intended. The best example of that is in recent Supreme Court rulings on Roe v. Wade. Whatever one thinks of the decision, this is a prime opportunity for voters to have their say.

If the many opinion polls are correct, as surely they are, four out of five voters seek broad compromise on abortion. This alone will favor candidates who reject the extremes on both sides. With providence, our Republic will emerge stronger after a period of compromise and elections that reflect actual policy choices, not culture war slogans.

I am also optimistic because across many margins of potential discord, our nation is actually improving rapidly. The past few decades have been ones of remarkable change.

As a nation, we grow more affluent. While there may be growing disparities, even the poorest families are better off than they were a generation earlier.

By every objective measure, racial harmony is better than ever. As many as one in seven marriages are interracial, demonstrating a radically better environment than that of my youth. Other minority groups thrive in America in ways that were unimaginable even a generation ago.

The gender wage gap for young women has largely disappeared. With three women now attending college for every two men, the issue of gender equity is largely self-resolving.

I think much of the culture war from both sides reflects the narrowing window of policy arguments. As the real issues about which we fight become more modest, the loudest voices grow more extreme. The result is an unreadable social media environment populated by what is charitably described as wackos. Neither party has a monopoly on craziness. We'd all sleep better ignoring them.

The single factor that makes me most optimistic about the future are today's young Americans. I've been closely associated with the 18-to-25-year-old crowd for four decades. I've been leading, commanding or

teaching since the summer of 1981. I've watched the tail end of my generation of Boomers, through Gen X, Millennials and now Gen Z. I've supervised them in the workplace, military training, in combat and in college from community college through doctoral classes. I like what I see now, more than ever.

To be sure, the current generation is imperfect. Their musical tastes are suspect, few if any can drive manual transmission and their phone etiquette is horrible. Too many of them are drawn to the political and cultural extremes. Still, these are common criticisms of youth.

In the matters most salient to longer-term prosperity, young Americans today do just fine. Today's young adults are far more accepting of others and their differences. The palpable decline in prejudice of all types unleashes access to substantially more human capital in businesses, schooling and public service. This alone offers substantial optimism for our future.

The shock of COVID restrictions left a dent in education for a whole generation. Still, the many young people I know have emerged more resilient and more thankful for normalcy.

Among the higher performing students of this generation, COVID provided the type of challenge that revealed the best of their nature.

As a conservative, I view human nature as constant, but culture as fluid. From my vantage point, many of the cultural innovations of today's youth offer hope for our future. These young adults, combined with the resilience of our political institutions and general economic and social improvements in our nation, fill me with optimism this Independence Day.

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County ...

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Thursday's discussion centered on whether or not to move forward with suggesting the proposed wage increases.

In reference to the sheriff's department and jail employees' pay bumping according to their years of service, county clerk Jon Eads pointed out his employees are paid the same wage — not including their longevity bonus — regardless of their tenure.

Chief deputy Ben Schwartz argued for the increases, asking why the county wouldn't include longevity along with the raises.

Deputies at Jay County Sheriff's Office currently make less in wages than police or deputies in surrounding areas, a point Ford and county officials have noted at several meetings. Similar struggles had also been voiced by the late Donnie Corn, former Jay County highway superintendent, for workers in his department, as well as JEMS directors.

"It's a big chunk, but it's an even bigger chunk when we lose deputies that we've trained or we lose highway people that we've trained that we've got time and money invested in," Houchins said of increasing their wages.

Committee member and Jay County Commissioner Chad Aker added that the county will continue to lose valuable employees if it doesn't raise its salaries.

According to figures estimated by Jay County auditor Emily Franks, increasing wages at the sheriff's office and jail would come out to an additional \$190,000 in pay. Suggested jumps in pay at Jay County Highway Department would come out to an additional \$140,000. (JEMS, which previously requested raises, would add \$15,000 to its budget for wages.) Those increases along with factoring in a 6% raise across the

board for all employees would bring the total to about \$795,000.

Franks estimated the county will bring in an additional \$250,000 to \$300,000 in taxes in 2023 that could be used to cover a portion of the wage increases. That leaves at least \$495,000 to be covered from other sources.

"Maybe we'll have to cut somewhere, but we'll get our employees where they need to be," said Houchins.

Committee members discussed adjusting the current classification system used by the county to separate positions and their pay, arguing some of

the groupings don't make sense. (There has also been talk of looking into a different system.)

Houchins noted if there is a decision to do so, the effects would be too late to impact the 2023 budget. Aker emphasized planning for future years, beginning classification changes this year, rather than waiting to begin in the spring.

The personnel committee agreed Thursday to suggest a \$1,513 increase in each commissioner's pay and a \$2,591 jump in each council member's pay annually. (County council members took a 25% pay cut in 2017 and

commissioners took a 10% pay cut the same year.)

Also Thursday, the personnel committee suggested the county move forward with a \$25,000 wage analysis from consulting firm Waggoner, Irwin, Scheele & Associates. It previously conducted a wage study for the county in 2017.

Committee and council member Ted Champ said department heads should update job descriptions for their employees as necessary in order to best conduct the study.

The committee also agreed Thursday to increase jail matron pay by \$6,300.

Assassinated ...

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The premier said the vote for Sunday would go ahead as planned and his government would do its utmost to ensure security, adding elections were the foundation of democracy. The LDP's ruling bloc had been expected to keep its majority in the upper house even before the shock.

Leaders from across the world paid tribute to Abe, who was a defining and sometimes divisive figure for Japan as the country navigated economic stagnation and China's rise next door. He was a security hawk, a fiscal dove, a defender of Japan's alliance with the US and an advocate for maintaining the postwar global order.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Abe as "a towering global statesman, an outstanding leader and a remarkable administrator." U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken called Abe an "extraordinary partner" whose death was "profoundly disturbing in and of itself, it's also such a strong personal loss for so many people."

Former U.S. President Donald Trump, whose favor Abe sought to gain early on, called the fallen premier a "true friend of mine and, much more impor-



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A man looks at a television broadcast showing news about the attack on former Japanese prime minister Shinzo Abe earlier in the day, along a street of Tokyo. Abe was shot and killed at a campaign event in the city of Nara.

tantly, America." While some nationalists in China cheered Abe's death, the Chinese government expressed "shock" and offered its condolences for a leader whom it said had made contributions to improving ties between the two rivals.

The initial market reaction to the news that Abe had been shot was a rush to haven assets. The

yen climbed alongside Treasuries, with the currency rising as much as 0.5% against the dollar.

The person suspected of shooting Abe was identified by local media as Tetsuya Yamagami, a local 41-year-old veteran of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force. He told police he intended to kill Abe because of frustration with the former pre-

mier, national public broadcaster NHK said, adding that investigators removed explosives from his home after a search.

The incident was one of Japan's highest profile acts of political violence since World War II. World leaders extended condolences for Abe, who spent more time as premier than anyone since Japan established the office in the 1880s.

"He was the single most powerful politician in Japan. He clearly had the ability to set the political agenda in ways that others — including Kishida — do not," said Tobias Harris, a senior fellow for Asia at the American Progress think tank who has written a biography of Abe.

Japan is a country with some of the strictest gun laws among leading economies and shootings are rare. But political violence still occurs from time to time: In 2007, Itcho Ito, the mayor of Nagasaki, died after being shot twice by a member of an organized crime gang. The last time a current or former Japanese prime minister was shot was 90 years ago.

There were few details about the weapon used in the attack on Abe. Video from the scene showed what appeared to be two long tubes wrapped together

with black tape on the ground at the scene.

Abe's record-setting run brought stability to Japan after a revolving door of six administrations, including a previous stint where he served as leader. Abe helped Japan escape from a cycle of deflation, endured a Trump administration that questioned the nation's only military alliance, and worked to improve ties with its biggest trading partner China, which were at their most hostile in decades when he took office.

The first Japanese premier born after the country's defeat in World War II — and a vocal defender of its postwar record — Abe sought to end apologies for past imperialism and reinterpreted the country's pacifist constitution to loosen restrictions on the military. He nonetheless managed to stabilize relations with China, where a wave of anti-Japanese protests had raged in the weeks before his second election as leader.

Abe also devoted energy to trying to resolve a World War II territorial dispute with Russia, which has simmered for seven decades, lavishing hospitality on Vladimir Putin, in a policy that was reversed following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Felony courts

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Drug possession

Multiple people were sentenced to serve time after pleading guilty in Jay courts to drug possession.

Pedro A. Serna, 27, 113 E. Washington St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 270 days in Jay County Jail and given 172 days credit for time served. Serna was assessed \$185 in court costs, fined \$25 and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of his plea agreement, a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia was dismissed.

Austin M. George, 19, 1212 N. Franklin St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Jay County Jail with all but 365 days suspended and given 260 days credit for time served. He was assessed \$185 in court costs, placed on probation for 180 days and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of a plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance, a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia were dismissed.

Gerardo Delgado-diaz, 44, 610 E. Main St., Union City, Ohio, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 90 days in Jay County Jail and given 74 days credit for time served. Delgado-diaz was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee.

Aaron C. Shawver, 43, 403 S. Walnut St., Ridgeville, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic

drug, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail with all but 60 days sentenced and given eight days credit for time served. Shawver was fined \$25, assessed \$185 in court costs, placed on probation for 305 days 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. As part of his plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for possession of methamphetamine was dismissed.

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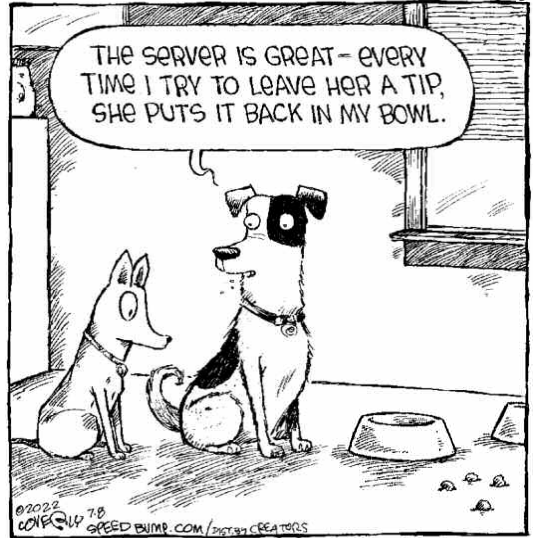
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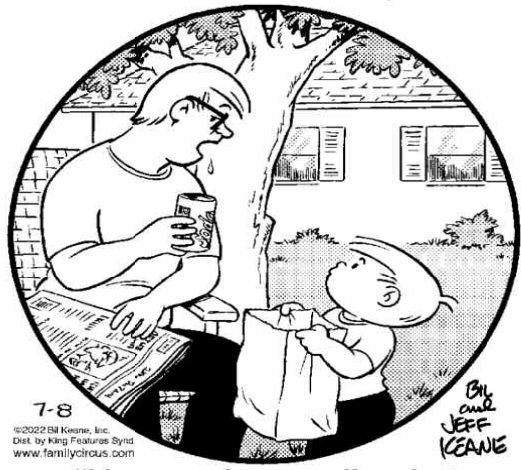
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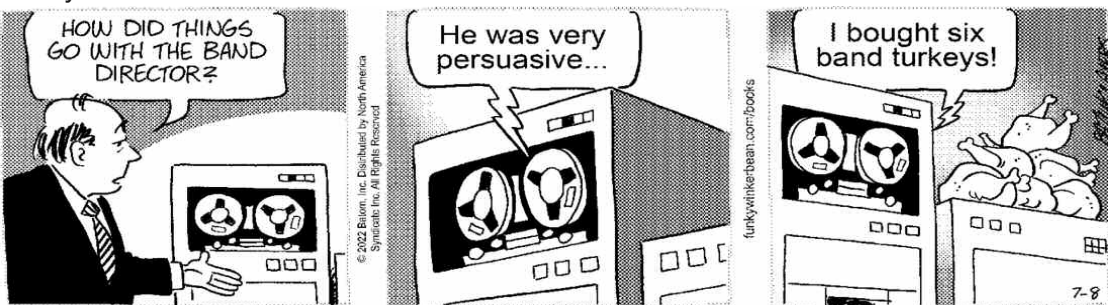
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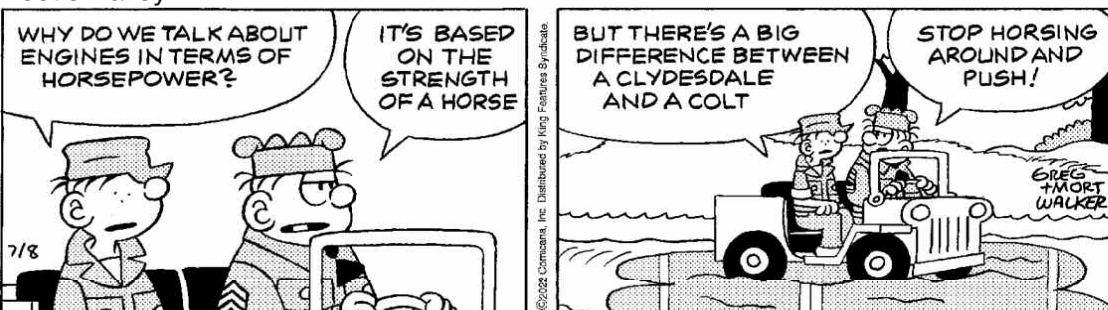
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Bidding quiz

You are South and have the following hand:
♠ AQ96 ♥ KQJ83 ♦ A72 ♣ 10

1. East bids One Club, you double, and your partner responds with One Spade. What would you bid now?
2. West bids One Club, East raises to Two Clubs, and you double. Partner responds with Two Hearts. What would you bid now?
3. Your partner bids One Notrump. You bid Two Clubs (Stayman), and partner bids Two Diamonds. When you next bid Three Hearts, partner raises to Four Hearts. What would you bid now?

1. Three Spades. Partner's one-spade bid, aside from showing four or more spades, was a forced response, and it is possible that he might not have a single high-card point. However, it is a good rule of thumb to assume partner has at least three or four points and proceed accordingly.

By raising partner to three spades, you cover the case where he has a worthless hand while at the same time apprising him that a game can be made if he has almost anything at all. You shouldn't bid four all by yourself, since you need a little something from him to have a chance for 10 tricks.

2. Three Hearts. Again, all you can do is invite partner to bid game. Three hearts in this sequence is a very strong call, and partner is expected to press on with extremely modest values.

It would be wrong to bid four hearts, since partner might have a worthless hand. Furthermore, the opening bid is on your left, so you can expect the opposing honor cards to be badly placed.

3. Four spades. You can't stop short of a small slam, so all your efforts should be bent toward trying to get to seven. It would be wrong to use Blackwood, because partner's responses wouldn't tell you whether he had the king of spades—a very vital card—even if he showed two aces and two kings.

Hands where specific intermediate cards are crucial are better handled by cuebids than by Blackwood. By exchanging information about your side's controls (usually aces and kings), you can often produce better results than by using Blackwood, which in effect turns partner into an automaton who can do no more than tell you how many aces and kings he has. If partner happens to have a hand such as: ♠ K5 ♥ A92 ♦ KQ63 ♣ A872, you will have an excellent play for 13 tricks.

Tomorrow: The disappearing trick.
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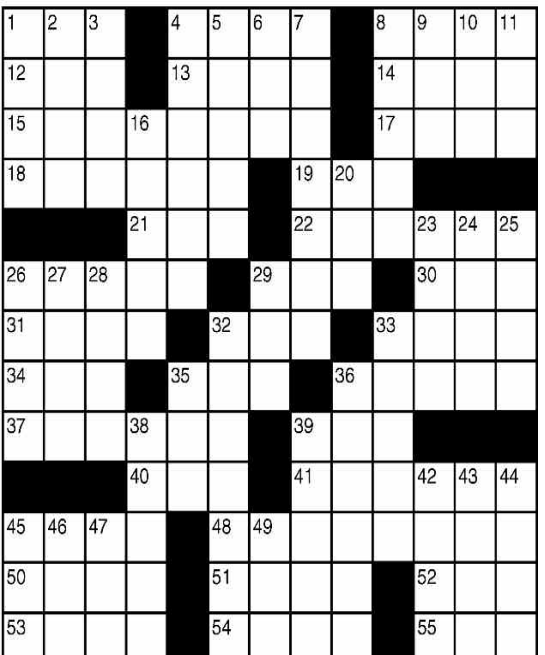
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- 18 Complete
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- 36 Avid

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- 3 Nuisance
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- 5 Some Oklahomans
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- 9 Stately tree
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Other triple winners were Addisyn Champ in the 8-and-younger girls long freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke, Jordyn Champ in the 9-10-year-old girls butterfly, short freestyle and long freestyle and Lauren Fisher in the 13-14-year-old girls individ-

ual medley, breaststroke and short freestyle. Earning two wins apiece for Jay County were Eliana Wiggins (8-and-younger girls individual medley and short freestyle), Jackson Westgerdes (8-and-younger boys individual medley and breaststroke), Sam

Benirschke (9-10-year-old boys long freestyle and short freestyle), Elly Byrum (11-12-year-old girls individual medley and short freestyle), Cooper Glentzer (11-12-year-old boys butterfly and backstroke) and Avery Wentz (13-14-year-old girls butterfly and backstroke).

Lydia Hoevel, Sam Gibson, Isabelle Byrum, Isaak Felts, Lyle Beiswanger, Brooklyn Byrum, Lila Wendel, Ben Fisher, Sophia Hoevel, David Keen, Kenzie Clayton and Aubrey Millspaugh each finished first in one event for Jay County.

Reynolds ...

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The Rockets (13-11), who lost 10-9 at home to the Chiefs on July 15, got two more runs in the sixth inning thanks entirely to struggles from the Muncie pitching staff. Nick Bailey drew a one-out walk, Caleb Richardson was hit by a pitch and Will Butts walked to load the bases. Bailey scored when Collins was hit by a pitch, and Richardson came to the plate on another walk to Cameron Pratt. Zach Tanner went 2-for-

4 for Portland and made a key defensive play from deep in the hole at short-stop to end the third inning. Collins had the double, a run and an RBI. Crosby Heniser, a 2022 Jay County High School graduate, had one of the Chiefs' four hits against Reynolds. He also started and tossed three scoreless innings, striking out one while allowing three walks and two hits. Gavin Nobel took the loss as he allowed one unearned run in two innings of relief.



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Tyler Reynolds of the Portland Rockets tosses a pitch during the first inning of Thursday's 3-0 victory over the Muncie Chiefs at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field. Reynolds struck out seven batters and gave up just four hits as he went the distance for the win.

Arsenal Tech leaving NCC

By **ROB HUNT**

The Herald Bulletin (Anderson)
Tribune News Service

INDIANAPOLIS — Arsenal Technical High School will leave the North Central Conference at the end of the 2022-23 season.

The NCC currently consists of Muncie Central and Richmond, Anderson, Marion, Harrison (West Lafayette), Kokomo, Lafayette Jefferson, Logansport, Lafayette McCutcheon and Tech.

"We are very proud to have represented IPS and the city of Indianapolis in one of the state's top sports conferences and to have competed

against other student-athletes across the state," Tech principal Corye Franklin said in a Wednesday press release from Indianapolis Public Schools.

This move will allow Arsenal Tech to seek out new conference affiliations that will allow for games closer to Indianapolis, drastically cutting down on travel time to and from games.

"Finding a centrally-located conference would be more conducive to the lives of our student-athletes by reducing long bus rides to out-of-town games that often end late on school nights," said Franklin, who believes

there are plenty of opportunities to develop rivalries against schools in central Indiana. "It will also allow for more families, alumni, and staff to attend games."

Anderson Athletic Director Steve Schindler said Tech often had problems fielding full teams and, at times, participated in Indianapolis city tournaments rather than NCC events when schedules conflicted.

Arsenal Tech was a founding member of the NCC in 1926 and participated in the NCC until it joined the Indianapolis Public Schools Athletic Conference in 1960. Arsenal Tech returned to the NCC in 2015.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Saturday
Portland Rockets doubleheader vs. Indy Heat - 1 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
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)
10 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles Galaxy at Los Angeles FC (ESPN)
10:05 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX - Juarez at Tijuana (FS1)

Saturday
9 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon - Women's final (ESPN)
Noon — Tennis: Wimbledon - Men's doubles final (ESPN)
Noon — Golf: European Tour - Scottish Open (CBS)

1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: Lucas Oil Pro Motocross Championship (NBC); NASCAR Camping World Truck Series O'Reilly Auto Parts 150 (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — Golf: American Century Championship (NBC)
3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro - Sweden vs. Netherlands (ESPN2)
4:10 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Tampa Bay Rays at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
4:30 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Portland Timbers at Seattle Sounders (FOX)

5 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series - Alsco Uniforms 250 (USA)
7 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Nashville SC at Charlotte (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox (FOX)
8 p.m. — Auto racing: Camping World SRX Series - Nashville Fairgrounds (CBS)
9 p.m. — Mixed martial arts - UFC Fight Night (ESPN)
10:05 p.m. — Soccer: Liga MX - America vs. Monterrey (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.

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. For more information, call (260) 726-4481. To have an event listed in "Sports on tap," email details to sports@thecr.com.

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Sports

Jay rolls over NAC

Tankers are 9-1 heading into finale

Jay County's swimmers faced a stiffer challenge Thursday.

They still more than doubled their opponent's score.

The Jay County Summer Swim Team cruised to its ninth straight victory Thursday, winning 48 of 62 individual events in a 1,017-495 victory over North Adams Central and Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Josh Monroe and Lincoln Clamme combined to sweep the 15-and-older boys events for Jay County (9-1) — the team will close its regular season at home Monday against Yorktown and Marion — with Monroe winning the long freestyle, backstroke and individual medley. Clamme's victories came in the butterfly, breaststroke and short freestyle.

The team also won every event in the 8-and-younger girls, 11-12-year-old girls, 11-12-year-old boys and 13-14-year-old boys divisions. It was first in 13 of 20 relays.

Mara Bader added three more wins in the 15-and-older division, taking the girls long freestyle, individual medley and short freestyle.

In the 11-12-year-old division, Maria Laux was first in the girls long freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke while Carson Westgerdes won the boys individual medley, breaststroke and short freestyle.

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Lucas Strait of Loy Auction and Real Estate comes down with the ball to make a tag on Display Craft's Landon Garringer during the fifth inning of Thursday's Portland Junior League Sandy Koufax baseball championship game. The tag that ended a brief rundown marked the third out of the inning as Loy went on to win 5-2.

Loy takes Koufax title

Loy Real Estate and Auction made a play at the plate to close the top of the fifth inning.

It didn't allow another run. Lucas Strait's pick-off throw and eventual tag helped Loy fight off Display Craft 5-2 Thursday in the Portland Junior League Sandy Koufax baseball tournament championship game.

Portland Lions Club edge PG-14 13-12 in the semifinals of the Willie Mays baseball tournament. (Championship results for the Willie Mays league were not provided.)

In Rookie tournament

action, Barnett's topped Cook's Nursery 10-3 in baseball and Jay County REMC defeated The Rock Church 16-3 in softball. (Rookie championship games are scheduled for tonight, weather permitting.)

Loy was holding on to a slim lead in the top of the fifth inning when Landon Garringer singled and stole his way to third base. Strait caught Garringer too far off of the base and threw down to third base. Garringer tried to escape the situation by heading home, but Strait took the throw back and put on the tag to end the inning.

Display Craft wasn't able to rally as Loy went on to the win.

Peyton Yowell, who handled pitching duties along with Issac Scott, led the Loy offense by going 3-for-3 with a triple. Caleb Sibray had two hits, and Brayden O'Brian, Austin Curtis and Scott all drove in a run. Garringer finished with a double, a single and an RBI for Display Craft.

Lions 13, PG-14 12

Grant Fennig went 4-for-4 with a double and two RBIs for PG-14 as its season came to an end. Memphis Torre had a

home run, a single and three RBIs.

Barnett's 10, Cook's 3

Sawyer Hemmelgarn, Emerson Cavanaugh and Zayden Jester powered Barnett's to the title game as they each went 3-for-3 with a double. Hemmelgarn drove in four runs and Cavanaugh had three RBIs.

Cook's got two hits and an RBI from Trey Hirschy.

REMC 16, The Rock 3

Kenzlea Bentz recorded three singles for The Rock. Journi Dalrymple, Annabelle Wiggins and Ellie Wiggins each had two hits.

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Reynolds shuts out the Chiefs

More than a decade ago, Tyler Reynolds was pitching for the Chiefs.

On Thursday night, he shut them out.

Reynolds went the distance for the Portland Rockets as they beat the Muncie Chiefs 3-0 at Portland Memorial Park's Runkle-Miller Field to avenge a loss from three weeks ago.

In the game that was originally scheduled to be played in Muncie, Reynolds was strong throughout. He didn't allow a runner to get past second base and recorded

seven strikeouts in the seven-inning win. He gave up just four hits and a walk.

It took a while for the Portland bats to break through, but it finally happened when Noah Collins hit a leadoff double to center field in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Chiefs nearly got out of trouble, but Peyton Smith delivered a two-out, RBI single to bring Collins home with the only run Reynolds would need.

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