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NATION

Diesel prices hit record high

Diesel hit a record price in the U.S. on Friday, soaring to an average of $5.85 a gallon for the first time as the six-month war with Iran disrupts the world's flow of fuel.

Because diesel is used for many freight and delivery networks, higher diesel prices mean higher transportation costs for a long list of everyday goods. Some businesses have already passed on costs to consumers in the form of added fees on online orders and packages in the mail. And shoppers may see more and more sticker shock trickle down to store shelves.

One of the most immediate strains is being felt in the grocery aisle, particularly with produce, meat and other perishable foods that need to be hauled

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EVENTS



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Eighth-graders from across the county receive hands-on lessons about finances, careers and expenses that come from adult life at the annual Reality Store.

Volunteers sought for annual Reality Store

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The Indiana Federation of Business and Professional Women is looking for volunteers to help with its annual Reality Store on Oct. 12 at the Boys & Girls Club of Montgomery County.

The event gives eighth-grade students from Crawfordsville, North Montgomery and Southmont schools a hands-on lesson about finances, careers and the expenses that come with adult life.

The Reality Store will run from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Students will choose a profession or occupation, with some choices based on their GPA, and receive a month's pre-tax salary. They also will be assigned a marital status and between zero and four children.

Students then will use their salaries to pay for everyday expenses at about 14 different booths. They will start at the tax booth before moving on to areas such as banking, housing, transportation, groceries, child care, furniture and utilities.

Students also can choose whether to have a pet, take a vacation or attend a sporting event, depending on how much money they have left. Some may find they need to take on a second or even third job to cover their expenses.

Just when students think they have everything figured out, they will spin the "Fickle Finger of Fate" wheel, which adds an unexpected event to their financial situation.

The Crawfordsville Indiana Business and Professional Women host the event each year and relies heavily on community support to make it happen.

The IFBPW says that volunteers don't need previous experience.

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GOVERNMENT

Chamber plans City/County Legislative Lunch

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The Crawfordsville/Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce will host a City-County Legislative Luncheon froom noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 24 on the third floor of Fusion 54, 101 W. Main St.

This luncheon provides an opportunity for local business leaders, community members, and elected officials to come together for updates and discussion regarding city and county initiatives impacting Montgomery County.

Invited speakers include Mayor Todd Barton, City Councilman Andy Biddle, County Commissioner Dan Guard and County Councilman David Hunt who will provide updates on current projects and priorities. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer session.

The legislative luncheon is open to the public. The cost to attend is $10 for our Chamber members and $15 for non-members, regardless of age. Pre-registration before Sept. 17 is encouraged to assist with meal planning and seating arrangements.

As part of its mission to advance a vibrant business community, the Chamber continues to host legislative events that foster transparency, communication, and collaboration between the business community and local government leaders.

Thank you to Duke Energy for being the sponsor for this event.

To register for the event, visit online at www.crawfordsville-chamber.com and navigate to the events tab or contact the Chamber office at 765-362-6800.



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City and county government representatives serve on a previous lunch panel at Fusion 54.

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Bulletin Board

TUESDAY

Montgomery County Council —9 a.m. Tuesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville.

Baby Story Time — 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Montgomery County Redevelopment Commission — 11 a.m. Tuesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville.

First Grade Book Club — 4 p.m. Tuesday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Montgomery County Plan Commission — 4 p.m. Tuesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Merit Board — 4 p.m. Tuesday, sheriff's office, 600 Memorial Drive, Crawfordsville.

Yoga for Better Mental Health — 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Crawfordsville Common Council Committee Meetings — 6 p.m. Tuesday, council chambers, City Building, 300 E. Pike St.

Montgomery County Genealogy Club — 6 p.m. Tuesday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Wingate Town Council — 6 p.m. Tuesday, town hall, 102 N. Vine St., Wingate.

Kingman Town Board — 7 p.m. Tuesday, town hall.

Waveland Town Council — 7 p.m. Tuesday, town hall.

WEDNESDAY

Montgomery County Convention & Visitors Commission — 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Montgomery County Government Center.

FISH Food Pantry — 9-11 a.m. Wednesday, St. Bernard Catholic Church, 1306 E. Main St.

Montgomery County Drainage Board — 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row.

Crawfordsville Board of Public Works & Safety — 10 a.m. Wednesday, council chambers, City Building, 300 E. Pike St.

Senior Celebration — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, First Baptist Church, 1905 Lebanon Road. Sponsored by the Montgomery County Council on Aging. Free event promotes wellness, connection and recognition for local seniors. Entertainment, lunch and vaccine clinics.

Toddler Story Time — 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St. (Ages 18 months to 3 years).

Montgomery County Board of Zoning Appeals — 11 a.m. Wednesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row, Crawfordsville.

Grace & Mercy Food Pantry — Noon to 3 p.m. every Wednesday; and 6:30-8:30 p.m. every Thursday, 257 W. Oak Hill Road, Crawfordsville. To learn more, call 765-361-1641, ext. 709, or visit the website.

Rotary Club — Noon Wednesday, Crawfordsville Country Club. Lunch is $15.

FISH Clothing Closet — 3-5 p.m. Wednesday, Wabash Presbyterian Church.

Crawfordsville Parks & Recreation Board — 4 p.m. Wednesday, Crawfordsville Community Center, 922 E. South Blvd.

Kindergarten Book Club — 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Crawfordsville District Public Library, 205 S. Washington St.

Montgomery County Regional Sewer District — 4 p.m. Wednesday, Montgomery County Government Center, 1580 Constitution Row,.

New Market Town Council — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, town hall, 101 W. Main St., New Market.

Waynetown Town Council — 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, town hall community room, 106 N. Vine St., Waynetown. Public hearing on budget.

Alamo Town Board — 7 p.m. Wednesday, Ripley Township Fire Department.

LocalRecord

Crawfordsville Police Department

Friday

• Prowler in the 900 block of South Grant Avenue — 5:52 a.m.

• Operating a vehicle while intoxicated at North Washington and East Market streets — 8:45 a.m.

• Property damage crash at Dry Branch Drive and Bush Lane — 8:55 a.m.

• Property damage crash at 221 E. Main St. — 9:33 a.m.

• Domestic disturbance in the 6200 block of East South Street — 9:43 a.m.

• Isaiah Earl Gwynn, 34, address not listed, was arrested on charges of operating a vehicle while intoxicated by controlled substance, OWI endangerment and possession of marijuana — 10:08 a.m.

• Hit and run at 1806 E. Wabash Ave. — 1:45 p.m.

• Trespass in the 100 block of Mercedes Drive — 3:40 p.m.

• Domestic disturbance in the 300 block of Binford Street — 4:56 p.m.

• Property damage in the 200 Whitlock Avenue — 5:14 p.m.

• Juvenile complaint in the 1200 block of Durham Drive — 5:22 p.m.

• Property damage crash at 1713 S. U.S. 231 — 6:24 p.m.

• Fight in the 1600 block of Crawfordsville Square Drive — 8:15 p.m.

Saturday

• Operating a vehicle while intoxicated at Lawndale and Farmleigh drives — 3:42 a.m.

• Assault reported — 6:25 a.m.

• Sexual assault in the 100 block West Franklin Street — 8:42 a.m.

• Theft in the 300 block of West North Street — 10:32 a.m.

• Public disturbance in the 700 block of South Washington Street — 11:14 a.m.

• Animal complaint in the 1800 block of South U.S. 231 — 3:05 p.m.

• Property damage in the 1500 block of South Washington Street — 5:18 p.m.

• Property damage in the 700 block of South Walnut Street — 5:22 p.m.

• Property damage in the 1600 block of Crawfordsville Square Drive — 5:24 p.m.

• Wayne Lee Myers, 44, Crawfordsville, was arrested on a charge of domestic battery causing serious bodily injury — 6:10 p.m.

• Property damage crash at 120 Whiskey Row — 6:23 p.m.

• Animal complaint in the 1600 block of Crawfordsville Square Drive — 6:47 p.m.

• Fight in the 800 block of West Main Street — 7:40 p.m.

• Hit and run at South State Road 47 and West C.R. 400S — 11:08 p.m.

Montgomery County Sheriff's Office

Friday

• Animal complaint in the 100 block of North Vine Street, Wingate — 7:35 a.m.

• Animal complaint at South C.R. 600W and West State Road 32 — 8:07 a.m.

• Animal complaint at East C.R. 650N and North C.R. 350E — 8:44 a.m.

• Property damage crash at 3316 W. C.R. 950S, Waveland — 11:54 a.m.

• Sexual assault in the 600 block of Memorial Drive —5:44 p.m.

• Property damage crash at 10406 S. State Road 47, Waveland — 10:09 p.m.

Saturday

• Personal injury crash at South U.S. 231 and East State Road 234 — 1:05 p.m.

• Assault in the 6400 block of South U.S. 231 — 11:06 a.m.

• Sex crime in the 10400 block of East State Road 32 — 7:25 p.m.

• Domestic disturbance in the 200 block of West Main Street, Darlington — 10:08 p.m.

Waynetown Town Marshal

Friday

• Property damage crash at 8900 W. C.R. 150N, Waynetown — 7:44 a.m.

• Animal complaint at West Union Street and North Market Street, Waynetown — 10:50 a.m.

Saturday

• Terry Lee Hicks, 40, Darlington, was arrested on charges of domestic battery and criminal confinement — 11:27 p.m.

Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County

Friday

• Animal complaint in the 300 block of Binford Street — 8:52 a.m.

• Animal complaint at South Davis Bridge Road and West Frontage Road — 6:57 p.m.

• Animal complaint in the 1600 block of Crawfordsville Square Drive — 7:50 p.m.

• Animal complaint at East C.R. 150S and South Nucor Road — 9:28 p.m.

Saturday

• Animal complaint in the 900 block of North C.R. 400W — 8:34 p.m.

Crawfordsville Fire/EMS Department

Friday

• Medical call in the 300 block of Binford Street — 1:32 a.m.

• Medical call in the 406 block of West Pike Street — 3:47 a.m.

• Medical call in the 1800 block Michigan Street — 5:14 a.m.

• Medical call in the 8200 block of East C.R. 700S, Ladoga — 9:52 a.m.

• Medical call in the 1800 block of East Wabash Avenue — 1:32 p.m.

• Medical call in the 600 block of South Washington Street — 2:17 p.m.

• Medical call in the 300 block of East Main Street, Ladoga — 5:46 p.m.

• Medical call in the 1000 block of Corey Boulevard — 7:36 p.m.

• Medical call in the first block of Imperial Drive — 10:52 p.m.

• Medical call in the 6400 block of South U.S. 231 — 11:50 p.m.

Saturday

• Medical call in the 100 block of East Market Street — 12:32 a.m.

• Medical in the 8500 block of South Academy Way, Ladoga — 12:47 a.m.

• Medical call in the 3400 block of East State Road 234, Ladoga — 8:05 a.m.

• Medical call in the 1300 block of South Grant Avenue — 10:33 a.m.

• Illegal burn at 2267 W. Old Waynetown Road — 11:16 a.m.

• Medical call in the 200 block of South Walnut Street — 12:03 p.m.

• Medical call in the 100 block East South Street, Wingate — 2:05 p.m.

• Medical call in the 600 block of South Washington Street — 1:10 p.m.

• Fire alarm in the 300 block of Martindale Drive — 1:34 p.m.

• Medical call in the 100 block of Crestwood Avenue — 2:04 p.m.

• Medical call in the 500 block of Jennison Street — 3:07 p.m.

• Medical call in the 500 block of Milligan Street — 3:14 p.m.

• Medical call in the 200 block of South Vine Street, Waynetown — 4:33 p.m.

• Fire alarm in the 300 block of North Green Street — 4:54 p.m.

• Fire (smoke only) at 214 S. Blair St. — 5:14 p.m.

• Fire alarm in the 500 block of West Wabash Avenue — 5:43 p.m.

• Medical call in the 3900 block of East State Road 32 — 6:19 p.m.

• Medical call in the 1000 block of North C.R. 125W — 10:10 p.m.

• Medical call in the 100 block of North Center Lane — 10:54 p.m.

Waynetown and Crawfordsville Fire Departments

Friday

• Structure fire at 8910 W. C.R. 150N, Waynetown — 7:07 a.m.

Montgomery County Coroner's Office

Saturday

• Deceased person in the 2200 block of South State Road 47 — 8:27 p.m.

PRICES

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in and restocked frequently — or even harvested using diesel-powered farm equipment. It can take time for all of those costs to trickle down.

Still, experts warn that price hikes could mount the longer diesel remains expensive. A range of other products are also transported by diesel trucks, trains and boats, including clothing, cosmetics and furniture.

This could add to Republicans' political challenges ahead of November's midterm elections, with many voters already sour on President Donald Trump's management of the economy and fallout of the war he launched. AP-NORC polling this summer showed 2 out of 3 U.S. adults disapproved of how Trump is handling the economy.

The price for regular gasoline has also been going up, although not as fast as the price of diesel. The average price was $4.15 a gallon, compared with $3.20 at this time last year, according to motor club AAA, which says gas has never been above $4 a gallon on Labor Day.

American diesel prices are now nearly 56% more expensive than they were before the U.S. and Israel launched their war against Iran in late February, when the national average sat at about $3.76 per gallon per AAA. Prices quickly climbed as the cost of crude oil — the main ingredient in diesel, as well as gasoline — soared amid supply chain disruptions across the Middle East, notably with most tanker traffic bottlenecked in the key Strait of Hormuz.

Despite prices cooling some during hopes for peace earlier in the summer, oil has now renewed its climb as fighting once more escalates between the U.S. and Iran. Brent crude, the international standard, was trading at more than $95 a barrel Friday, up from roughly $70 before the war. Prices at the pump always follow closely behind.

The last time businesses and drivers saw sky-high fuel prices was in June 2022, when diesel reached nearly $5.82 a gallon on average months after the Ukraine war began and world leaders imposed sanctions against Russia, a leading oil producer.

When adjusted for inflation, however, prices have been higher in the past. Ahead of the 2008 financial crisis, for example, diesel hit about $4.74 a gallon — equivalent to $7.20 in 2026, according to the government's latest data. And 2022's record of nearly $5.82 would be about $6.56 this year when accounting for inflation.

That doesn't take the pain away from today's steep prices, which are already bringing ripple effects for the economy and wider costs of living. Drivers are feeling the pain with gasoline, too.

The average $4.15 for a gallon of regular unleaded is up from $2.98 before the Iran war (an over 39% jump), although still well below the 2022 peak of nearly $5.02 a gallon nationwide.

Diesel has been more expensive than gasoline in the U.S. for decades, and its price has risen at a faster pace before. Some reasons include less flexibility in demand and diesel's position in global commerce overall. Individual households may find ways to drive less when gas prices are high, for example, but there's fewer immediate substitutes for networks that rely on diesel to haul goods worldwide.

STORE

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Volunteers will work at different booths, helping students learn from different scenarios. For example, volunteers at the transportation booth will consider a student's family size and provide choices for the type and cost of a vehicle. Students then have to balance what they want with what they can afford.

Volunteers can help for the entire day or choose a two-hour time slot. Volunteer shifts are 8:30 to 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. Lunch and snacks will be provided.

Anyone interested in volunteering can contact the Crawfordsville Indiana Business and Professional Women for more information.

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FOOTBALL

Mounties run over county rival Chargers

Barry Lewis
Journal Review

NEW MARKET — Southmont used a hounding defense and a punishing ground game to hand county rival North Montgomery a lopsided loss for the second year in a row with a 41-14 win Friday night in a game delayed by 90 minutes due to the heat.

Southmont used a swarming and hard-hitting defense to force seven North Montgomery turnovers (five fumbles and two interceptions) which led to three of the six Mountie touchdowns. Those turnovers were something North Montgomery head coach Josh Thompson was not happy with.

"I told them (the team) that you can't expect to win any game when you turn the ball over seven or eight times," he said. "There is just no excuse for that. We started out great and had a lot of energy and then we started turning the ball over and by the middle of the second quarter we quit playing with any energy. That is not acceptable."

North Montgomery came out and got on the board first when Lincoln Heide led the Charger offense on an 11-play, 71 yard scoring drive which was capped off with a 3-yard run by the quarterback. That came with 2:11 in the first quarter.

The Mounties responded with a one-play 60-yard run by sophomore running back Neyo Holmes. That came one play after it appeared Southmont quarterback Eli Hannum had faked out the entire Chargers defense and waltzed into the end zone. However, the play also faked out the official who blew the whistle unaware that Hannum had the ball. The play was called an "inadvertent whistle" and declared a no play. The next play, Holmes raced down the other sideline for the score. The extra point gave the Mounties the 7-6 lead and it was all Mounties after that.

The two teams battled back and forth for the rest of the first half and then after a missed field goal attempt, the Chargers took over on their own 11. The first play was picked off and returned to the Chargers' 1 where Kasen Bushong bulled in two plays later, giving the Mounties a 14-6 lead at the break.

The second half belonged all to the Mounties.

In the second half the Mounties rushed for 230 yards and four touchdowns - two each by Bushong and sophomore running back Clay Sering.

"We challenged our line this week after last week's game," said Southmont coach Desson Hannum, who won his 99th game at Southmont with this win. "We hadn't been happy with their physicality in the first two weeks and wanted them to step it up. We told them we wanted to run straight ahead and it was up to them. They really responded. In any North vs South game the team that wins the physical battle usually wins the game and I think that showed tonight."

The Mounties got excellent production from a slew of running backs. Late in the game, several of the starters were hampered with cramps and other issues. A total of seven players carried the ball as the Mounties rushed for 364 yards on 49 carries. In the second half Southmont rushed 25 times for 229 yards.

Bushong led the Mounties' offense with 141 yards on 22 carries and three scores. Holmes had his first 100-yard game with 111 yards on just seven carries. Kooper Charles added 44 yards on five carries.

North Montgomery had 265 yards of offense, led by 158 yards through the air from Heide. Eighty of those yards came on a pass to Kayden Cohee for the lone Charger second-half score. Heide also added 49 yards on the ground and Dakota Glasson led the team in rushing with 60 yards.

Southmont (2-1, 1-0 in MAC play) will travel to Frankfort next while North Montgomery (1-2, 0-1) will play defending MAC champion Cascade on Friday.

CHS drops Monon opener to Western Boone

Jeff Nelson
Journal Review



Susan Ehrlich/Journal Review

Athenian senior Maddox Ronco carries the ball Friday against Western Boone.

A handful of things added up to big problems for Crawfordsville's football team in a 56-24 loss to Western Boone.

Like three turnovers by the Athenians, which became 21 points for the Stars.

Like six drives for WeBo starting in C'ville territory, with five of them ending in touchdowns.

Like a relentless Stars blitz package that led to six sacks.

"WeBo is a very good team," Crawfordsville coach Brad Clark said. "The took advantage of our mistakes. You can't give a team like them all those short-field situations. We didn't come out of the gate well, and not being prepared well enough falls on me."

There were good moments for the Athenians, who fall to 1-2 on the season, and lose their Monon Conference opener, as the Stars move to 1-2 overall and 1-0 in the league.

Braeden Schlote threw for 195 yards and a score. The junior was 12-of-21 for the night and also had a pick.

Johnovan Smith had another big receiving night, as the junior grabbed six throws for 150 yards and a score. He has four TDs on the season.

Landon Gerold had a 47-yard pick six late in the second quarter.

Ledger Lyons scooped up a blocked field goal attempt in the fourth quarter and ran 80 yards under hot pursuit for a score.

Dario Huesca drilled a 38-yard field goal in the first quarter to open the Cville scoring.

But there were all those other things.

"We haven't see a pass rush like that all season, and it's very hard to simulate that in practice," Clark said of Schlote being sacked six times under constant duress. "We really needed to make WeBo have to drive long distances, and shorten the game. They jumped out fast and the whole game plan just evaporates."

The Stars ran the ball well, like they always do. A dozen different runners had a total of 38 carries for 261 yards. Jack Mallory was high man with 123 yards and a pair of TDs.

Three different quarterbacks were 7-of-10 passing for 75 yards and two scores.

The Athenians rush totals withered because of all the sacks, as they finished with -46 rushing yards.

Sophomore Adyn Sempsrott, after two plsu-100 rush yard games, was targeted from the start, and finished with 11 carries and a net of 2 yards.

"We played well in spurts," Clark said. "Now it's up to us to be more consistent, to be better in all places at more times. We are disappointed but not down. We have to use this as an opportunity to get better, and I have every confidence in the world that these guys will learn from this adversity and get better for next week."

The Athenians take the show on the Monon road next Friday with a trip to play North Putnam. The Cougars are 1-2 overall after losing their conference opener 52-14 at Cascade.

Prep Roundup

TENNIS

Athenians play in Macy Invitational

Crawfordsville played host to the annual Steve Macy Invitational on Saturday. Due to the heat, the format was changed to each team playing a dual format.

Crawfordsville opened by playing Lake Central. The Athenians lost 1-4. In the second game the Athenians defeated Edgewood 4-1.

Winning against Lake Central was the No. 2 doubles of Silas Hartnett and Carter McDorman with scores of 6-3, 5-7, 10-8.

Athenian winners against Edgewood were No. 1 singles Jordan Archer 6-2 ,6-1 and No. 2 singles Kent Calvert 6-2, 6-1.

Both Crawfordsville doubles teams won. At No.1 doubles Jayden Jimenez and Andrew McCoy won 6-1, 6-2 and Hartnett and McDorman won 6-2. 6-1.

Southmont at McCutcheon Invite

Southmont played Saturday at the McCutcheon Invitational. The event was shortened due to the extreme heat.

The Mounties lost to Lapel 0-6 and Benton Central 0-6.

Only Mountie No. 1 singles Ethan Hernandez played against McCutcheon losing 2-6, 2-6 to Bryson Metzgar.

The Mounties travel Tuesday to Monon Athletic Conference foe Frankfort.

FOOTBALL

Mustangs lose WRC tilt Panthers

Fountain Central traveled to No. 1 1A and Wabash River Conference rival Riverton Parke and lost 41-20.

Fountain Central scored on a touchdown pass on the first play from scrimmage to take a 6-0 lead. Parke Heritage than ran off straight points.

The Panthers led 41-6 at the half.

No game statistics were reported.

Next Friday Fountain Central (0-3, WRC 0-1) will play host to county and WRC rival Covington (1-2, 0-1 WRC) who lost to North Vermillion (1-2, 1-0 WRC) on Friday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Chargers fall to Benton Central

Benton Central's high powered offense came to North Montgomery on Saturday. The Bison beat the Chargers 7-2.

The score was 3-1 at the break.

Scoring for North Montgomery were Genesis Reyes and Courtney Bennett. Katie Whittinghill and Bennett recorded assists.

The Chargers (5-2, 1-1 MAC) will travel Tuesday to Greencastle (5-1, 0-1 MAC).

BOYS SOCCER

Chargers lose to Bison

North Montgomery and Benton Central played in a close match Saturday on the Chargers' pitch. The Chargers lost 4-3 after the Bison scored the lone goal in the second half.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Little Giants rally past Hampden-Sydney

For the Journal Review



Wabash College Photo

Wabash College erased a 14-point deficit with 19 unanswered points and forced four turnovers Saturday to defeat Hampden-Sydney College 29-20 in the fifth edition of The Gentlemen's Classic at Little Giant Stadium.

Wabash (1-0) remained unbeaten in the series against Hampden-Sydney (0-1), improving to 5-0 in The Gentlemen's Classic. The Little Giants honored 20 senior players and support staff members in a pregame ceremony before opening their 2026 season with the victory.

Hampden-Sydney jumped in front with a 19-yard touchdown pass with 10:01 remaining in the opening quarter. The Tigers extended the scoring drive with the help of running-into-the-kicker and offside penalties despite a 9-yard sack by Dakota Johnson and pass breakups from Liam Butler and William Harris.

Wabash's first possession reached midfield behind an 8-yard third-down run by Cole Dickerson before consecutive tackles for loss and a sack forced the Little Giants to punt. Tyler Church flipped the field with a 71-yard punt that pinned Hampden-Sydney at its own 11-yard line. The Wabash defense responded with a three-and-out, including a third-down pass breakup by Ayden Salpietra, but the Little Giants were unable to capitalize on the short field when a 46-yard field goal attempt missed.

The Tigers extended their lead to 14-0 early in the second quarter before Wabash scored the final nine points of the half. Jackson Gilbert directed a 79-yard scoring drive highlighted by completions of 21 and 33 yards to Nick Witte before scoring on a 6-yard run with 10:05 remaining. Church added the extra point to cut the deficit to 14-7.

Wabash threatened again late in the half when Brand Campbell completed passes to TJ Williams, Luke Adams, Witte and Dickerson to move the Little Giants to the Hampden-Sydney 1-yard line. A fumble ended the scoring opportunity, but the Wabash defense responded moments later by forcing a safety with 1:36 left in the half to make it a 14-9 game. Will Freeman intercepted Tigers quarterback Connor Creech on the final play of the half for Wabash's first takeaway.

The Little Giants carried the momentum into the third quarter, driving 75 yards on 12 plays to take their first lead. Campbell converted third downs with runs of 15 and 9 yards and connected with Witte for 16 yards before finding Dickerson for a 13-yard touchdown pass with 7:30 remaining. Church's extra point put Wabash in front 16-14.

Tanner Crouch intercepted a Hampden-Sydney pass 36 seconds later, and Wabash turned the takeaway into points when Church connected on a 40-yard field goal for a 19-14 advantage. The Tigers answered with a 13-play, 79-yard scoring drive and regained the lead 20-19 on a touchdown with 17 seconds remaining in the third quarter. The Tigers failed on the ensuing two-point conversion.

Wabash scored all 10 points in the fourth quarter while the defense and special teams repeatedly denied Hampden-Sydney scoring opportunities.

The Tigers broke a 54-yard run early in the fourth quarter to move deep into Wabash territory, but Crouch recovered a fourth-down fumble at the Little Giants' 35-yard line and returned it 25 yards. Church eventually gave Wabash the lead for good with a 45-yard field goal to make it 22-20.

The Little Giants produced another turnover on the ensuing kickoff when Luke Purichia forced a fumble and Keith Jackson recovered at the Hampden-Sydney 27-yard line. Dickerson carried the ball on all seven plays of the ensuing possession, converting two third downs before scoring on a 4-yard run with 1:53 remaining. Church's extra point extended the Wabash lead to 29-20.

Hampden-Sydney drove to the Wabash 14-yard line in the final minute, but a 31-yard field goal attempt missed with 28 seconds remaining. The Little Giants took a knee on the final play to secure the victory.

Wabash finished with 22 first downs and controlled the football for 35 minutes, 33 seconds. The Little Giants overcame the early 14-0 deficit by scoring 19 consecutive points from the second quarter into the third and forced four Hampden-Sydney turnovers along with the second-quarter safety.

Dickerson carried 21 times for 47 yards and a touchdown while catching four passes for 43 yards and another score. Witte led Wabash with 90 receiving yards on four catches.

Johnson paced the defense with eight tackles and two sacks. Crouch recorded an interception and recovered a fumble that he returned 25 yards. Freeman added an interception, while Purichia's forced fumble on kickoff coverage set up Wabash's final touchdown.

Campbell moved into ninth place on the Wabash career passing list during the victory. The senior quarterback finished the afternoon with 4,207 career passing yards, surpassing Dustin Huff's previous ninth-place total of 4,115 yards.

Wabash returns to Little Giant Stadium on Sept. 12, for a North Coast Athletic Conference game against Wittenberg University. Kickoff is scheduled for 1 p.m.



COLLEGE GOLF

Little Giants finish third at Invite

For the Journal Review

GRANVILLE, Ohio — Wabash College finished third in the 14-team Ted Barclay Golf Invitational after completing the final round Sunday at Denison Golf Club.

Finn Carteaux produced Wabash's top individual finish while competing as an individual, tying for seventh place with a two-round total of 142 after rounds of 70 and 72. Mason Pierle led the Little Giants' team-scoring lineup with a 143 to tie for ninth place after firing a final-round 70. Charlie Seaburg finished 15th at 145 after rounds of 69 and 76, while Leo Dellinger tied for 19th at 147 with rounds of 73 and 74.

Wabash entered Sunday's final round in second place after shooting a 287 on Saturday and finished with a two-round total of 586 following a final-round 299. John

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COLLEGE CROSS COUNTRY

Vaught leads Wabash at Grizzly Invitational

For the Journal Review

SHELBYVILLE — Sam Vaught posted an 11th-place finish Saturday to lead the Wabash College cross country team at the Grizzly Invitational hosted by Franklin College.

The Little Giants finished eighth in the 12-team field with 229 points.

Rose-Hulman won the team title with 34 points and a combined time of 1:20:23. The Illinois Cross Country Club finished second with 70 points, followed by DePauw in third with 82. Centre placed fourth with 136 points, Rhodes was fifth with 158, Oberlin finished sixth with 166, and St. Mary-of-the-Woods took seventh with 209.



Wabash College Photo

Wabash finished 11 points ahead of ninth-place Wilmington, which scored 240 points, and 12 points in front of Hanover in 10th with 241. Host Franklin finished 11th with 282 points, while FC Elite placed 12th with 298.

Vaught completed the race in 16:19.3, averaging 5:15.2 per mile to earn his 11th-place finish. Cooper Knoblauch was the second Wabash runner across the finish line, placing 43rd overall in 16:51.0 and scoring 38 team points.

Johnathan Loney finished 60th overall in 17:08.1 to add 49 points to the Wabash team score. Austin Baugh placed 97th in 17:44.0 and scored 61 points. Raul Delgado completed the Little Giants' scoring five with a 123rd-place finish in 18:06.1, adding 70 points.

Evan Shupe crossed the finish line in 18:21.2 to place 137th overall, followed by Malcolm Cruz in 150th place with a time of 18:44.9. Owen Dilley finished 158th in 19:06.1, while Nash O'Hanlon placed 175th in 19:57.3. Kaiden McGuire followed in 176th place with a time of 19:59.2.

Nathan Hollcraft finished 185th overall in 20:26.9, and Austin Jewell completed the Wabash lineup with a 193rd-place finish in 21:14.5.

Wabash returns to action Sept. 19, at the Gil Dodds Invitational hosted by Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois.

COLLEGE CROSS SOCCER

Kinnaman scores twice as Wabash rolls past Manchester

For the Journal Review

NORTH MANCHESTER — Wabash scored four unanswered first-half goals Sunday afternoon to erase an early deficit and defeat Manchester University 4-1 at Spartan Stadium, giving the Little Giants their fourth consecutive victory to open the season.

Wabash improved to 4-0, matching its 4-0 start to the 2024 campaign for the program's best opening stretch since the 2015 Little Giants won their first eight matches. Manchester fell to 1-3.

The Spartans struck first when Quentin Taylor scored an unassisted goal in the fifth minute for a 1-0 lead. Wabash needed less than three minutes to respond.

Bryce Kinnaman scored off an Alfredo Campos assist at 7:35 to even the match at 1-1. Campos created another scoring chance less than four minutes later, setting up Ty Freedman for his first goal of the season at 10:58 to give Wabash a 2-1 advantage. Freedman's goal proved to be the game-winner.



Wabash College Photo

Kinnaman added his second goal of the match in the 20th minute, converting a pass from Ethan Simmons for a 3-1 lead. The assist was Simmons' first of the season.

Simmons moved from distributor to scorer just over six minutes later. He finished a pass from Danny Tkachuk at 25:57 for his first goal of the season and a 4-1 Wabash advantage.

Kinnaman nearly completed a first-half hat trick later in the period, but his attempt struck the left post. The Little Giants took their three-goal advantage into halftime after putting six shots on goal in the opening 45 minutes.

Wabash continued to control the attack after halftime despite being unable to add to its lead. The Little Giants generated three corner kicks over the opening 17 minutes of the second half and produced scoring chances from Kinnaman, Carson Prather and Danny Escobedo.

Jonathan Parr put a shot on goal in the 69th minute before Kinnaman forced another save in the 78th.

The Wabash defense limited Manchester to five shots overall and just one attempt on goal. The Spartans failed to put a shot on frame after Taylor's early goal.

Kinnaman led the Little Giants with two goals while taking a team-high six shots and placing four on goal. Campos collected two assists and put two of his three shots on frame. Simmons finished with a goal and an assist, while Freedman scored on his only shot attempt.

Wabash finished with a 14-5 advantage in total shots and put 10 attempts on goal compared with one for Manchester. Spartans goalkeeper Will Martin played all 90 minutes and made five saves.

The Little Giants return home Wednesday to face Rose-Hulman at 5 p.m. at Fischer Field.

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Carroll won the tournament with a 566 after rounds of 277 and 289. Wittenberg moved past the Little Giants into second place with a final-round 287 to finish at 575. Denison and Hocking tied for fourth at 590.

Tyler Morton completed Wabash's four-player scoring total Sunday with a 79. Morton finished tied for 36th place at 151 after opening with a 72. Jackson Mahan rounded out the Wabash lineup with rounds of 82 and 80 for a 162 total.

John Carroll's Wade Boyle earned medalist honors with a 137 after rounds of 68 and 69. Otterbein's Clay Bruning finished one stroke back in second place at 138 after shooting a tournament-low 67 in Sunday's final round.

Daniel Donahue of John Carroll and Hocking's Tanner Wood tied for third at 140.

Hudson Messer also competed as an individual for Wabash and finished with a 163 total after rounds of 80 and 83.

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DIVERSIONS

Renewed connection won't take a hint

DEAR ABBY: Two years ago, I ran into an old friend I hadn't seen in more than 25 years. We went to dinner the following week. The dinner lasted three hours. Abby, she talked the entire time! It was a mix of grandiose stories, complaints about her health, complaints about her relationships and an attempt to make me feel guilty for not contacting her sooner. I tried to excuse it, telling myself, "It's been decades; of course she has a lot to say."

Every subsequent interaction followed the same pattern, with an expectation of far more of my time and energy than I was comfortable giving. At one point, she even sprinkled in a little condescension about my political leaning. I started feeling anxious before seeing her and drained afterward.

Over a year ago, I decided to take a step back. I told her I'd reach out when I felt up to socializing again, and I haven't contacted her since. Despite that, she's continued to call and text. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I have no interest in the friendship. At the same time, continuing to ignore her feels unkind. I know this will hurt her, but what's the most honest (and least painful) way to tell her I don't want further contact? — GHOSTING HER ISN'T WORKING

DEAR GHOSTING: Unless you want to fully commit to the ghosting strategy by blocking this woman's number, stop avoiding her calls and texts. Decline her next invitation by telling her you are trying to focus on other parts of your life right now. That's the truth. If she persists, tell her getting together isn't feasible right now and you prefer that she let you initiate contact in the future. If she still doesn't get the message, blocking her is your only option.

DEAR ABBY: I have a young neighbor who is interested in social causes. She advocates stopping animal abuse, has run the race against breast cancer and volunteers to feed the homeless. I enjoy talking to her because she's so passionate about these causes.

She has told me she feels alienated from her schoolmates, who don't like her "constant preaching." Even her mother has told her she should "slow down and enjoy being a teenager." The girl has told me I'm the only one who understands her. This is uncomfortable because she should be able to confide in her mother. Her mom should be proud of her for not engaging in the harmful behavior some teens do. The girl is lonely at school, and I don't know what to tell her. Have you any ideas? — SUPPORTIVE NEIGHBOR IN OHIO

DEAR SUPPORTIVE NEIGHBOR: Feeling some sense of alienation is part of being a teenager. I don't think the girl's mother suggesting she slow down and enjoy being a teen is a criticism, and you shouldn't assume that the woman isn't proud of her daughter.

Sometimes people — not just teenagers — need someone in their lives who is willing to listen and offer praise. Because the girl relates well to you, continue to fill that role. However, if her "constant preaching" is alienating her schoolmates, it couldn't hurt to suggest that no one ever learned anything by talking — she should also do some listening. It's good advice, and it applies to situations other than high school.

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by Luis Campos

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"F X ' N G S Y Y B D J K E J R M N U J O M X J B J S T X T X F O M F Y R F G M K D M Y B J S T E M E M T L B X J R J J Z T X X D F Y Q N F Y T L F G G M E M Y X K T B ." — T Y Y T Q S Y Y

Previous Solution: "The world doesn't need you to be perfect. It needs you to ... keep going even when things don't go as planned." — Simone Biles

TODAY'S CLUE: F = equals G

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NEA CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 "I — the TV Glow"
4 Jalopies
8 LA players
12 Term in Freudian psychology
13 Touch on
14 Malevolent
15 Damage
16 Hawaiian goose
17 Pleasant
18 Bothered
20 Wore away gradually
22 — forma
23 Tidal movement
24 Expand
27 Cattle breed
31 By way of
32 City near Provo
34 Mineral suffix
35 Business abbr.
36 Threadbare
37 Short sleep
38 Blood-sucking worm
40 "The Price — —"
43 Lubricates
45 High card
46 Take on
49 Effrontery
52 Stir up
53 First: Abbr.
56 — Force One
57 — of Wight
58 Wheel hub
59 French article
60 Be too fond
61 Pitcher
62 Female sheep

DOWN

1 Tractor-trailer
2 Culture medium
3 Job site
4 Frankness
5 Honest —
6 Try for office
7 "Man of —"
8 Fame
9 Eager
10 "Three Blind —"
11 Luge
19 Time
21 Go here and there
23 "— Bueller's Day Off"
24 Wicked
25 Muse count
26 Sticky stuff
28 Fizzy drink (2 wds.)
29 Beehive State
30 Clan
33 Letters
36 Caprice
39 Grand — Dam
41 "Walker, Texas —"
42 Frost
44 Sierra —
46 Dry
47 Middling (Hyph.)
48 Sediment
50 Look at
51 Gaelic
54 Not yet cooked
55 "(— Had) The Time of My Life"

Answer to Previous Puzzle

G	A	L			F	A	T		A	L	A	N
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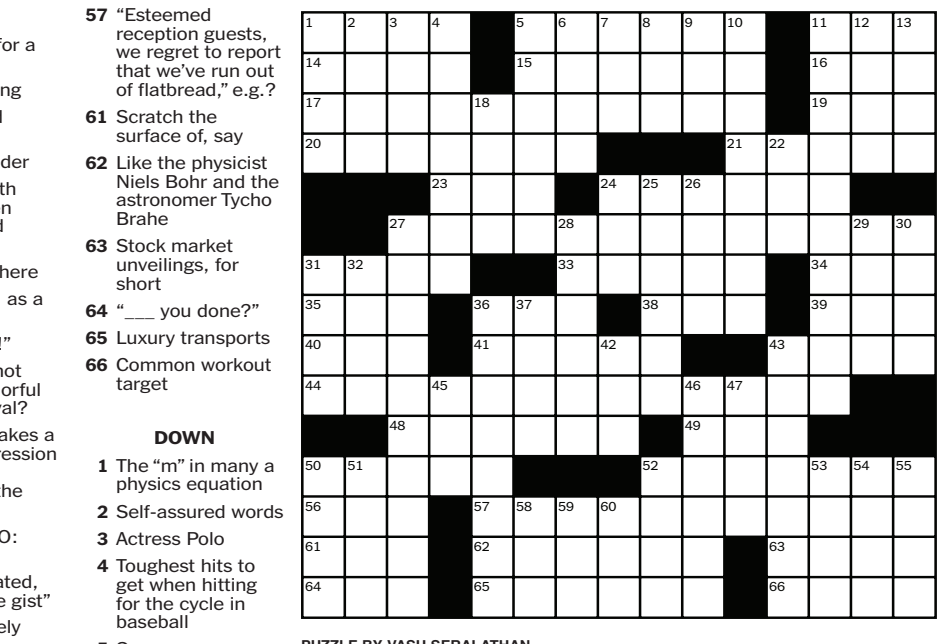
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz

No. 0804



PUZZLE BY VASU SERALATHAN

ACROSS

1 "Handy" kitchen item
5 Smears with goo
11 Music genre with offbeat rhythms
14 So-called "servebot" in tennis, essentially
15 Action on the front lines
16 Hunk of cash
17 Words uttered while sorting potential gowns for an Indian wedding?
19 Word aptly hidden in "moldy"
20 Some marksmen
21 Stringed instruments of old
23 Inc. alternative
24 Kind of whale
27 Wedding feast delivery from India's capital?
31 Unwelcome responsibility
33 Rawboned
34 "Deadline" for a rush order
35 Bit of tailoring
36 Writer Rand
38 Great Leap Forward leader
39 Longoria with three Screen Actors Guild awards
40 Celestial sphere
41 Hold power, as a ruler
43 "You said it!"
44 Tying the knot during a colorful Hindu festival?
48 One who makes a lasting impression while just scratching the surface
49 Part of NATO: Abbr.
50 When repeated, "You get the gist"
52 Enter furtively
56 Mysterious sight at night
57 "Esteemed reception guests, we regret to report that we've run out of flatbread," e.g.?
61 Scratch the surface of, say
62 Like the physicist Niels Bohr and the astronomer Tycho Brahe
63 Stock market unveilings, for short
64 "___ you done?"
65 Luxury transports
66 Common workout target

DOWN

1 The "m" in many a physics equation
2 Self-assured words
3 Actress Polo
4 Toughest hits to get when hitting for the cycle in baseball
5 Sear
6 "___ of luck!"
7 Quick communications, in brief
8 Postgraduate deg. with management courses
9 Musician's asset
10 Stylish shoe feature
11 Someone you will never stop despising
12 Green smoothie staple
13 Tosses in
18 "Little" Dickens girl
22 Up to this point
24 ___-free (plastics label)
25 Tina Fey and Amy Poehler vis-à-vis "Saturday Night Live"
26 Singer ___ Del Rey
27 Longtime Hogwarts headmaster
28 Set aflame
29 Wander
30 Graceful bird
31 "Pick me! Pick me!"
32 Infamous Roman ruler
36 Attractive plus-one
37 "You said it!"
42 Canine warning
43 Like a cherub
45 "___ be a real honor"
46 Transforms
47 Cookie with an "enrobed" variety in the U.K.
50 Arizona city or county
51 At a distance
52 Film information on IMDb or Rotten Tomatoes
53 Cops, in slang
54 Iconic lab assistant of film
55 Where Anheuser-Busch is "BUD"
58 Battery for a mouse
59 Anti-apartheid org.
60 U.S. medical research agcy.

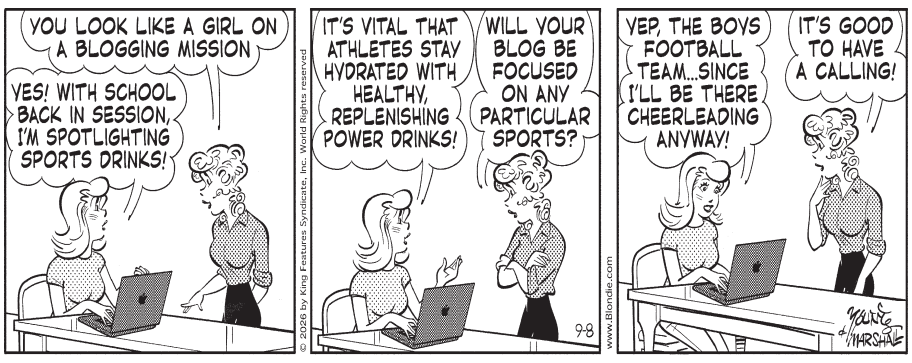
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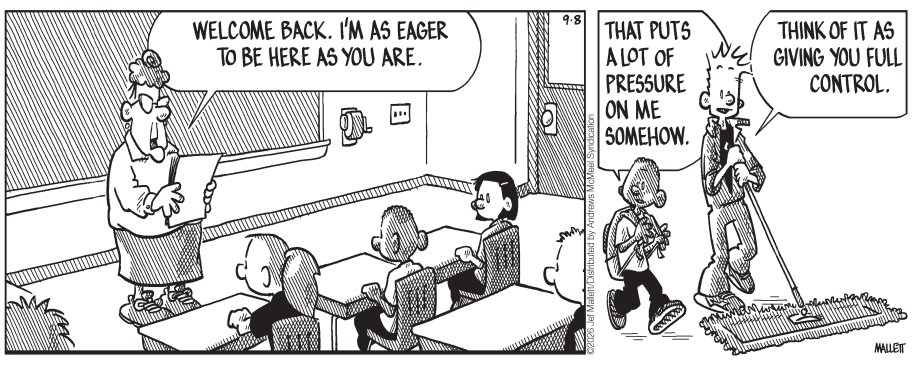
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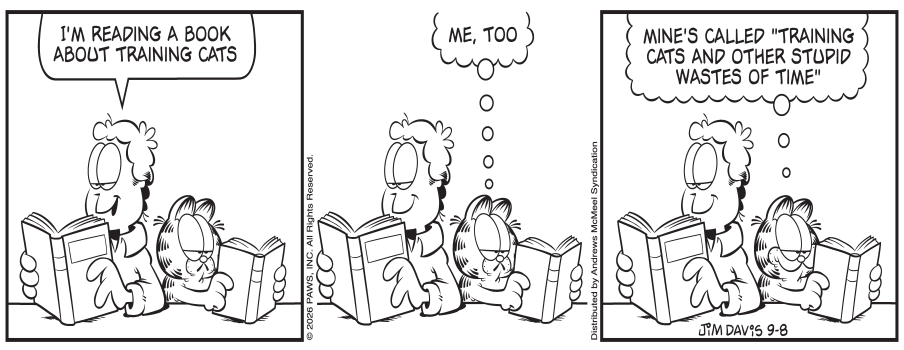
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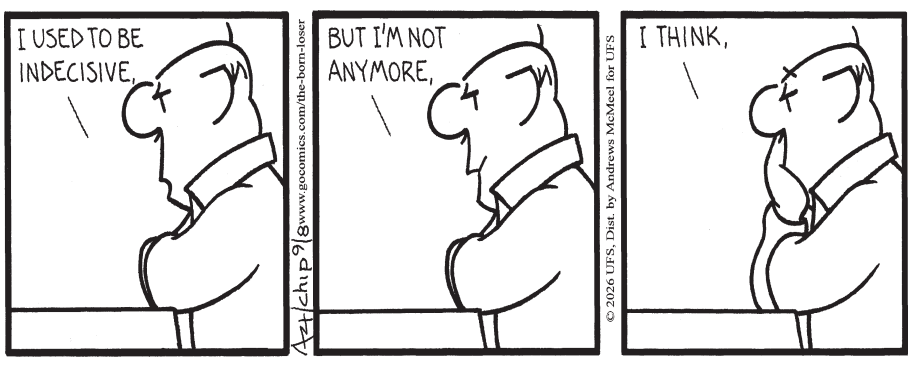
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GARFIELD



BORN LOSER



NON SEQUITUR



THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



"I'm not too happy about the start of school either."

Get into habit of good habits

Phillip Alder

Confucius said, "Men's natures are alike; it is their habits that carry them far apart."

That certainly applies to bridge players — although claiming that all players' natures are alike would be stretching the truth.

This week we are exploring some common habits of players that can cost points.

Look at the North and East hands. Against four hearts, West leads the club six. How should East plan the defense?

South opened with a weak two-bid, showing a respectable six-card suit and 5-10 high-card points. One can be a tad liberal when nonvulnerable. North understandably took a shot at game. He knew that they might lose the first four tricks in the black suits, but maybe the contract was laydown, or perhaps West might lead a diamond, letting South run for home with hearts headed by the king-queen.

The adage that does not work on this deal is "return your partner's suit." That is much more likely to be right in no-trump than in a suit. Here, if East returns a club, West wins the trick but is endplayed. He cannot do better than to exit with a diamond to dummy's jack. But South continues with the heart ace and another trump to take one spade, five hearts and four diamonds.

East can see three probable winners in the heart king, club ace and club king. (West would not have been likely to lead from jack-high clubs.) The fourth trick has to come from spades. If West holds that ace, there is no hurry, but if he has the king, there isn't a moment to lose.

At trick two, East must shift to the spade seven (top of nothing). Then the contract will fail.

	North	09-08-26
	♠ Q J 10 8	
	♥ A 9 4	
	♦ A K Q J	
	♣ Q 2	
West		East
♠ K 5 2		♠ 7 6 4 3
♥ 6 3		♥ K 2
♦ 9 8 5 4		♦ 10 3
♣ K J 7 6		♣ A 10 9 8 3
	South	
	♠ A 9	
	♥ Q J 10 8 7 5	
	♦ 7 6 2	
	♣ 5 4	

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Neither

South	West	North	East
2 ♥	Pass	4 ♥	All pass

Opening lead: ♣ 6

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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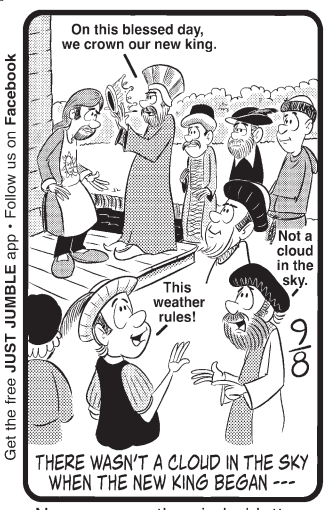
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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print answer here:

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: SWORN NEWLY FILTHY SQUASH
Answer: She couldn't decide if she would do the laundry today. She was being — WISHY-WASHY

Eugenia Last

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2026

Pay more attention to your health and financial welfare this year. Having greater diversity in all aspects of life will offer more leverage. Don't neglect your needs to take on problems that don't belong to you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stop overthinking and start doing. Put yourself out there, and connect with people who share your beliefs and enthusiasm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Domestic problems will escalate quickly if you let your emotions take over and your imagination turn a small problem into something gigantic.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Refuse to let what others do stand in your way. Be true to yourself, and let your instincts guide you forward in a positive and helpful manner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Having a disciplined approach and a willingness to meet in the middle will help you maintain a positive rapport and alleviate your anxiety.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Set your course and don't look back. It's necessary to have proper preparation in place in order to avoid getting lost or forgetting to do something.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Put more thought and energy into making a difference, helping others and forming decisions that will help you reach your professional and financial expectations.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be aware of body language, how well you read whatever room you walk into and who you want to connect with most.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Expectations will lead to disappointment if you believe what others tell you. There's a lot of hype and little substance that comes your way today.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Research, then put a self-improvement plan that satisfies your soul in place. Working toward a concrete solution will help you see the light at the end of the tunnel.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Utilizing intelligence and following through with your plans will get you where you want to go. Don't let the past allow someone to step in and redirect your focus.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Get in the groove and burrow your way forward with vengeance. Trust your instincts, and leave the past behind you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): When one door closes, another will open. Living both in the past and the future won't work. Pick a side and give it your all.

CLUB NEWS

Flower Lovers Garden Club

Flower Lovers Garden Club met Sept. 2 at St. John's Episcopal Church.

The meeting was called to order by President Denise Ducharme at 1 p,m. The tables were decorated with fresh bouquets of flowers furnished by the hostesses. Hostesses included: Teresa Huxhold, Myrna Slinker, Marsha Smith and Dorothy Fogel. Thirty-nine members enjoyed a delicious lunch.

The program was presented by Jamie Smith, owner of Fall Creek Farm. Jamie has been in the flower business for twenty-three years and grows all varieties of flowers and shrubs. Jamie is a popular vendor at the Farmer's Market. She demonstrated the process of starting hydrangeas from cuttings and offered tips on what to do to propagate plants of all sorts, at a huge cost savings. Jamie brought a lovely variety of flowers including; sage, zinnias, coxcomb, marigolds, straw flowers, lisianthus, and ginger lilies. She then demonstrated the art of creating a bouquet and invited the members to create bouquets. Jamie's presentation was very informative and everyone enjoyed creating their own bouquets.

Business:

1. The tip jar and several signup sheets were distributed for the October field trip, Christmas party, field trip suggestions, program suggestions and hostesses for next year.

2. Downtown Flower Pots: Terri Trinkle urged everyone to pull out dead foliage and keep watering. Shari Patton reported that the new pots weigh 400 pounds and the CERT team (Community Emergency Response Team) will be delivering the twenty-three new pots downtown. Current pots are available for a donation, and the buyers will be responsible for removing them.. The hope is that this project will be completed by late October.

3. Christmas Party Update: President Ducharme asked the group about menu items for the December party at the Masonic Temple. The proposal was turkey and beef brisket, green beans, smashed potatoes, and a salad. All were in favor of those items. The membership agreed on having pies for dessert. Members were reminded that the "Dirty Santa" gift should be a garden related item in the $20 range.

4. Festival of Trees Info: Ducharme explained that the Masonic Temple's Festival of Trees offered Flower Lovers the opportunity to sponsor a tree. The money generated from the FoT is critically important in the remodel and restoration of the Temple. Shari Patton made a motion to sponsor a tree, Karen Patton seconded, motion carried. Ann Stanley volunteered to chair a committee for decorating the club tree. She distributed a handout with ideas she has for the project. The club seemed very enthused about this project. Ann will need volunteers to help with the decorating committee. Ann asked about putting signs advertising the festival in the downtown pots. The consensus was that twelve pots could be used for signs. The decorating will take place Nov. 16-24. See Ann if you'd like to help.

5. Sunshine in a Vase: Denise reported that bouquets have been recently delivered to the Park and Rec, Youth Service Bureau, and Montgomery Community Foundation. There is still time if anyone would like to take a vase to a local business.

6. Garden Walk Update: Shari Patton and Belinda Grimble are chairing this event. Shari reported that eight gardens have been secured as sites. The walk will be June 27, 2027. Artists or musicians will be participating at each location. In addition to private gardens, the Bryon Cox Legion's Memorial park will be on the tour. Shari thanked the "search committee" of Denise, Kathy Leafgreen, and Nancy Shoemaker. Volunteers will be needed to sell tickets. Jan Hook is looking for someone to take over the plant sale. Jan, Denise and Shari suggested there might be other ways to earn funds, such as the painted rock project or any craft project that could be mass produced by a group of volunteers and sold at the locations.

7. Jan Hook put together a slide show based on flower photos members had sent to her. Everyone voted on the best photo and the contest winner was Kathy Leafgreen.

8. Nominating Committee: Carolyn Fisher, Emily Toomey and Margie Staten serve on this committee. President Ducharme urged members to take on an office if asked by the committee. The slate of nominees needs to be secured by October then presented at the October meeting.

9. Treasurer's report: Belinda Grimble asked that members paying her cash, to put the cash in an envelope and label it with a note as to what they are paying for, such as, dues, party, etc. Members paying by checking need to make sure and note in the memo line what they are paying for. Dues and the Christmas party may be paid for with one check. It is still not certain what the Christmas party will cost. Dues are $25 and need to be paid by December. The cost for the Christmas meal will be determined.

The next meeting will be on Oct. 7. Meet at Big Lot's Parking lot at 10:15 a,m, and drive to Frank's Place for lunch at 11:30 a,m,, then onto Beasley's Orchard. We will visit the Farm Market. If you'd like to partake in the Fall Festivities including a hayride, that admission is $8. Hostesses: Marty Heinhold, Deb Barowsky and Ruby Burkhart.

November's meeting will be at St. John's with an auction of gently used garden tools décor, etc. (Nov, 4). Hostesses for November: Karen McCloud, Meribeth Kussmaul, Sandra Lawson and Margie Staten.

Dec. 2 will be the Christmas Party at 11:30 a.m. at the Masonic Cornerstone.

Jamie Smith of Fall Creek Farm.

Hostesses: Dorothy Fogel, Marsha Smith, Myrna Slinker and Teresa Huxhold.

Are agrivoltaics the future of Indiana's solar farms?

Joey Harris
Indianapolis Business Journal

For proponents of solar energy, the fields of panels that increasingly dot Indiana landscapes are essentially an expansion of the state's agricultural production.

Instead of harvesting crops for biological energy, the panels are harvesting the sun to meet society's growing demand for electric energy.

Not everyone sees it that way.

In fact, the potential for solar panels to compete with crops has been a sticking point for some project opponents in recent years. And those concerns have fed into zoning restrictions, project denials and a few outright bans on solar farms.

But the two land uses don't necessarily need to compete.

At least one project in Indiana integrates solar energy and agricultural production alongside each other — a practice referred to as agrivoltaics.

Over the past year, a group of Purdue University researchers has been looking into how far the approach could go in Indiana and surrounding states as part of the Midwest Agrivoltaics for Resilient Communities incubator, or MARC.

Widespread adoption of agrivoltaics is not necessarily simple, MARC researchers told IBJ. There are a lot of questions about costs, design, what type of agriculture production is compatible with solar and where agrivoltaics could take place.

But if the technical and economic questions get worked out, agrivoltaics could help bring more communities on board with solar projects.

"The question for us is really whether agrivoltaics could be a solution to help resolve this conflict, and really, there's a tremendous amount of potential [from solar farms] for growing not only resilience but prosperity across the rural Midwest," said Dan Chavas, professor of atmospheric science at Purdue and a member of MARC's leadership team.

SHEEP SHADE

Despite frequent pushback against projects, Indiana has quickly climbed the ranks of states for solar energy production.

The Solar Energy Industries Association reported in June that Indiana has the 11th-highest installed solar capacity in the United States. It was 26th at the same point in 2020.

And Indiana ranked No. 3 in the country for the amount of capacity added last year.

That growth has been assisted by Doral Renewables' huge Mammoth Solar project in Starke and Pulaski counties, which will total about 1,300 megawatts upon completion this year. Philadelphia-based Doral is seeking zoning approval for an additional 1,000 megawatts of solar nearby.

The project is set to be one of the largest solar farms in the world and is also a proof of concept for agrivoltaics.

About 2,500 sheep — along with some pigs and chickens — share 1,200 acres, or 15%, of the farm with the solar panels. They eat the plants that grow along the panels and rest in the panels' shade.

The animal program began as a small pilot.

Now, Doral has plans to expand agriculture production across the entire project, said Ed Baptista, the company's vice president of development and agrivoltaics.

In this instance, the sheep perform a job that is typically done by humans at most solar farms: mowing the grass.

Solar developers can't let the grass grow too high; it can block the sun and create a fire hazard.

Baptista said the budget otherwise allocated to mowing can be used to help farmers buy the sheep. Raising sheep, he said, "is also producing something."

One factor that has limited expansion: "We don't have enough sheep yet," he said.

DESIGN ADAPTATIONS

Sheep and some other animals provide a clear path for an agrivoltaic project to work because integrating the animals requires few, if any, changes to a solar farm's design.

But introducing some animals and crops isn't so easy.

Setting cattle to graze among solar panels is tricky; the panels need to be elevated so the cows don't bump into them. The panels need to be elevated for some crops, too.

"[With elevated panels], you have both solar and ag production, which is great, but you also have a huge capital expenditure," said Juan Sesmero, a Purdue professor of agricultural economics and researcher with MARC.

"That will kill the economics of any project," he added. "It's just way too expensive."

A project needs to make sense financially for both the energy company and the farmer, said Katie Nelson, executive director of public policy at the Indiana Farm Bureau.

"We're not just going to graze sheep because it looks pretty [and] it makes the land look like it's still in agriculture," Nelson said.

Doral, for its part, plans to initiate a pilot project with cattle on a relatively small piece of land next year, though the company has a warranty from its supplier for those panels due to the unknowns associated with the larger animals, Baptista said.

"Those products are not there yet, commercially," he said.

Sesmero said developers of agrivoltaic projects will likely opt to keep panels mounted closer to the ground because of the steep costs of elevating them.

So in order to grow crops alongside solar panels, developers need to consider how the panels are spaced out to allow for the right level of sun to hit the crops and provide enough space for farm equipment to travel through, Sesmero said.

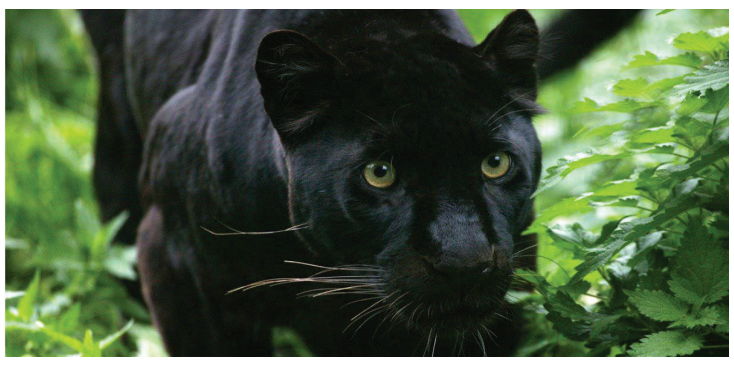
The design could be complex even for certain crops that appear especially well-suited for agrivoltaics.

Aaron Thompson, Purdue associate professor of horticulture and landscape architecture, pointed to southwestern Indiana's melon farms, which could use the shade from the panels to prevent scalding.

Melon farmers "are really excited about the possibility, but the design is going to have to change quite a bit. … You don't grow melons on the same field year after year after year," he said. "So we've got to be able to develop a rotation [by growing other crops] and the physical layout that supports that."

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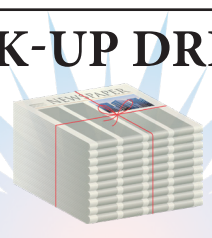
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Give a little grace when someone is struggling

DAVE SAYS

Dear Dave,

I have a tenant whose old agreement is up soon, but he signed a new lease about a month ago. He also went ahead and gave me a deposit, plus the first month's rent. A couple of days ago, he called and asked if we could cancel the agreement. He learned that his ex-wife has developed a serious health issue, and he'd like to move closer to her to help take care of their two kids. What should I do?

Randall

Dear Randall,

I think I probably understand your situation better than most. I own several rental properties, and I know for a fact that as a landlord you run into all kinds of unusual situations. Sometimes, these situations are more genuine than others. I'd first suggest gently asking for some proof as to what's going on. But on the surface it sounds like he's got a valid, kind-hearted and very responsible reason for wanting to cancel the agreement.

Essentially, this guy is asking for a little mercy and understanding. So, if it were me, and what he's telling you turns out to be true, I'd try to lease the place to someone else as quickly as possible. I'd also refund his deposit, plus any money it doesn't cost you in the process. In other words, if it took two weeks to find another tenant I'd give back the deposit and two weeks' rent. But if his ex is in seriously bad shape, and you're on solid enough financial ground to withstand the blow, you might want to consider just letting him out of the agreement completely, returning all his money and moving on to finding another tenant.

As a landlord and businessman, I understand you have to look out for yourself and your concerns. But at the same time, you don't want to take advantage of someone who's genuinely struggling, either.

— Dave

Dave Ramsey is a nine-time national bestselling author, personal finance expert and host of The Ramsey Show. He has appeared on Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, Today, Fox News, CNN, Fox Business and many more. Since 1992, Dave has helped people take control of their money, build wealth and enhance their lives. He also serves as CEO for Ramsey Solutions.

FUTURE

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COMMUNITY ACCEPTANCE

In MARC stakeholder meetings across the state, including in central Indiana, farmers and others showed enthusiasm for agrivoltaics, Thompson said.

"We don't have uniform acceptance from the farm community about solar … but we've got a lot of creative farmers that are thinking about the future and thinking about ways to bring solar into their operation," he said.

Still, solar's political problems aren't likely to disappear. Hoosier communities in recent years have turned down permit requests and passed restrictive zoning ordinances in response to projects.

In the grand scheme of land uses, solar energy does not intrude that much on farmland, said Jerome Dumortier, an Indiana University economics professor who recently published a paper on solar's impact on food prices. The total area needed for the highest estimates of U.S. solar production are about 7 million hectares, or 17 million acres.

"It's a big number, don't get me wrong, but it's nothing like the amount of cropland out there in the U.S.," he said.

But solar projects can have an impact locally. That's why the Indiana Farm Bureau supports local zoning, Nelson said.

"It's hard when it's your neighbor's land, and you've always lived in a rural community and now you are living next to a solar development," she said.

There have also been instances of direct competition for land, Thompson said.

"At a very local level, that can raise the rent costs for leasing farm ground for farmers," he said.

More broadly, some communities say they are sacrificing their local resources for someone else's energy needs, he said.

"The early pushback we heard from rural communities and farmers in particular against solar was, 'Why are we the place that has to accommodate this new land use if all of the energy is being put into the grid to power Chicago?'" Thompson said.

"And that's a legitimate question in rural areas that suffer from the most frequent power outages. … They want to know what's in it for them."

THE UPSIDES

Among the topics the MARC incubator is examining is whether these solar systems could also be the power source for "microgrids" for rural areas that could help keep the lights on when disaster hits.

"Basically, it's a localized system liberating local resources to pick up the local [demands]," said Xiaonan Lu, Purdue associate professor of electrical engineering technology.

The benefits of a microgrid are mostly hypothetical for now, but others plusses aren't.

"The farm economy is tough, and dual-use systems — like having agrivoltaics, or even just having a solar lease — helps stabilize farm income during really volatile commodity [price] cycles," Nelson said.

Meanwhile, the surrounding area sees benefits from renewable energy development, too, said Dagney Faulk, director of research at Ball State University's Center for Business and Economic Research.

A recent study by the center found that the Indiana counties with restrictions on solar power saw a combined dip of $204 million in gross domestic product and a net employment loss of more than 8,700 jobs.

A lot of that can be explained by where manufacturers are choosing to locate operations, Faulk said.

Dumortier said he doesn't see agrivoltaics being the norm for solar projects anytime soon.

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