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Portland Fire Department this summer received autism communication boards from the Autism Society of Indiana. The double-sided, tri-fold boards provide a resource to interact with those who have communication challenges.

## Communication tool

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review  
Sometimes new equipment involves a million dollar firetruck.

Sometimes it's as simple as a laminated board. Both can be life-saving.

Portland Fire Department this summer received picture communication boards to help first responders get key information in emergency situations.

The department received the boards from the Autism Society of Indiana through a grant provided by the Autism Society of American and private donations.

The boards are now in all "front-line" Portland Fire Department vehicles.

### Autism boards provide an option in emergency situations

"Basically any truck that's on scene should have one," said fire chief Mike Weitzel.

Autism "refers to a broad range of conditions characterized by challenges with social skills, repetitive behaviors, speech and nonverbal communication," according to Autism Speaks. Differences in communi-

cation can cause a challenge during emergency situations.

The boards — they are laminated card stock in a tri-fold format — offer the opportunity for first responders and those with communication challenges to share information simply by pointing.

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## INDOT seeks public input

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
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The Indiana Department of Transportation is seeking public input on amendments to the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program. The STIP is Indiana's four-year transportation planning and construction document listing projects (and phases) expected to be federally funded within a four-year period.

Sometimes changes are made to a project's scope, cost and/or year of proposed construction. When these changes occur, they are evaluated to determine if the change requires an amendment or an administrative modification to the state plan.

Major changes to the state plan require an amendment. Examples of a major change would be:

- Adding a new project that was not included in the current STIP
- Adding a new phase of a project not currently included in the STIP (preliminary engineering, right-of-way acquisition, construction)
- A significant increase or decrease in project cost
- A change in project scope

Minor changes to the state plan require an administrative modification, examples of a minor change would be:

- A designation number change (this identifies what year the project was accepted into the production schedule)
- A change in project schedule whereas the timing of activities is modified to occur within an adjusted timeframe (within the 4-year funding period)

Only projects for which construction and operating funds can reasonably be expected to be available are included. If a project is not included in the Statewide Transportation Improvement Program, it is not eligible to receive federal funding. As modifications and amendments occur, fiscal constraint must be maintained, a news release said.

INDOT welcomes public input regarding draft amendments to the FY 2020 thru 2024 STIP.

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The Commercial Review/Bailey Cline



## WOW moments

Pictured above, Paul Lauth (right) throws his hands up after tossing a bean bag into the hole while Steven Paulus watches during a game of cornhole Saturday at Ambassador Park in Fort Recovery. Both St. Mary's residents were visiting the village for its two-day Win on the Wabash raffle event, which concluded late Saturday. At left, Fort Recovery residents Darien Sheffer and Ian Homan surround the net during a game of spikeball.

## Protestors withdraw from streets

dpa

Tribune News Service

BAGHDAD — The curfew has been lifted and people began to take to the streets across Baghdad on Tuesday, shortly after influential cleric Moqtada al-Sadr ordered his followers to withdraw from their protest site following nearly 24 hours of deadly violence.

Sadrists protesters started leaving in large numbers, with some carrying their weapons or bags after an angry speech by al-Sadr. The withdrawal was smooth despite Iraqis crowding the streets

as soon the curfew was lifted, witnesses told dpa.

Al-Sadr criticized his loyalists, referred to as the Sadrists Movement, and gave them one hour to end the protest.

### Supporters depart after cleric calls for end to violence

"If [followers] do not withdraw from the sit-in within 60 minutes, I will even disavow the movement," he said.

"What is happening in Iraq has saddened me," he added. "I hoped

it would be peaceful protests. I apologize to the Iraqi people."

Large crowds of al-Sadr's had gathered since Monday evening outside the Green Zone, which houses government buildings, with reports of clashes and shooting throughout the night. Clashes began earlier in the day when security forces fired tear gas and shots to get al-Sadr followers out of the government palace, which houses the office of the prime minister, hours after they stormed it. They then gathered outside the Green Zone.

See **Withdraw** page 5

### Deaths

**Roger Locker**, 71, Portland  
**Evelyn Scott**, 65, Dunkirk  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 89 degrees Monday with about an inch of rain. The low was 71.

Tonight's low will drop into the mid-50s. Expect sunny skies Wednesday with a high of 80 and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### Correction

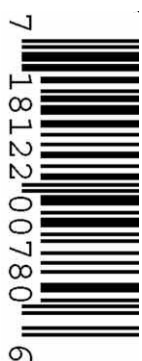
An athlete was incorrectly identified in Saturday's edition of The Commercial Review.

Troy Homan led the Fort Recovery High School football team to its 26-21 victory over Urbana, racking up 156 yards and four touchdowns on 29 rushing attempts. He also threw for 72 yards.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Results from tonight's Jay County at Fort Recovery volleyball match.

**Friday** — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.



# Communication ...

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The boards include basic questions such as "What's your name?" and "Do you feel sick?" as well as more specific details about health concerns such as a 0-to-10 pain scale and the question "What medicine do you take?" There is also a keyboard printed on the card to allow users to "type" questions or answers, if needed.  
"The Autism Society of Indiana recognizes the need for this type of assistance to first responders and the (residents) of Indiana who struggle with communication and wants to provide communication boards for every law enforcement and first responder

agency in the state," the organization said in a press release.  
Portland Fire Department has had the communication boards for about two months. In that time, firefighters have not come across a situation in which they needed to put them to use.  
They're simply another tool to help the community.  
"We've been looking at different avenues of communication," said Weitzel.  
That includes not only communicating with those who have autism or other conditions but also with those who are not native English speakers.  
Weitzel referenced a recent emergency call in which a young

child needed to translate. He said firefighters run into issues with communication because of such barriers about once a month. (Currently emergency responders use Google Translate on their phones in an effort to bridge the language barrier.)  
He said the department is always looking for ways to improve communication. That could include simply translating the autism communication board into Spanish.  
Weitzel also noted that firefighters received some basic Spanish instruction on key words from John McFarland of Jay Emergency Medical Services. He said the department is

always looking for ways to get better.  
"Any little tool we can try to help with," Weitzel added. "I'm up for suggestions."  
Overall, the goal with the new autism communication boards and any similar tools is to make sure that firefighters and other first responders are able to get the key information they need in emergency situations.  
"My biggest fear is if we go into a medical incident or even a fire and can't communicate," Weitzel said. "If there's something wrong that they can't communicate, we thought maybe this would be beneficial."  
In addition to the autism

boards, the fire department and other area first responders have had Care Trak devices in use for five years. The tamperproof and waterproof wristband that transmits radio waves that are able to be tracked up to 5 miles away. In case the individual wearing the band ever becomes lost, emergency responders can utilize antennas tuned into the band's frequency to find them.  
Portland's fire and police departments partnered with Jay County Sheriff's Office to purchase Care Trak in 2017 after a series of incidents involving children, at least one of whom was autistic, wandering away from home.

## CR almanac

Wednesday 8/31	Thursday 9/1	Friday 9/2	Saturday 9/3	Sunday 9/4
<b>80/56</b>	<b>82/57</b>	<b>85/62</b>	<b>88/62</b>	<b>81/57</b>
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Wednesday with wind gusts as high as 20 mph.	Another day of sun is expected Thursday. The high may reach the low 80s during the day.	More sun is likely Friday, paving the way for hot temperatures. The high looks to be 85.	Saturday's forecast shows sunny skies with a high in the upper 80s. Cool at night.	Mostly sunny skies are projected for Sunday. At night, partly cloudy, with a low in the 50s.

## Lotteries

<b>Powerball</b> Monday 13-36-43-61-69 Powerball: 18 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$134 million	14-16-17-19-23-37-43-46-49-51-57-59-61-65-67-72 Cash 5: 1-13-23-32-43 Estimated jackpot: \$90,000
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$153 million	<b>Ohio</b> Monday Midday Pick 3: 8-4-8 Pick 4: 6-8-2-6 Pick 5: 3-8-3-3-8 Evening Pick 3: 8-3-7 Pick 4: 9-1-5-9 Pick 5: 8-7-4-1-5 Rolling Cash 5: 10-18-26-28-31 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000 Classic Lotto: 1-22-30-33-41-46 Kicker: 0-9-6-5-5-7 Jackpot: \$34.8 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Monday Midday Daily Three: 9-9-8 Daily Four: 7-5-8-7 Quick Draw: 1-4-11-12-14-17-24-26-30-37-38-41-43-53-54-59-61-62-69-74 Evening Daily Three: 1-6-0 Daily Four: 5-5-3-8 Quick Draw: 4-6-7-11-	

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....6.98 Sept. corn .....6.98 Wheat .....6.69	Wheat ..... 7.80 Sept. wheat..... 7.80
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.47 Sept. corn .....7.47 Late Sept. corn .....7.07	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.28 Sept. corn .....7.08 Beans .....14.77 Sept. beans .....14.72 Wheat .....8.02
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....6.97 Sept. corn .....6.52 Beans .....14.46 Sept. beans .....13.86	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....6.81 Sept. corn .....6.81 Beans .....14.39 Sept. beans .....14.39 Wheat .....7.87

## Today in history

In 1862, the Second Battle of Manassas (also known as Bull Run) ended in a decisive Confederate victory in northern Virginia during the Civil War.  
In 1918, Soviet leader Vladimir Lenin survived an assassination attempt.  
In 1963, a telephone hotline was established between the leaders of the Soviet Union and the United States.  
In 1967, the U.S. Senate confirmed the appointment of Thurgood Marshall to the Supreme Court, making him the first Black man to serve as Supreme Court Justice.  
In 2007, the Jay County High School boys tennis team defeated Anderson Highland 4-1 to stay in control of the race for the Olympic Athletic Conference championship. Adam Horn and Mark Alberson led the Patriots with a 6-0, 6-0 win at No. 2 doubles.  
In 2021, The Portland Foundation announced scholarship awards of \$143,075 for its summer cycle. It included five Dr. Ara C. and Gay B. Badgers Medical Scholarships of \$3,200 each for Kellie Fortkamp, Jared Schlosser, Lizzie Schoenlein, Katy Smeltzer and Abbigayle Smith.  
—The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Thursday</b> 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.
<b>Monday</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7:30 p.m. — Fort	<b>Sept. 6</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St. 7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.

## Obituaries

**Roger Locker**  
Jan. 28, 1951-Aug. 27, 2022  
Roger Locker, age 71, a resident of Portland, passed away Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022, at his home.  
Roger owned and operated Locker's Touch of Country for many years. He was a 1969 graduate of Portland High School and earned a business degree from Indiana Business College. He was a former member of the Jay County Hospital Board of Directors.  
Roger Locker was born Jan. 28, 1951, in Portland, Indiana, the son of Howard and Beverly (McCrary) Locker.

Survivors include:  
Two daughters — Brenda Locker-Funk (husband: Shaun), Monroe, Indiana, and Heather Locker, Indianapolis, Indiana  
Two sisters — Karen Barger, Berne, Indiana, and Janet Dunmoyer (husband: Dwight), Portland, Indiana  
Three grandchildren — Mackenzie Funk, Monroeville, Brett Funk, St. Marys, Ohio, and Danica Funk, Monroe  
Visitation for family and friends



will be held on Tuesday from 2 to 6 p.m. in the Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.  
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Pastor Gil Alicea will officiate the services and burial will follow in the Salamonia Cemetery.  
Memorials may be directed to the Jay County Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.  
**Evelyn M. Scott**, Dunkirk, Aug. 7, 1957-Aug. 26, 2022. Services will be private at the convenience of the family.

## Capsule Reports

**Car hit**  
A Dunkirk man crashed into a parked vehicle along Washington Street in the city about 6:15 a.m. Sunday.  
Dakota C. Nicklay, 29, was driving his 2002 Saturn LS1 southwest along the street near its intersection with Angle Street when his vehicle hit a parked 2005 Dodge Durango, registered to 44-year-old Devon J. Weaver

of Dunkirk. Weaver's vehicle was towed.  
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.  
**Struck rail**  
An Ohio man's vehicle struck a rail along Indiana 18 about 4:28 p.m. Saturday.  
David A. McCray, 64, Marietta, was driving east on the highway just east

of county road 550 West when his 1997 Dodge Ram hit a guard rail along the road. His truck and trailer folded into each other.  
McCray was given a blood alcohol test. Results are pending. He complained of head pain after the accident.  
His vehicle was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

## More turbines OK'd

By **CHERI SHERLHART**  
Herald Journal (Monticello)  
MONTICELLO — During the joint meeting of the White County Council and Commissioners, the boards approved another phase of the Indiana Crossroads Wind Farm project, which will add another 42 wind turbines to generate electricity for NIPSCO.  
County attorney George Loy explained the plan to the boards, which included the economic development agreement and road use agreement.  
Loy said he's been asked, "Why do these companies have to come to the county at all?"  
He said they have to appear before the commissioners for permission to use the county's roads and the council for tax abatements.  
The first wind turbine project came before the county in January 2009. This is the 11th or 12th project, Loy said, in addition to four solar projects. White County has developed the template for

most counties when drawing up these agreements, he said.  
The project is a \$317 million with the county being paid \$33,000 per megawatt for \$6.6 million paid to the county over four years in the economic development agreement.  
"The agreements have worked out for EDP and for the county as well," Loy continued.  
The road use and drain repair agreement includes the 23 miles of designated roads that are cement stabilized and 17 miles of light haul roads, "all of which during the life of the project will be improved," Loy said. The county will receive \$5.1 million for the improvements as well as \$136,000 for culverts paid by EDP. They will be replacing 51 county corner markers also for \$16,000.  
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**SERVICES**

**Wednesday**  
**Johnston**, Ronald: 10 a.m., Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 506 E. Walnut St., Portland.  
**Locker**, Roger: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

**Friday**  
**LeMaster**, James: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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## INDOT ...

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The draft amendments are posted to a public comment web page for a minimum period of 7 days (may be extended in some cases). The public is encouraged to review draft amendments and offer comment.  
Generally, draft amendments are posted monthly and typically during the 3rd week of each month. Draft amendments may be reviewed by visiting the STIP amendment page.  
Once an amendment is

approved, the STIP is updated accordingly.  
To learn more Hoosiers can visit the INDOT construction map to view current and future INDOT construction projects.  
Public comments regarding Amendment 22-01 will be accepted through Sunday.  
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# College program breaks barriers

By COLBI EDMONDS

The Dallas Morning News  
Tribune News Service

DALLAS — A program at the University of North Texas is addressing the barriers that people with intellectual disabilities face when looking for employment and higher education.

Launched last year, the program is a four-year fully inclusive, post-secondary education program for students with intellectual disabilities.

It's called ELEVAR, which stands for "Empower, Learn, Excel, enVision, Advance, Rise." ELEVAR also means "to rise" in Spanish, which acknowledges UNT's status as a Hispanic and minority serving institution and is a nod to their mascot, the eagle.

Students stay in campus dormitories, take traditional classes with modified coursework and earn an internship or paid job. They receive a certificate of completion at the end of their senior year and

walk the stage at graduation.

In addition to traditional classes — which the students choose based on their interests — they enroll in ELEVAR-specific courses on sex education, financial literacy, life skills and more.

In 2021, only 19.1% of people with a disability were employed nationwide, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the majority of jobs still require some form of a college degree.

"Unfortunately, individuals with intellectual disabilities don't have a lot of opportunities — not only for post-secondary education, but also for employment in the state of Texas," said Brenda Barrio, an associate professor of special education at UNT and the ELEVAR faculty lead.

"Our biggest mission," she said, "is not only to support them [and] enhance their independent living skills, but really

to enhance their employment skills as well."

Lourdes Rahn's 20-year-old son Noah is a student in ELEVAR's first cohort. Noah has Apraxia of speech, which is a disorder that makes it difficult for him to speak.

In the past year, Rahn has seen a lot of growth from Noah, especially with his confidence and independence.

"That sense of accountability for himself, you can't teach them when they're at home," she said. Noah has to do his own laundry, get to class and resolve issues on his own.

Rahn said Noah has grown close to the other students in his cohort, and they are excited to welcome in their new classmates this school year. "They're intermingled. The professor's teaching the lecture, and it's to all students," she said. "They're not being singled out as less than or incapable."

ELEVAR plans to enroll

10 to 12 students per cohort each year to make sure individualized support and accommodations are met, Barrio said. Other students can apply for the Peer Ally program to help students find their way to class, study, join on-campus organizations and meet new people.

When the program began last year, five students enrolled, and this year's cohort will have nine. Classes begin Aug. 29, and students will start navigating life on their own, with support from ELEVAR staff.

"We're really targeting the students' career of choice," Barrio said, "but at the same time mirror everything else from living on campus, having that college experience [and] meeting new folks."

Students must be 18 or older to apply to the program, have completed high school and have a diagnosed intellectual disability. The application requires documents, a

video interview and letters of recommendation. Applications for the 2023-2024 cohort open in December.

The ELEVAR team earned a \$2.6 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education in 2020 to launch the program, which is designed to be self-sustaining. ELEVAR-specific fees will cover the cost of programming when the grant runs out in 2025. ELEVAR has an official giving page where supporters can donate to the program.

"Beyond just impacting the students, it really impacts the rest of the UNT community," Barrio said. "Our story has really changed people's perspectives about individuals with intellectual disabilities"

The ELEVAR program is one of 15 inclusive secondary programs in the state of Texas, according to the Think College directory of postsecondary programs for stu-

dents with intellectual disabilities.

Texas A&M University has a comprehensive transition program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities called Aggie ACHIEVE.

Heather Dulas, the program director, said it's been valuable to have colleagues such as Barrio because there are barriers to providing access to inclusive education, like making connections with the community, finding faculty who are willing to teach students with disabilities and establishing the framework of the program.

Dulas said she works with other inclusive educators in Texas to learn about their programs and ways to improve Aggie ACHIEVE. "We are working together and talking about the hurdles that we're going through," Dulas said. "It's just a really valuable connection as colleagues ... to know you're not alone."

# Sexual abuse continues to haunt sister-in-law

DEAR ABBY: Fifteen years ago, my husband's sister told him their brother "Brad" had molested her when she was young. She had repressed it until revealing it to a therapist. Brad admitted doing it, but said it was because a parish priest showed him pornography. Brad gave her money to pay for her therapy.

My husband has pretty much dismissed it and remains very close to Brad. I have never been able to look at Brad in the same way, and I prefer to not be around him. My husband wants me to pretend it's in the past and let it go, but I'm having trouble doing that. My aversion to Brad has grown more intense over the years. His sister still has issues, and I believe they stem from his abuse. I don't know what to do.

Dear Abby



Help, please. — COMPLICATED IN ILLINOIS

DEAR COMPLICATED: It is probable that the priest who showed Brad the pornography sexually abused him, too. Brad has tried to make amends by paying for his sister's therapy. (I wonder if he had any himself.) I think you should talk to your sister-in-law about this, and take your cues from her.

DEAR ABBY: I have a close

friend who was diagnosed with skin cancer. She had surgery a few days ago, and she will know within the next two weeks if it is gone. I am devastated. I don't know what to do, to say or how to act.

I check in several times a day with her to ask what I can do. We usually talk about everything, but now she's talking about death and dying. My heart is broken and I tear up when I think about it. I'd like to tell her what I'm feeling and how much I think of her but I don't know how. — LOST IN THE EAST

DEAR LOST: If you feel you can't get out what you need to communicate to your friend without breaking down, put it in a letter to her. Take your time writing it, and when you're done,

put it aside for a day or two, and then reread it before sending or giving it to her. It couldn't do any harm to let her know how much you love and value her, the things you most admire about her and how important she IS (NOT WAS) in your life. If she lives decades more, which I sincerely hope, that love letter will be a treasured keepsake.

DEAR ABBY: I am in my late 60s. When I am approached by people who know me, I can't remember them. It's embarrassing to ask them who they are. I may have worked with them or met them somehow, but although they look familiar, I draw a blank. I have spoken to several friends who have the same problem. I sometimes

recognize people I haven't seen for a while and have to remind them who I am. What would be the polite way to ask, "Who are you?" — DON'T KNOW IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR DON'T KNOW: A polite way to manage it would be to be honest. Simply say, "Forgive me, but I think I'm having a 'senior moment.' Where do we know each other from?"

It's effective, and as you stated, you are NOT the only one. It also happens to people who are younger than you.

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](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

# Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thechr.com](mailto:news@thechr.com).

## Today

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors,

family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

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

A BETTER LIFE — BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal

starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7

p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creager Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

## Wednesday

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

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

# Sudoku

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

Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

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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# Thanks for supporting Shea's ride

To the editor:  
The family of Shea Briar would like to thank everyone for making The 2nd Annual Shea Briar Memorial Ride a success.

The ride was held on July 30 and, even though attendance was down from last year due to other rides going on that same day, with your help we still managed to raise almost \$5,000 again this year. We had 38 bikes and seven cars register with stops at American Legion Post 353 in Farmland, Moose Lodge in Winchester, American Legion Post 158 in Union City and VFW in Fort Recovery.

Special thanks to the Portland American Legion Post 211, American Legion Riders and

## Letters to the Editor

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Just a reminder that we have the Shea M. Briar Memorial Fund set up at The Portland Foundation and you can donate year round if you're so inclined. Your donations are always appreciated but even more so in these tough times. You can either send a check made out to The Portland Foundation with Shea Briar in the memo or go to their website, click on "donate now/donor marketplace" and click on "Shea M. Briar Memorial Fund" under donor advised funds.

Because of your generous donations we have been able to donate to The Journey Home in Winchester (their priority is our veterans), buy school supplies

and other necessities for the Redkey Elementary School and assist the American Legion Riders Post 211 in making Christmas extra special for over 13 local families as well as buy brand new coats for a local church to distribute throughout the community. We hope to continue to support these and other charities in memory of Shea and therefore plan to hold the memorial ride the last Saturday in July as long as we're able.

Again thank you so much for all of your help in keeping Shea's memory alive through giving.

Tracy Hoevel (Shea's mom), Sharon Taylor (Shea's grandma) and Tiffany McLaughlin (Shea's aunt)  
Portland

# It this really a recession?

By LARRY DEBOER

HSPA Infonet

Is this a recession?

Real gross domestic product has dropped for two straight quarters. Real GDP is our measure of goods and services produced, adjusted for inflation, and the United States is producing less now than it was at the end of 2021. Usually that's exactly what we mean by a recession.

But is this a recession?

The economy has added almost 3 million jobs in the past two quarters. The unemployment rate is 3.5%, matching the pre-COVID rate in 2020, which was the lowest in 50 years. That sounds more like a boom than a recession.

Recessions are marked by peaks and troughs. The economy hits a high point, a peak, then starts to decline. When it hits a low point and starts to recover, that's a trough. The time between a peak and a trough is a recession.

To the National Bureau of Economic Research, a recession is a significant decline in economic activity spread across the economy. They watch a number of indicators to determine recessions, including inflation-adjusted income less government payments, business payroll employment and household survey employment, consumer spending and business sales and an index of industrial production. If all of these are declining, it's surely a recession.

Here's what these indicators are saying. Income less government payments rose in April and May but fell in June. Payroll employment is increasing a lot. Household employment hasn't changed much since March. Consumer spending and business sales are both down a little since April. Industrial production hit a new peak in July. So, two strong increases, three slight declines and one indicator unchanged. That's unlikely to persuade the NBER that we're in a recession.

Real GDP has fallen two quarters in a row, though. That's not the NBER's definition of a recession. Real GDP isn't even on its list of indicators. But almost always, when there's a two-quarter drop in GDP, the NBER eventually calls it a recession.

The exception occurred in 1947. Real GDP fell in the second and third quarters, but employment was increasing and the unemployment rate averaged

Larry DeBoer



3.6% for the year. Just like now.

In 1947 the economy still was adjusting to normal after the disruption of World War II. They called it "reconversion," switching production from military equipment back to civilian products.

It took a few years, and while it was happening the usual economic measurements looked strange. GDP fell, employment rose, and by the way, inflation averaged near 10% a year.

Our economy is trying to adjust back to normal after the disruption of the COVID pandemic and lockdown. Once again economic measurements look strange. Employment is rising and GDP is falling. If more people are working, they should be producing more goods and services. How can more employees produce less?

Here's a possibility. Workers are scarce. Businesses have a hard time finding employees. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there are 10.7 million openings but only 5.7 million people looking for work. Businesses are short 5 million employees.

Suppose sales go flat and businesses cut production, but they don't lay off their workers, because they're so hard to find. Economists call it "labor hoarding." Businesses keep their workers so they aren't caught short once sales recover. Sure enough, average weekly hours worked have been falling since January, even as employment has increased.

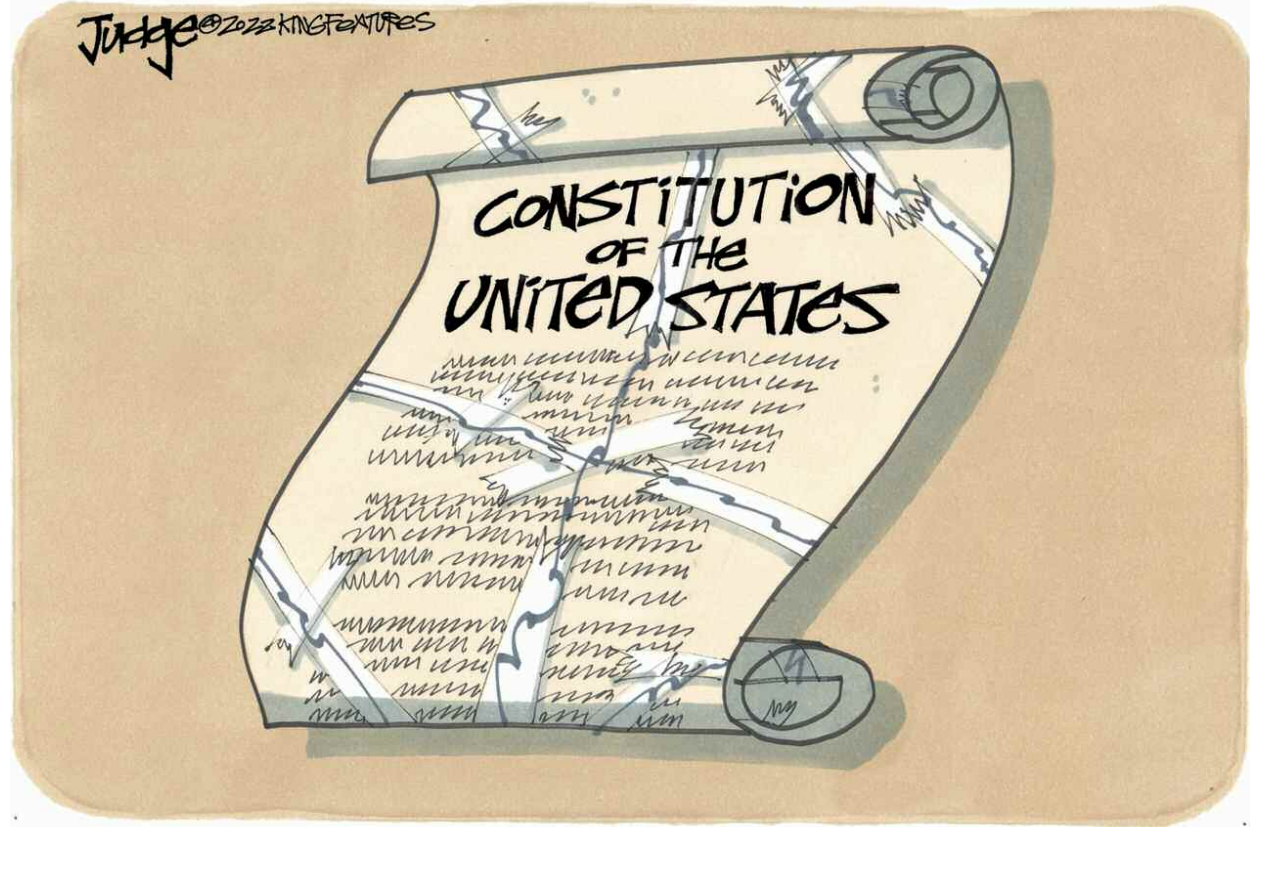
We've seen several "jobless recoveries." Often, in the first year after a recession, GDP rises but the economy doesn't produce enough new jobs to bring the unemployment rate down. People are right to ask, is a jobless recovery really a recovery at all?

Now we have the opposite problem. Maybe we could call it a "working recession."

And maybe a working recession isn't really a recession at all.

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## NEWS ITEM: DONALD TRUMP OFTEN TORE UP GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS THAT HAD TO BE TAPED BACK TOGETHER...



# There has to be an alternative

By LZ GRANDERSON

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

I can't say I had "it's how they write their memoirs" down as a reason why former President Donald Trump would keep top-secret information at his private residence, but hey, what do I know? Rep. Michael R. Turner, R-Ohio, is on the House Intelligence Committee, and I'm just a journalist wondering why a member of the House Intelligence Committee would be OK with top-secret information being used in a tell-all.

"What use could a former president have for classified or top-secret information once he's left office?" CBS' Ed O'Keefe asked Turner on Sunday, in regard to the FBI's search of Mar-a-Lago. "Why bring it home with him to Florida?"

"Well, I don't know," Turner responded. "I mean, you have to ask him. But certainly, we all know that every former president has access to their documents. It's how they write their memoirs. They don't have, you know, great recall of everything that's occurred in their administration."

Nothing like a little top-secret intel to get the old creative juices flowing, I guess.

Turner's flippant "memoir" explanation is the latest attempt by congressional Republicans to play down any possible wrongdoing by the former president — even if they look silly doing it.

You would think top-secret documents being found in the home of someone with a weakness for authoritarian regimes would be of concern to the House Intelligence Committee. Yet the congressman from Ohio wants voters to think about the files as they would overdue library books. Never mind that the last time classified information was used to beef up a memoir, Gen. David H. Petraeus was forced to resign as CIA director and seek a plea deal.

LZ Granderson



To be fair, Turner was slow to board the Trump train. In fact, he endorsed late-entry candidate John Kasich for president back in 2016. But after the election, Turner got in line. A few years later, he's on TV suggesting that the man who tried to overturn the election kept top-secret information in his house to overcome writer's block.

As the saying goes, life comes at you fast.

Even some of Trump's harshest critics are having a hard time chastising him without feeling the need to also trash Democrats for cover. The search for a mythological sweet spot where Republicans can protect the brand from Trump while also benefiting from Trumpism has been going on since 2015. Sadly, I fear, we are closer to mockumentary territory than to the perfect political messaging.

Take Turner's fellow Ohioan, Rep. Anthony Gonzalez. Now, last fall, in discussing why he joined nine other House Republicans in voting to impeach the former president, Gonzalez told CNN's Jake Tapper that he could no longer trust Trump "even for a few days, to be the commander in chief of our military."

"It was deeply sad to come to the conclusion that I did," Gonzalez said. "I felt like I had no choice in the matter. I had to do what I felt was right to protect the country."

And yet, after saying, "If he is the nominee again in '24, I will do everything I personally can to make sure he doesn't win," Gonzalez went on to say, "I'm not voting for Democrats."

Which flies in the face of "I will do everything I personally can to make sure he doesn't win."

The Republicans on the House's Jan. 6 committee, Reps. Liz Cheney of Wyoming and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, have echoed similar comments, undermining the seriousness of their grievances against Trump by indirectly painting Democrats as worse. This without evidence of widespread voter fraud, framework of a coup or any other examples of coordinated attempts to overthrow our democracy.

That's not to say progressives are above reproach. The contents of Hunter Biden's laptop may not have been used to incite an insurrection, but the investigation deserves more than "whataboutism" quips from liberals regarding Trump's children.

Still, to suggest that top-secret information can be used to help write presidential memoirs highlights the depths some Republicans remain willing to go to just to protect Trump from the repercussions of his actions. Politicians like Turner would much rather offer nonsensical explanations or water down Trump's transgressions by saturating debates with false equivalences. Anything to avoid the fallout that comes when powerful people are held accountable.

I agreed when Gonzalez told Tapper: "The country can survive a round of bad policy. The country can't survive torching the Constitution."

But the message from Gonzalez and other seemingly reasonable Republicans is hard to take seriously. They tell us that Trump is a threat to democracy, but they also say that voting for a Democrat would be worse. Sometimes when you try to play both sides in politics, you end up playing yourself.

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## One World selfie

The 76th Cleveland One World Day took place Sunday afternoon along a closed MLK Blvd. near the many cultural gardens that line the road. The event was highlighted by the parade with hundreds of marchers representing dozens of cultures from around the world. Many of the marchers were wearing outfits from their native cultures. In addition to the parade, there were many tents and food trucks serving a smorgasbord of different foods from around the world, live music, and other celebrations. Pictured, Cleveland mayor Justin Bibb takes a selfie with an attendee at the fest.

## Ukraine launches counteroffensive

By **CAITLIN DOORNBOS**

Stars and Stripes  
Tribune News Service

WASHINGTON — Ukraine launched a long-awaited counteroffensive in the Russian-occupied Kherson region Monday, breaking through Russia's front line in the southeastern Ukraine oblast, its military said in a statement Monday.

"Ukraine has a brilliant chance to reclaim its territories," the Ukraine military's Operational Command South said in a statement Monday.

National Security Council spokesman John Kirby declined to comment on Ukraine's movements but said the current operations have "potential [to become] a major counteroffensive."

"Regardless of the size, scale and scope of this counter offensive that [Ukraine has] talked about today, they have already had an impact on Russian military capabilities because the Russians had to pull resources from the east simply because of reports that the Ukrainians might be going more on the offense in the south," Kirby said.

A senior U.S. military official on Monday also declined to give further detail but said there had been an increased amount of artillery fire in the region "primarily coming from the Ukrainians."

"Are they on the offensive? I think they are. Is this a counteroffensive? I don't know," said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity. "It's an increased amount of artillery that we've seen coming from the Ukrainians, and they have for the past couple of weeks been making some small advances in and around Kherson."

Recent U.S. shipments of 16 High Mobility

Artillery Rocket Systems, or HIMARS, to Ukraine are making a difference in the fight, the southern command said Monday.

"Because HIMARS have already destroyed almost all major bridges, the Russian army turned out to be cut off from supplies of arms and personnel from Crimea," the command said.

Russia has held the southern Ukraine region of Crimea since its last invasion of the country in 2014.

Ukraine has also used HIMARS to "take the fight to the Russians inside their country," Kirby said.

"Some of the assistance that they've gotten from the U.S., as well as others — such as HIMARS — they've been able to actually strike behind Russian lines and put the Russians more on defense," he said.

Kirby noted it's not the first time the Ukrainians have shifted from a defensive posture in the now six-month-long war.

"The idea of going on the offense is not new to the Ukrainians," he said. "We saw that in the first couple of months around Kyiv and Kharkiv, where the Russians dug in and then took in defensive positions because the Ukrainians were going on the offense."

During that phase of the war, the Ukrainians forced Russian troops to retreat from the country and ultimately changed their strategy to focus on the Donbas region, where fighting has been focused since March.

The recent shift from the Donbas to the south should benefit Ukraine as the "ratio between the Ukrainians and the Russians are much better number in terms of equality or parity in the south," the official said.

## Withdraw ...

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At least 25 people died and around 450 were injured, according to witnesses, security and medical sources. Prime Minister Mustafa al-Kadhimi welcomed the speech said "al-Sadr's call to stop violence is the epitome of patriotism and respect to the sanctity of Iraqi blood."

The United Nations also welcomed the cleric's call and urged restraint and calm.

On Monday, the chaos erupted

shortly after al-Sadr said he was quitting politics amid a 10-month-long impasse in the country.

Since the October parliamentary elections, political forces have failed to agree on nominees for the premier and president positions.

Al-Sadr's bloc won the largest number of seats but lacked the majority needed to form a government. Many Iraqis have been demanding a change in the political system, including the mass 2019 pro-reform street protests.

"The Iraqis have been debating the change of this system for years," Iraqi analyst Farhad Alaaldin said. "A change or amendment of the Constitution is necessary, however, it is not easy."

Alaaldin believes that now al-Sadr's rivals, the Coordination Framework political alliance, must accommodate some of the demands of the Sadrists to create some common ground. Al-Sadr has been demanding early parliamentary elections.

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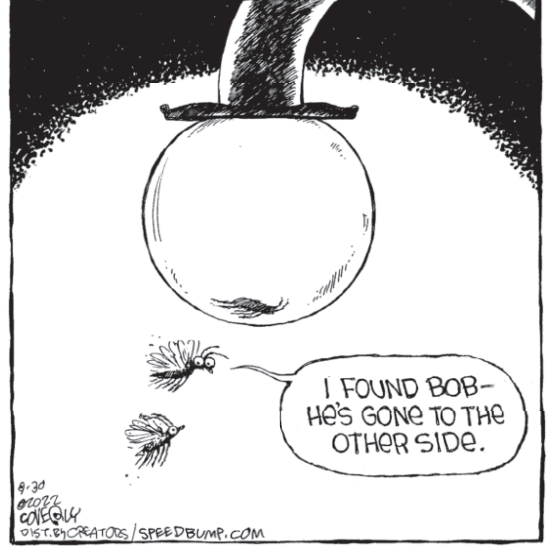
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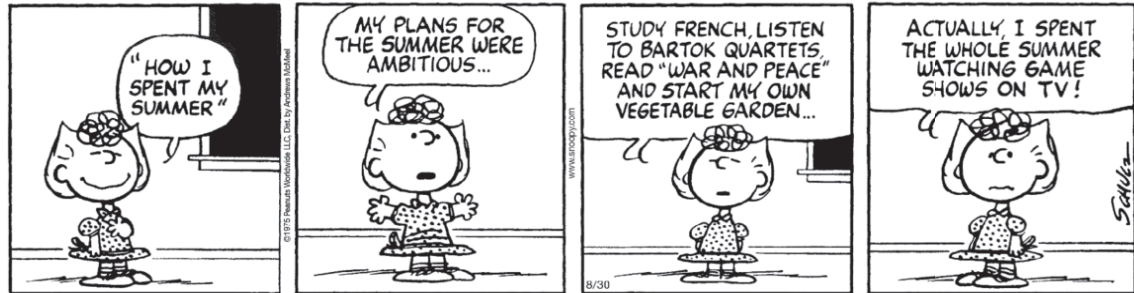
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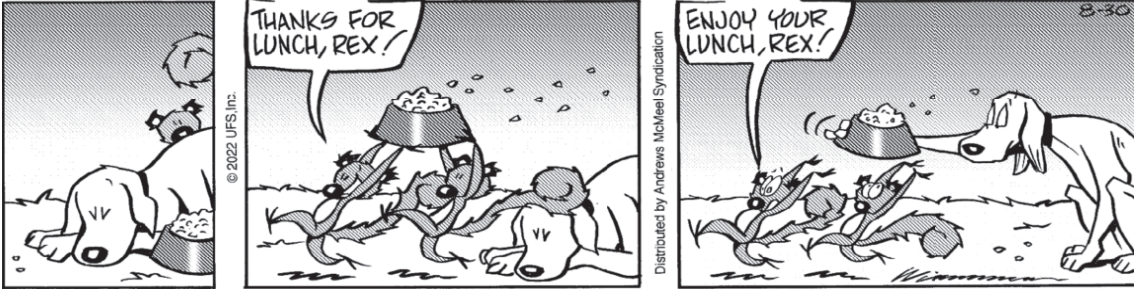
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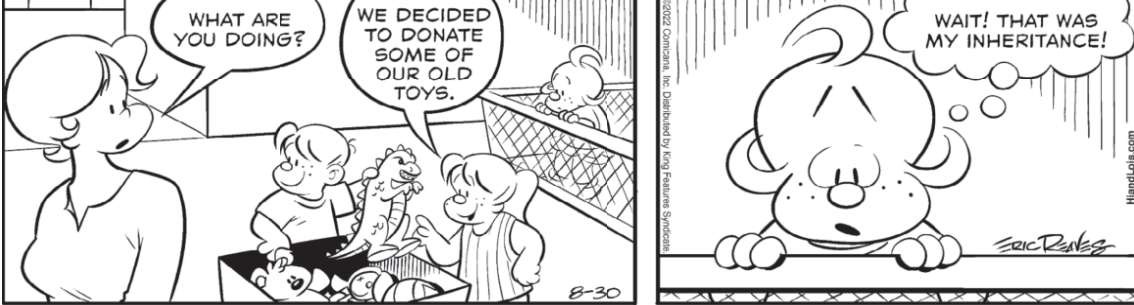
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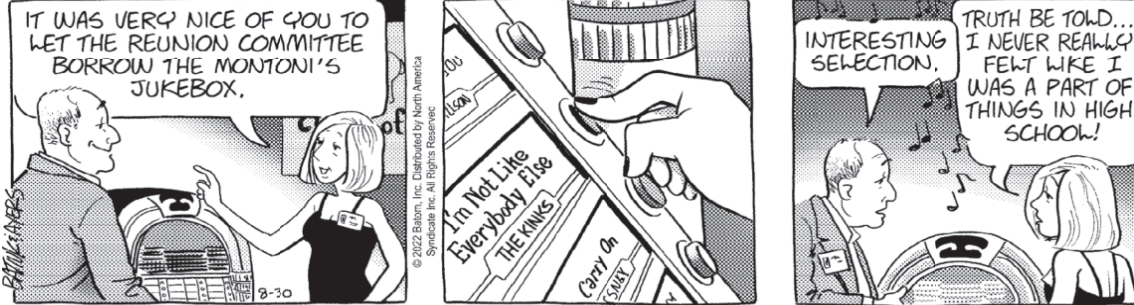
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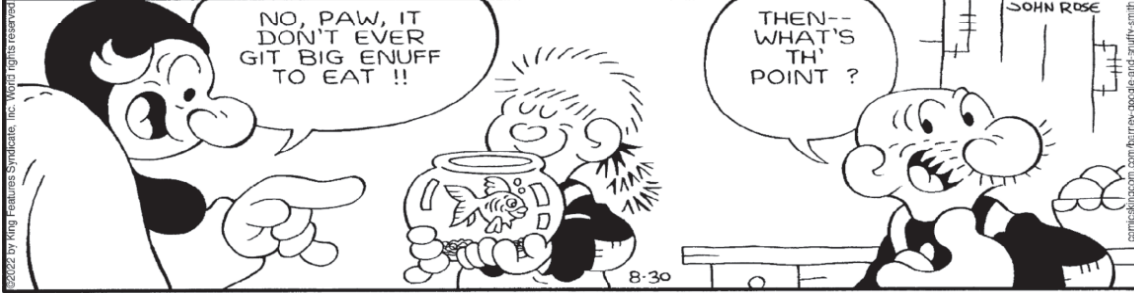
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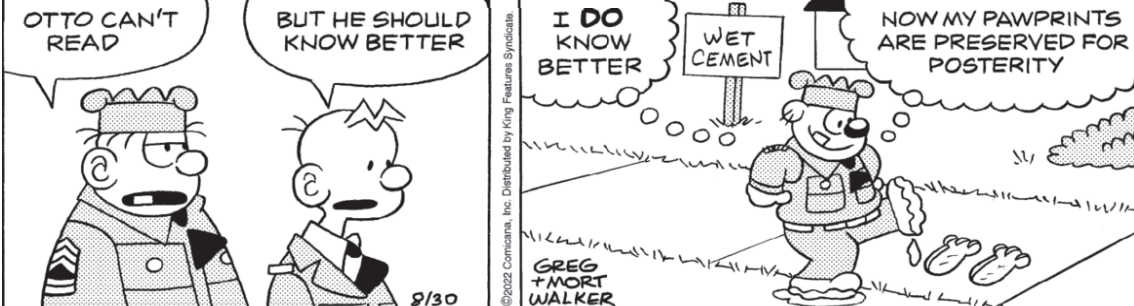
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**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Breaking a rule**

East dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ 8 7 4 3  
♥ A K Q 10  
♦ A K 10  
♣ 6 2

**WEST**  
♠ Q 5  
♥ 8 7 6 4 2  
♦ 7 6 3  
♣ J 5 3

**EAST**  
♠ A  
♥ J 5  
♦ 9 8 4 2  
♣ A K 10 9 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K J 10 9 6 2  
♥ 9 3  
♦ Q J 5  
♣ Q 8

The bidding:  
East 1♣ South 2♠ West Pass North 4♠  
Opening lead — three of clubs.

One "iron rule" learned early in one's bridge life is not to give declarer a ruff-and-discard. As with all general rules, though, there are occasional exceptions, and a defender must always be on the lookout for them.

Consider the present case where West led a club against four spades and East cashed the K-A of the suit. Then, although East knew from his partner's play of the three

followed by the five that West had led from J-5-3, he nevertheless continued with a third round of clubs, intentionally handing declarer a ruff-and-discard!

South ruffed in dummy and led a trump, whereupon East won with the ace and led a fourth round of clubs, sounding the death knell for the contract. Declarer could not stop West from scoring the queen of trump, and he went down one.

South obviously would have made four spades but for East's succession of club leads. But it is also clear that East had a very good reason for doing what he did.

He realized from looking at the dummy and his own hand that it would be impossible for the defense to score any tricks in hearts or diamonds, regardless of what West might hold in those suits. He therefore concluded that the contract could not be defeated unless East-West could somehow score two trump tricks.

If West had the guarded king of spades, the contract was doomed no matter what East did, but if West had the Q-x, persistent club leads were necessary to promote an additional trump trick for the defense.

Tomorrow: This is Sylvia.  
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: W equals B

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Swedish car  
5 Do sums broadly  
8 Gym pads  
12 Bruins' sch.  
13 Cattle call  
14 Modern money  
15 Tall, thin person  
17 Bickering from a hot wok  
18 Sound from a hot wok  
19 Small bill  
20 Elitists  
21 Warm-up  
22 "Top Gun" target  
23 Fall flower  
26 "Hamilton" or "Rent"  
30 Old money of Rome  
31 Weir  
32 Tiers  
33 Not generic  
35 Flaxen, as hair  
36 Stitch

**DOWN**

37 Hosp. workers  
38 Smiles broadly  
41 Bikini half  
42 Solidify  
45 "The Wire" actor Idris  
46 Tilt towards  
48 Region (Abbr.)  
49 Kreskin's claim  
50 Without  
51 "Shool"  
52 Holy Fr.  
53 Sch. supporters  
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3 Regrettablely  
4 Prohibit  
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11 Lushes  
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Advancing to the state tournament were Connor Hoyt and his partner Dr. Dave Fullenkamp, Sam Glessner and his partner Dr. Tom Dunn, Ron Smith and his partner Mark Smith, and Mark Knipp and his partner Troy Atkinson. Also, Randy Lucas and his partner Seth Scott automatically qualified for the state tournament through the unified tour.

Also competing Saturday for Jay County Special Olympics were the teams of Kameron Woodbury and Zach Fullenkamp, Nate Clay and his partner Bo Clay, and Connor Kunkle and Kevin Pugh.

The state tournament is scheduled for Sept. 17 at Hickory Stick Golf Club in Greenwood.

## JCHH wins

Jay County's junior high cross country teams picked up victories Monday over the visiting Belmont Braves.

The Patriot boys won by a 22-37 margin while the girls posted a 22-33 victory.

Jay County athletes won both races, with Raif Beiswanger taking first in the boys 3K at 12 minutes, 27 seconds, while Brooklyn Byrum won for the girls in 13:58. Abby Fifer's time of 14:06 was good for second in the girls race.

Following Beiswanger for the boys were Caleb Garringer (third - 13:12), Beckett Brandenburg (fourth - 13:18), Rocky Beiswanger (sixth - 13:44) and Dougie Cox (eighth - 13:56).

Rounding out the top five for the girls were Maria Laux (fifth - 16:11), Katelyn Fisher (sixth - 16:54) and Lyla Kunkler (eighth - 17:38).

Byrum and Fifer also teamed to finish third in Thursday's Belmont Conditioner.



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Jay County freshman Paityn Wendel runs ahead of a pack of competitors along the north shore of Grand Lake St. Marys during Saturday's Celina Rotary Invitational at Wright State University - Lake Campus. Wendel posted the No. 2 time for the Patriots, trailing fellow freshman Alexis Sibray.

## Fresh ...

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"I think that's a great first race," said Wood. "I think he handled it really well. He didn't come out guns a-blazing and try to keep up with the leaders and burn himself out. I think he managed his first race real well, which is a good sign."

Solis was about 15 seconds behind his young

teammate in 16th place at 19:13.7.

Sibray had a similar start to Boggs, staying back and sitting 24th after the first lap around the Wright State campus. She moved up to the No. 22 spot by the 2-mile mark and crossed the finish line in 23:28.8 for 19th place.

"I was kind of hoping she would be under 24 (minutes) for her first race,"

Wood said. "I think she's somebody who can get down into the 22s pretty easily."

Wendel was the No. 2 runner for the Patriot girls in 31st with a time of 25:19.

Klopfenstein was the No. 3 runner for the Jay County boys in 48th place at 21:04. Isaac Kunkler finished 15th in 21:23 and senior Owen Ransom ran a career-best

time by 10 seconds for 52nd in 21:26.

"I've been talking to the guys about what it's going to take out of our (three through seven) runners," said Wood. "We need all of those guys running probably under 21 to get our team into regional. ... From what I'm seeing ... I think those are achievable."

Junior Willow Hardy finished 34th in 25:32 to post the No. 3 time for the Patriot girls. And in her first meet, sophomore Courtney Harris was 60th in 31:18.

Also running for the JCHS boys were Darren Fisher (54th - 21:58), Wyatt Kunkler (65th - 22:45), William Hawbaker (82nd - 24:41), Lukes Powers (86th - 25:53) and Joey Belda (99th - 34:11).

## FR ...

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There was just no one close to Huelskamp, who won the race in 12 minutes, 27.3 seconds. Runner-up Joanna Topp of Minster was

more than 35 seconds behind in 13:03.8.

Kendall Ranly posted the No. 2 time for the FRMS girls in 15:26.8 for 69th place, with Courtney

Klenke (15:30) right behind her. Rounding out the team score were Riley Heitkamp (75th - 15:42) and Jazmyne Welling (201st - 19:48).

Reese Diller led the boys team in

21st place with a time of 12:22.4. Following him were Russell Hart (117th - 14:00), Milo Fiely (127th - 14:06), Evan Diller (233rd - 15:53) and Chase Fiely (272nd - 19:49).

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## Heitkamp, Brunswick shine at Bob Schul Invitational

WEST MILTON, Ohio — The Indian juniors continued their strong start to the season.

Fort Recovery High School's Trevor Heitkamp and Natalie Brunswick led their teams at Saturday's **FR roundup** Bob Schul Invitational hosted by the Milton-Union Bulldogs, both finishing in the top five.

The Tribe girls were sixth out of 16 teams in the Division III race with 172 points. The boys were 18th out of 26 teams with 465.

After winning Tuesday's Mercer County Meet, Heitkamp ran a blistering time of 16 minutes, 24.4 seconds, to place third Saturday behind Asher Long (16:07) of Covington and Caleb Sultan of Cedarville. He was nearly 45 seconds faster than at the season-opening meet and his time would have been good for the top 25 at the 2021 state finals.

Brunswick cut 25 seconds from her Mercer County Meet time to place fourth in 19:55.2. Botkins sophomore Alaina Moon won in 19:02.

Following behind Brunswick for the Tribe girls were Ellie Will (27th - 21:42), Joelle Kaup (45th - 22:26), Caitlin Weitzel (55th - 22:41) and Jenna Hart (61st - 22:54).

Parker Brunswick was the No. 2 runner for the FRHS boys in 93rd with a time of 19:12. Behind him were Ethan Evers (154th - 20:17), Evan Evers (156th - 20:26) and Caleb Rammel (211th - 21:32).

**FR JV third**  
Fort Recovery's junior varsity boys golf team placed third with a score of 202 Saturday as it hosted the Midwest Athletic Conference Junior Varsity Invitational at Portland Golf Club.

Minster won the event with a 182 and Coldwater was second out of six scoring teams with 193.

Reece Evers set the pace for Fort Recovery with a 44 as he recorded a birdie on the 471-yard, par-5 sixth hole and also had six bogeys. He was two strokes behind tournament medalist Logan Kohne of Minster.

Brennan Dues followed with a 51, Riley Grieshop shot 52 and Drew Backs completed the Tribe's team score with a 55.

Also playing for the Indians were Evan Keller (58) and Caleb Smith (60).

**Huelskamp wins**  
WEST MILTON, Ohio — None of the nearly 250 runners in the junior high field Saturday at the Bob Schul Invitational came close to competing with Fort Recovery's Makenna Huelskamp, who dominated her way to a first-place finish.

Huelskamp's championship led the Indian girls to an 11th-place finish out of 22 teams with 315 points. The boys team scored 537 to place 23rd out of 27.

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# Fresh start



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Jay County High School freshman Max Klopfenstein runs ahead of Greenville's Austin Shaltry during Saturday's Celina Rotary Invitational at the Wright State University Lake Campus. Klopfenstein posted the No. 3 time for the Patriots and finished 48th overall in his first high school race.

## Patriot youngsters strong at Celina Rotary Invitational

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

CELINA, Ohio — There are big differences between junior high and high school.

The distance increases by 2 kilometers.

The competitors are older and stronger.

In their first run Saturday, the Patriot freshmen adjusted well.

Joseph Boggs and Alexis Sibray were the lead runners for the Jay County High School cross country teams Saturday as they opened their season in the Celina Rotary Invitational at the Wright State University Lake Campus. And two other freshmen — Paityn Wendel and Max Klopfenstein — were among the Patriots' top three runners.

Especially after a first 5K race, that spells potential to coach Bruce Wood.

"Because I know that it feels really long when they see that 2-mile and they know in their head, 'I'm usually done by now and I've got another mile to go,'" he said, referencing the 3K junior high distance. "That kind of plays with you a little bit."

But it also means opportunity as they get used to the longer distance.

"The freshmen are the easiest to take time off of," added Wood.

Boggs turned in the best finish overall, placing 12th for the Patriot boys as they were seventh out of eight scoring teams with 150 points, three behind sixth-place New Haven. The host Bulldogs edged St. Marys by two points to win with 57.

Sibray was 19th for the girls — they did not have enough runners for a team score — with classmate Wendel behind her in 31st. Celina again beat St. Marys for the top spot, totaling 61 to win by 16.

Boggs and Jay County senior Sebastian Solis started the boys race conservatively, staying back in the pack rather than running out to the front. At the mile mark, they were 25th and 30th, respectively. Then, they started to climb.

Two miles into the race, Boggs was 21st and closing fast on the top 20 with Solis up to 23rd. And as the runners made their way back along the south shore of Grand Lake St. Marys for the second time, Boggs had climbed to 12th with Solis five spots back.

Boggs held that position for a 12th-place finish as he broke the 19-minute mark in his first high school race, coming in at 18 minutes, 58.2 seconds.

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## JC netters roll in tournament

MUNCIE — For the first couple of weeks of the season, the Patriots had just one victory.

It took them one day to pull to within a match of .500.

Jay County High School's boys tennis team swept its way through the Muncie Central Invitational to win the championship Saturday with 5-0 wins over the Blackford Bruins and host Bearcats.

The victories lifted the Patriots' record to 3-4 heading into Thursday's match at Marion.

JCHS was dominant in doubles and at its No. 1 singles spot. The No. 2 doubles teams swapped — Isaac Miller first teamed with Austin Dirksen against Blackford and then with Luke Muhlenkamp against Muncie Central — with each combination giving up just a single game. The No. 1 doubles pair of Sam Myers and Gage Sims beat Blackford 6-3, 6-0 before shutting out Muncie Central, and Abraham Dirksen gave up just four games at No. 1 singles as he defeated Blackford's Jake Ludwig and Muncie Central's Tanner Townsend.

Eli Dirksen won his match against Blackford's Charlie Crabtree at No. 3 singles in a super tiebreaker before shutting out Muncie Central's Tate Walker, and Simon Dirksen was also undefeated at No. 2 singles.

**Bader leads win**  
WOODBURN — The Jay

## Jay County roundup

County girls soccer team was locked in another tough Allen County Athletic Conference match at halftime before scoring all of its goals in the final 40 minutes of a 3-0 victory over the host Woodlan Warriors.

Aixa Lopez got the Patriots (2-1, 1-1 ACAC), who lost their conference opener 4-3 to Heritage in extra time on Aug. 18, on the board quickly in the second half. The freshman scored her first career goal on a pass from sophomore Morgan DeHoff less than four minutes after the break.

Another DeHoff assist led to a Mara Bader score midway through the half. Bader scored again, this time on an assist from Gabi Bilbrey for her sixth goal of the season.

Angel Clairday recorded six saves for JCHS, which will complete its conference season tonight when it travels to South Adams.

### Four advance

FORT WAYNE — Four Jay County Special Olympics golf teams scored well enough in Saturday's Fort Wayne Unified Golf Sectionals at Brookwood Golf Club to advance to the state tournament.

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## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County — Girls golf vs. Winchester and Fort Recovery — 4:30 p.m.; Girls soccer at South Adams — 5 p.m.; Volleyball at Fort Recovery — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high football vs. Bluffton — 5:30 p.m.; Junior high volleyball vs. Northside — 5:30 p.m.  
Fort Recovery — Boys golf at Russia — 4:30 p.m.; Girls golf vs. Jay County and Winchester — 4:30 p.m.; Volleyball vs. Jay County — 5:30 p.m.; Middle school volleyball vs. Parkway — 5 p.m.

### TV sports

**Today**  
3 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Everton at Leeds United (USA)  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)  
7 p.m. — Tennis: U.S. Open (ESPN)  
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