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Tidbit for today's talkers

Elephant and pig tapped to predict Euro 2012 games

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Who's going to win the European Championship? Time to ask an elephant — or a pig.

Poland's answer to Paul the Octopus — the tentacled tipster who gained worldwide fame for his 2010 World Cup predictions — is Citta the elephant. Ukraine, however, will probably go for an enormous beer-loving pig — but there are big doubts about whether he can handle the media glare.

The parade of supposedly psychic animals comes as the two Eastern European nations gear up to co-host the continent's most prestigious soccer championship from June 8 to July 1.

The zoo in the southern Polish city of Krakow settled on a temperamental 33-year-old female pachyderm from India while Ukraine — where slices of hog fat are the national dish — is contemplating a happier destiny for a 2-year-old already named Psychic Pig.

The pig has a fondness for beer and fries and grunts in pleasure when he watches matches on television with his farmer owner, his publicist claimed Tuesday. But he still needs some PR training before he is presented to the public.

"We want to make sure he is calm — we don't want him to get scared," said Svitlana Bovkun, a spokeswoman for Kiev city administration.

Krakow zoo director Jozef Skotnicki said Citta, the apparently clairvoyant elephant, was chosen over a donkey, a parrot and another elephant after she correctly predicted that Chelsea would win the Champions League last week — the annual competition between Europe's top clubs. She made her winning pick by choosing an apple above a blue-and-white logo for Chelsea rather one from opponent Bayern Munich, which sports a red, white and blue logo.

TODAY'S HOLIDAY

Good, weird and fun days



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WEDNESDAY, MAY 23, 2012

Large crowd gets details on lake plan

OONA: NYSDEC officials discuss waterway realities.

STAFF REPORTS

More than 100 people attended a discussion of the potential initiative concerning Lake Ontario water levels, the navigability of area rivers and the impacts of legal and natural changes on waterfront residents.

The meeting, held Monday in Point Breeze by the Oak Orchard Neighborhood Association, was for both regular business and a presentation by representatives from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation for OONA members, residents and representatives from nearby towns and state officials.

OONA environmental

committee member Frank Panczyszyn said the association was pleased by the large turnout of concerned citizens and DEC officials alike.

"It's obvious that there's a lot of people more interested," said Panczyszyn, who has attended St. Lawrence Seaway International Joint Commission meetings for a decade. "It's not just lakefront dwellers —

there's also environmentalists and supporters of the plan."

Those in attendance learned more about the IJC's latest proposals to regulate Lake Ontario water levels and the public hearings the IJC is holding locally to better inform residents and to receive vital input to help lead to the best informed decision on lake level management,

which is scheduled to be made by the end of 2012.

Zelazny, who has remained close to the IJC's process over the last 10 years, encouraged all to attend at least one of these hearings, either on June 5 in Olcott at the Fire Company, June 6 in Hilton or June 7 in Williamson.

While the focus of the discussion around the IJC's SEE OONA ON PAGE 4

BREAKING GROUND



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

GOLDEN SHOVELS: Orleans Community Health broke ground in Albion Monday for a new \$1.5 million Health Care Center that will allow the owners of the Medina Memorial Hospital to provide primary and urgent services as well as therapy services, an out-patient lab draw station and space for rotating specialists to a wider consumer base. Pictured, from left, are Orleans Community Health board members Ron Felstead, Bruce Krenning, and Dawn Meland; Orleans Community Health CEO Jim Sinner and Chief Operating Officer Brian Banas.



BIG DIG: The new health center, which is scheduled to be constructed by October, is located in the COIDA business park at the corner of Route 31 and Butts Road. The 7,500 square foot facility will provide 20 jobs and feature the latest technology.

GOVERNMENT

County eyes a new view

PROPOSAL: Legislators, supervisors discuss update to 2005 aerial map.

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Representatives from municipal and county governments are discussing a proposal to update the aerial map local officials use for assessments, emergency responses and planning.

The current aerial map, which is accessible to local officials via special computer software, provides a high-resolution view of the more than 2,000 parcels within Orleans County. 3,092 images were accessed from the existing map in March, as county officials like Real Property Tax Director Dawn Allen and towns assessors made measurements of properties and structures among other uses.

"If you've ever used it, you can't live without it," Barre Supervisor Mark Chamberlain said. "You get more done in a much shorter time."

But the Orleans County map was made in 2005. That means large additions, like the Walmart in Albion and WNY Energy's ethanol plant in Shel-

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BOARD

Ridgeway accepts water plan

DONE: Town's joining makes agreement complete.

BY HOWARD BALABAN
Special to the J-R

MEDINA - The Town Board of Ridgeway voted unanimously Monday night to enter into an agreement with the Village of Medina, the Town of Shelby, and the Medina Central School District. The deal, in the works for the past nine months, calls for a sharing of municipal water and sewer lines among the participating parties.

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Agencies cutting the travel time

TRAVEL: More people are going to brick-and-mortars to book trips

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For the most part, there is a lot of planning that goes into traveling. Some like to handle the details on their own, making arrangements on

the phone or using travel websites to book hotels, planes, vehicles and so on.

But lately, working with a travel agent is becoming more popular.

An industry facing tough competition from the Internet is apparently making a comeback. According to Forrester Research, more travelers are becoming frustrated with booking trips online. About 28 percent of study

respondents said they would use a local travel agent instead.

Part of that rise could be the frustration from booking online. IBM Institute for Business Value's survey of 2,000 travelers reports 20 percent of them said it took more than five hours to search and book travel online. About 50 percent said it took more than two hours.

"When you put all of the pieces of a vacation together, that list can be pretty daunting," said Ruth Nagy, director of travel operations for AAA East Central. "We get phone calls from people struggling on websites, investing hours. An agent saves time and frustration."

That list grows longer SEE TRAVEL ON PAGE 4