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Legislation coming

Child care bills expected to be filed

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Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana lawmakers expect to file and advance significant child care legislation during the upcoming session, after years of advocacy from Hoosier parents, child care providers and worker-strapped businesses.

But it's unclear how ideas with price tags will fare in a non-budget year, with leaders intent on keeping the state's coffers firmly shut.

Sen. Ed Charbonneau, the architect of numerous expansive pieces of health care legislation, admitted he was surprised when his health-focused interim committee was tasked with finding solutions to the lack of available and affordable child care.

"It certainly opened my eyes to how big an issue it is," he told the Capital Chronicle. "... Child care is an infrastructure issue for the state of Indiana because it affects every aspect of our economy."

He plans to carry a bill incorporating as many of the 10 recommendations as possible. Some come with a cost.

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NYE sunset

Fireworks light up the sunset at the beach in Avalon, New Jersey, on New Year's Eve 2023.



Deaths

Lois Dietz, 91, Portland Eileen Daugherty, 94,

Gladys Bell, 75, Bryant Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a New Year's Day high temperature of 36 degrees. The low was 32

of 36 degrees. The low was 32.
Tonight's low will be in the mid 20s. Expect mostly sunny skies Thursday with a high in the lower 30s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Portland Board of Works will hold its first meeting of 2024 at 4 p.m. Thursday at the mayor's office in city hall, 321 N. Meridian St. The agenda includes an agreement with IWM Consulting Group of further work at the former Sheller-Globe site.

Coming up

Thursday — Coverage of this week's Portland City Council meeting.

Friday — FRHS senior signs to jump at Marshall University.



Legislation

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"I don't want to take a chance on the bill moving along — and everybody happy — (and) it get skewered because of the fiscal

But he said he believed — personally — that the bill could be among leadership's priority bills. Leaders have said there will be fewer this session to signal a "less

Indiana's 4,195 regulated child care providers can serve about 206,000 kids when operating at full steam. That's according to data from Brighter Futures Indiana, a partnership between the

Administration (FSSA) and Early

But those providers would meet just 41% of the demand, as an estimated 502,000 Hoosier children may need child care.

And some providers aren't run-

example, manages 13 early learning centers in Marion and Tippecanoe counties. It serves 1,000 children daily, said President and CEO Maureen Weber but 15% of its seats are closed off as staffing challenges strangle operations.

"It's a challenge for our bottom line and our mission," she said.

Parents who can find open seats may encounter costs that eat up significant chunks of income.

stunning \$660 monthly on average in Indiana, according to Brighter Futures. The calculation includes all age groups; care for infants (\$790 monthly) is the most expensive and drops as children age.

The average annual cost was just 6.4% of the median Floyd County household income — the lowest — and 15.8% of the median Delaware County household income — the highest.

Lawmakers last session raised income eligibility for two key child care subsidies, growing the pool of parents who qualify, and raised reimbursement rates to providers.

They also authorized expansion grants to providers alongside a new employer-sponsored child care fund and employer Full-time child care costs a child care expenditure credit.

Legislative leadership has signaled an appetite for more

"Frankly, we've regulated ourselves into this problem," House Speaker Todd Huston said at a November session preview.

Charbonneau's interim committee heard four hours of presentations, testimony and discussion in August.

Committee members and coalesced stakeholders around recommendations split into four categories.

1. To speed up a third-party evaluation of the child care system, the group suggested moving up the Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee's (ELAC) due date and having FSSA adjust its regulations sooner.

ELAC released the first evaluation on the state's quality ratings

system — with initial recommendations for new standards — in December. The second evaluation is in progress.

FSSA's Office of Early Childhood and Out-of-School Learning said it was "working with a vendor to develop external and internal policies that drive consistency and equity across programming types, while remaining compliant with federal regulations" and that it's still reviewing recommendations from the interim committee and a licensing workgroup.

"The interim study recommendation accelerated that timeline because I do think there's an urgent need to streamline the requirements for early learning settings," said Weber, who also chairs ELAC.

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Lotteries

Powerball

Monday

million

12-21-42-44-49

Power Ball: 1

Power Play: 3

Mega Millions

Daily Three: 2-8-0

Daily Four: 2-2-1-8

Daily Three: 5-7-2

Markets

Corn.....4.51

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Wheat5.38

Corn.....4.53

Feb. corn4.51

March corn4.53

Richland Township

Corn4.42

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Portland

40-43-45-54-61-62-70

Cooper Farms

Fort Recovery

Evening

Quick Draw: 3-5-7-12-

16-19-20-21-24-27-30-32-37-

Estimated

\$114 million

Hoosier

Monday

Midday

Estimated jackpot: \$20

jackpot:

expected, mainly after 1 p.m. Skies will otherwise be mostly cloudy with a high of

Skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain and snow and a high of 37

1/7

37/27

Daily Four: 9-2-8-3

Quick Draw: 5-9-14-15-

24-27-30-42-45-48-51-53-56-

Cash 5: 3-15-19-41-43

jackpot:

jackpot:

63-65-66-71-72-75-80

Estimated

Monday

Midday

Evening

Pick 3: 8-3-5

Pick 3: 6-0-9

Pick 4: 3-0-0-4

Estimated

\$100,000

ADM

Montpelier

Heartland

St. Anthony

Wheat5.62

Corn.....4.39

Feb. corn4.46

Beans12.22

Feb. beans12.25

Wheat5.33

Pick 5: 8-5-4-2-5

Rolling Cash: 3-8-20-23-

Pick 4: 8-8-1-0

Pick 5: 1-2-7-8-1

\$458,000

Ohio

41/27 Expect mostly cloudy skies with a high in the low 40s.

Monday

1/8

Dietz Portland Elks Lodge. She also was owner of The Spot restaurant. She was a member of

Surviving are thee sons, Clyde Corle (wife: Pat) of Dayton, Ohio, Roger Corle (wife: Vicki) of Portland and Randy Corle (wife: Brenda) of Herford, Pennsylvania; one brother. Bud Miner of Yorktown, Pennsylvania; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and one

Funeral services will be Friday, Jan. 5, 2024, at 3 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Nan Weesner presiding. Burial will follow in the Green Park Cemetery. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m.

Memorials can be made to Jay County Humane Society.

bairdfreeman.com.

Eileen Rose (Graber) Sprunger Daugherty, 94, of Berne, Indiana, passed away Monday, Dec. 18, 2023, at Swiss Village in Berne.

Henry P. and Adella (Habegger) Graber at the home farm in Monroe

County. She was born just after the stock market crash that began the Great Depression. Her family owned a farm north of Berne. She worked hard with her dad in the fields during the summer,

Daugherty

ethic. Fluent in Swiss dialect, she did not speak English until she started first grade in the one-room school, north of Berne.

Eileen was the second-oldest of the four siblings. In 1947, Eileen graduated second in her class from Monroe High School. In 1949, after dating one year, Eileen married the love of her life, Marvin Dale Sprunger. They were married on June 11, 1949, at the First Mennonite Church in Berne. Immediately after the wedding, Eileen and Mary set up house in Fayetteville, North Carolina, where Marv was stationed at Fort Bragg. Once discharged, they moved back to Berne and started Custom Floor & Wall, which they operated for 25 years until Marvin's death in 1985.

Eileen and Marv had two daughters, Carol (1951) and Gloria (1953). Eileen was active in Mother's Club in the 1950s. Eileen and Marv were founding members of Grace Bible Church in the 1960s. Eileen loved the Lord and taught Good News Club when the girls were young. She taught Sunday School and was church organist at Grace Bible Church for many years. She also served on the board of Evangelism Explosion, along with Marv, for several years.

Marvin passed away in August 1985. One year later, Eileen sold Custom Floor & Wall and moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to be near Gloria and her family. Eileen loved Tulsa and became active in the leadership of Bible Study Fellowship. She loved singing in the church choir at First United Methodist Church and her small group at Fellowship Bible Church, which became her church home.

In 1987, Eileen became the division secretary for Waddell & Reed retired in 1997 after 10 years. Later in 1997, Eileen began volunteer work at Hillcrest Hospital in Tulsa, and soon was hired by Hillcrest to work in the gift shop, which she loved. She stayed at Hillcrest for five years.

In 2001, Eileen met Bill Daugherty of Pennville, Indiana, and they were married in February 2002. She enjoyed traveling and accompanying The Christianaires, Bill's Southern Gospel Quartet. Bill passed away in 2017, and once again, Eileen was widowed.

After a terrible farm accident in 2016, Eileen spent two months in rehab at Swiss Village. In late 2016, Eileen and Bill moved to Swiss Village, where she lived until her passing. Upon moving back to Berne, Eileen once more became an active member of Grace Bible Church where she served as parttime organist. She loved her small

group and especially her pastor and wife, Jeff and Becky Gaskill.

Eileen's greatest joy was spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They gave her such joy, and she prayed for each individually every single day. Eileen was an avid reader, and music was her love language. She also mentored many people in her 94 years.

In addition to the loss of Marvin and Bill, Eileen was preceded in death by her parents, Henry and Adella Graber; stepmother Rachel Graber; sisters Evelyn Rich and Delores Moser; brother Don Graber; grandson Jeffrey Pyle; and son-in-law Sidney Sokolsky.

Eileen is survived by her two daughters, Carol (Allen) Pease of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Gloria (David) Newman of Tulsa, Oklahoma; stepsons Ron Daugherty of Indianapolis and Don Daugherty of Plymouth, Indiana; four grandchildren, Kavan Pyle of Pittsburgh, Katie (Seymore) Shaw of Fort Worth, Texas, Natalie (David) Leonard of Thompson's Station, Tennessee, and Lindsey (Brian) Meek of Bixby, Oklahoma; and six great-grandchildren, Sydney and Journey Shaw, Ella Kate and River Leonard, and Harper and Hudson Meek. Also, sister-in-law Nancy Graber; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of Eileen's life will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 8, 2024, at the Swiss Village Chapel, 1350 W. Main St., Berne, Indiana, with visitation prior to the service in the Swiss Village Chapel, from 10 to 11 a.m. Burial Financial Services in Tulsa. She will follow at M.R.E. Cemetery in Berne, Indiana.

> In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grace Bible Church, Berne, Indiana, or Gideon's International.

Arrangements are by Zwick & Jahn Funeral Homes, Yager-Kirchhofer Chapel of Berne, Indiana.

Gladys Marie (Middaugh) Bell, Bryant, July 14, 1948-Dec. 28, 2023. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109

W. Windsor St., Montpelier. The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free

of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and

time/date/location of services. There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

Today in history

priest Martin Luther was excommunicated by Pope Leo X. Luther's questions about Roman Catholic a rollover of vacation practices started the time for a highway Protestant Reformation. (On the same day, in 1962, Pope John XXIII excommunicated Fidel Castro for changing Cuba into a communist state.)

In 2000, the final original "Peanuts" comic to take the time off strip was published following the death of creator Charles Schultz. His

Thursday

4 p.m.

Meridian St.

Monday

1521, German creation had run for 50 vears.

> In 2011, Jay County Commissioners granted department employee. Superintendent Wellman asked commissioners to roll over two weeks of vacation time for the department's road foreman, who wasn't able because of weather-related work.

—The CR

community

arrested Thursday for drug

preliminarily charged with a Level 5 felony for posses-Shannon N. Riley, 40, 942 and a Class C misdemeanor Jail.

Shady Hollow Lane, was for possession of paraphernalia.

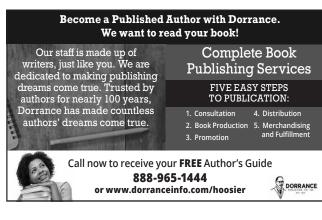
She was being held on an sion of methamphetamine \$11,000 bond in Jay County

Three were arrested for kidnapping

DODGEVILLE, Wisc. — Three people from South Dakota have been arrested in Wisconsin and charged with kidnapping, and an 11-year-old girl from Wells County is now safe. Zachary Delozier.

27, Edgemont, South Dakota, and Sara Gaudino, 23, and Isaiah Schryvers, 24, both of Rapid City, South Dakota, were each arrested on warrants for kidnapping of a minor, according to a news release from the Iowa County, Wisconsin Sheriff's Office. "The 11-year old child

was safely removed from the vehicle and three adults were taken into cus-





SERVICES

Wednesday

Young, Clara: I p.m., Brown-Butz-Diedring Funeral Service & Crematory, 515 E. 53rd St., Anderson.

Thursday

Bell, Gladys: 2 p.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

> Friday Dietz, Lois: 3 p.m., Baird-

Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Monday

Daugherty, Eileen: I p.m., Swiss Village Chapel, 1350 W. Main St., Berne.

Jan. 14 Williams, Helen: 4 p.m., New Life Ministries, 415 S. Helen St., Portland.

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Assuaging Indiana's child care Learning Indiana. crisis will "take money," said Charbonneau, R-Valparaiso. But he wants the bill he files to come

back clean: \$0.

impact," he said.

is more approach."

state's Family Social Services

ning at full capacity.

Early Learning Indiana, for

Obituaries

Lois Dietz

Dec. 10, 1932-Dec. 29, 2023 Lois Elaine Dietz, age 91, of Portland passed away on Friday, Dec. 29, 2023, in Persimmon Ridge Health-

She was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan, on Dec. 10, 1932, the daughter of Harold and Winifred (Miner) Hudson. She

was married on Oct. 11, 1975, to John "Bud" Dietz and he passed away on July

Lois was a waitress and bartender having worked for Portland Moose Lodge and

Moose Lodge, V.F.W. and American Legion. She enjoyed playing bingo.

great-great-granddaughter

prior to the services.

Condolences may be expressed at

Eileen Daugherty Nov. 10, 1929-Dec. 18, 2023

She was born on Nov. 10, 1929, to

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which instilled in her a strong work

Felony arrests

Drug possession A Portland woman was

tody," the release said.

Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. School Board, communi-3:45 p.m. — Jay County ty room, high school, 400 Election Board, voting E. Butler St.

Citizen's calendar

Portland

room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Council, city building, Public Library Board of 131 S. Main St.

9 a.m. — Jay County

Board of Works, mayor's St., Portland. 5 p.m. — Jay School office, city hall, 321 N. Board, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.

room, library, 315 N. Ship

Trustees,

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

7 p.m. — Dunkirk City

We're looking for our next columnist(s)

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

We're looking for our next local columnist or columnists.

If you're a regular reader of this page, you know Diana Dolecki's "As I See It" ran for the final time last week.

Diana visited me several months ago to express concern about her column. She felt she was struggling to keep it relevant. She wondered if it was time to give

My advice was to take some time and think about how she wanted to move forward. She could give up the column if she wanted to do so. Or, if writing weekly was too much, maybe every other week or once a month would work out better.





She decided it was time to move on.

With Diana giving up

her weekly column, we have an opening.

In the short term, you'll see a variety of columns filling this space. You may see me here again. You may see Hank Nuwer, who writes the "Far From Randolph County" column that appears in The News-Gazette (Winchester). You may see a selection of

week basis.

But we'd also like to know, would you like to be our next Family page columnist?

We've had a variety of contributors provide columns over the years. When I started at The Commercial Review in 2001, Dorothy Warner was "At Random." writing Diana's column ran for more than two decades.

others We've had approach us over the years about writing columns.

Jack Ronald's response was always: "Write six." I developed the same rule. And there's good reason. Writing a regular col-

umn is no easy thing.

It's different from covernational columnists. We'll ing a meeting or writing a

deal with it on a week-to- game story. In those cases, more. If that goes well, we end up in print. (Make you observe something and report what happened.

With a column, it's all year. You come up with the idea. You formulate it into something that might be of interest to readers. You produce every word.

A lot of folks can write one column. Maybe even two or three. But then, it gets difficult.

Thus, Jack's response: "Write six."

I'm going to take a less slightly rigid approach. If you're interested in becoming a columnist for The Commercial Review, write one column and send it to me (r.cooney@thecr.com). If it seems like you might be onto something, I'll ask you to write a couple

can discuss a longer-term

arrangement.

Here is some advice: •Keep it somewhere between 400 and 700 words. If you find yourself going over 700 words, do some self-editing.

•Write about things you know. If you have to dive down a Wikipedia rabbit hole to finish your column, you're on the wrong track.

·Read other columnists. We're not looking for a copycat. But reading good writing makes you a better writer. And reading good columnists can help spark ideas.

•Be personal. As Jack's family can tell you, being related to a columnist means your stories tend to sure your family is comfortable with this possibil-

·Have a thick skin. You can't be a writer without being open to someone me — telling you no or suggesting edits. And, if your pieces do make it to print, you will receive criticism from readers. Every-

one does.

As we move forward, I'm open to a variety of options for this column. Maybe someone emerges and writes a weekly column again. Maybe it becomes a space where we rotate two or three or four local columnists.

We look forward to reading your submissions and, possibly, printing them

It turns out, change of heart wasn't so sudden

DEAR ABBY: Three months ago, my husband of 30 years came home from work, told me he wasn't happy anymore and said he wanted a divorce. He announced he was moving in with his brother until he could find a place. Six days later, I found out he'd moved in with a woman he'd been seeing for a few months.

I am devastated. He flaunts his new heifer all around town, forcing her on our granddaughters and rubbing her in my face. My divorce has been filed on the grounds of adultery. I can't believe he dragged my adult children into the middle of this husband will "come to his and made them lie to me.

I have been trying to let go, but how do you let go of someone who gave you so much to married isn't the person you remember? I'm still very much thought he was.

Dear Abby



in love with him. After such a long marriage, must I just let it end like this? — DUMBFOUND-ED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR DUMBFOUNDED: I suppose you could talk to your lawyer and try to drag out the divorce, hoping your senses." But at some point, you will have to admit to yourself that the man you

pain and anger, but your time eral thousand dollars' worth of and money would be better spent in the office of a licensed mental health professional. That your adult children went along with keeping you in the dark is shameful. It will take time to work through this, and the sooner you start, the better.

DEAR ABBY: I moved to a rural area a couple of years ago and was surprised at how friendly my neighbors were. They seemed eager to help at first. I got sick and had to spend a few days in the hospital. I asked the couple to please feed and water my pets until I could come home. They did, but they also made a copy of my house

stuff from me.

I am hurt and very angry over this. The police said I have to show receipts to prove ownership of the things that were taken. But most of it I have owned for years, and I no longer have the receipts.

I'm going to confront this couple, but how do I get over what they did? I can't believe how trashy and low-class they are. They both have jobs. I live alone on one salary. A lot of the things they stole I had to save up to pay for. They are nothing more than liars and thieves. What do you suggest? — VICTIMIZED IN OKLAHOMA

keys, entered my home after I trusted your neighbors, and Los Angeles, CA 90069.

You have every right to feel returned to work and stole sev- they took advantage. But the horse is out of the barn. Change the locks on your house if you haven't already done it. Install security cameras linked to your cellphone so you have a record of who enters your property when you are out. Photograph and list the serial numbers on your valuable items and store it away from home. (A safety deposit box would be a safe place.) And insure any items of value so you are protected in case it happens again.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline **DEAR VICTIMIZED: Please** Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at accept my sympathy. You DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440,

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in & Gloria Muselman Well- Ministries, 228 S. Meridi-Community Calendar as ness Pavilion in Berne. space is available. To sub- For more information, mit an item, email news@thecr.com.

ING BREAKFAST CLUB the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women in the Zion Lutheran 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. PORTLAND ROTARY — Will meet at CLUB noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S.

Meridian St., Portland. SINGLES AND SEPA-RATES SUPPORT GROUP — For anyone who's lost a loved one or has a spouse living in the first Wednesday of

call Sarah Conrad at (260) 589-4496.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP - New Begin-WEDNESDAY MORN- nings, a support group for friends and families of - Will meet at 8 a.m. in alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-

> A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVlong-term care or suffer- ERY - A 12-step Chrising from an illness, the tian recovery program group will meet at 2 p.m. meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A each month in the Arthur Second Chance At Life

an St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

GRIEF SHARE Meets from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Thursdays from Jan. 4 to March 28 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. Grief Share is a weekly grief support group for those needing to find hope and healing after the death of a loved one. To register, call (260) 726-8832 or email zion-

com. **PORTLAND** LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

lutheranportland@gmail.

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

Friday

PAST RECOVERY SERVICES — Peer Addic-

ery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, Jan. 5, at Harmony Cafe in Port-

Saturday

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113. S. Main St., Dunkirk.

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

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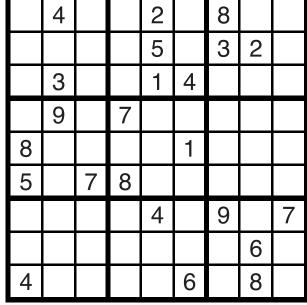
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Sudoku



Level: Intermediate

Saturday's Solution

The objective is to fill a nine-by nine grid so that each column, each row, and each of the nine three-bythree boxes (also called blocks or regions) contains the digits from 1 to 9 only one time each.

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3	2	5	1	6	8	9	7	4
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NYT seeks to protect journalism

New York Daily News

Tribune News Services The New York Times is not content to let OpenAI and Microsoft get rich using the newspaper's web content for artificial intelligence like ChatGPT without paying and sued this week in Manhattan federal court.

We don't know if the pun on the word "content" is particularly funny or if an AI robot would be inclined to such wordplay, but we do know it was written by humans, us, the people behind the words and pictures of the Daily News.

And having people, not machines, tell the human stories of the city and the world for other humans to read should stay that

We could have asked ChatGPT

Guest **Editorial**

is bad that ChatGPT lifted wholesale without paying from a newspaper to teach itself how to replace newspapers. However, while AI doesn't get tired of gimmicks, real people do.

The Times alleges in its lawsuit that ChatGPT was fed huge numbers of articles produced by the paper's website to allow the program to learn using the "large language model." As the complaint states, "an LLM works by predicting words that are likely to to write an editorial about how it follow a given string of text based

on the potentially billions of examples used to train it."

For teaching material, "the training set was comprised of 45 terabytes of data — the equivalent of a Microsoft Word document that is over 3.7 billion pages long." Not all of that was from the Times, but the work of that newspaper and website, like the works this newspaper website, are copyrighted and can't just be lifted.

When OpenAI began it was a nonprofit, sharing with all its creations for the betterment of humankind. But the humans in charge didn't need AI to learn about the profit motive and they changed to a proprietary system to sell. No more sharing from them and customers have to pay. But they get to borrow and not pav?

copyrighted works for their classroom, like the collected plays, poems and sonnets of Shakespeare. That would be perfectly legal, but ChatGPT would then write and speak like an Englishman of 400 years ago. Such sterner stuff is Greek to me in this brave new world and not a wild-goose chase melted into thin air. Would star-crossed lovers be a tower of strength or get short shrift?

Or they could have borrowed without any limits from Mark Twain, who during his lifetime fought furiously for laws for copyright protections. But Twain died in 1910 and all his creations are now free to use for everyone. Under U.S. law, current copyright protection

They could have used non- lasts for the life of the author plus 70 more years.

Other works have a 95-year shield, like Walt Disney's 1928 "Steamboat Willie," the first appearance of Mickey Mouse, which will enter the public domain on Monday, Jan. 1. Sound recordings are protected for 100 vears.

Craigslist, Google and Facebook vacuumed up revenue from the press, devouring classifieds, display ads and circulation. Now another internet invention, AI, is threatening the press itself. As the lawsuit says, "if the Times and other news organizations cannot produce and protect their independent journalism, there will be a vacuum that no computer or artificial intelligence can fill." And yes, we meant to play on the word "vacuum."

Erskine can teach us a lot

By KIM DODSON

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

'We could all learn a lot from Jimmy.'

This loving statement is shared by Betty Erskine, mother of Jimmy Erskine and wife of baseball legend Carl Erskine, in the documentary, "The Carl Erskine Story: The Best We've Got." I find myself hearing that over and over in my head.

I am not much of a baseball fan but I am a sucker for a good love story, small town people making it big, and definitely stories that highlight the achievements of people with disabilities. award-winning When filmmaker Ted Green reached out to me a few years ago to talk about producing a documentary about Carl Erskine, I was thrilled and curious to learn how all that Carl and his family encompass would be made into a ninety minute film.

If you have not yet seen documentary, encourage you to. Don't go in thinking you will only learn about Carl's much more. Thanks to Ted Green's masterful work, you will come away with a wonderful sense about the difference that can be made in the world kindness, through respect, and the willingness to learn from others.

The Carl Erskine story goes beyond baseball to share how the birth of his and Betty's son, Jimmy, impacted not just their family, but countless families and individuals with disabilities.

with Down syndrome in 1960 the Erskines were instructed to place him in an institution and move on with their lives. They were having none of that. Jimmy joined his brothers and sister at home and became an integral part of his Anderson, Indiana community. That act led so many to learn from Jimmy and other children institutionalize their

loved ones. Those children, along with Jimmy, showed that people with intellectual and developmental dis- Its website is indianacapi-

Kim **Dodson**



live, learn, work and play in communities throughout the country if given the opportunity. The documentary shares the story of how the Erskines and other pioneering parents were inspired by their children to come together to form what is The Arc today in order to ensure their children had those opportunities. Their neighbors, classmates, church members, and employers have come to learn that people with IDD really are not so "different" and that they bring value to their schools, community, and places of work.

Too often we connect ourselves with people who think the same as us and see things from the vantage same point. Think about what could happen if we all reach out baseball career and his to those who are "differfriendship with Jackie ent" from us. Some of my Robinson. While that is favorite lawmakers are important part of those that I don't always Carl's story, there is so agree with, but I respect human cost. their willingness to be educated to think differently or view an issue from a different lens. I also come away with new perspectives. I don't think that happens often enough these days. It is what I think about when I hear Betty Erskine say, 'We could all learn a lot from Jimmy.'

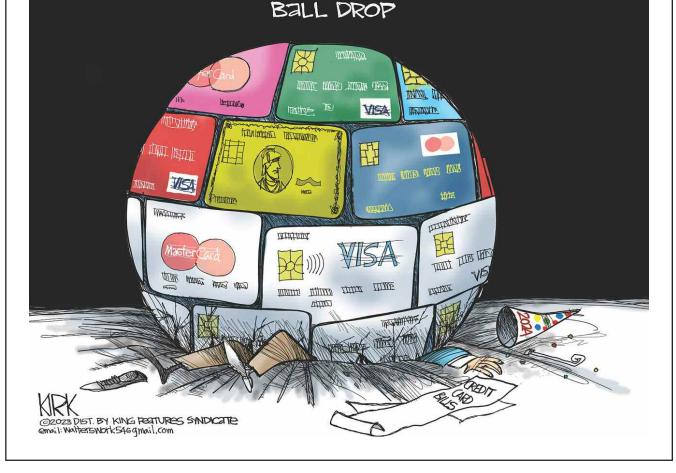
My message is, we can all grow and learn from people who are different than us and challenge us to see things from a new When Jimmy was born perspective. Who knows what positive changes may happen by taking that simple step.

Jimmy Erskine passed away earlier this month. At the time he was born, few imagined the difference his life of perseverance, love and kindness would make.

"We could all learn a lot from Jimmy."

whose parents refused a Dodson has served as doctor's instruction to the Chief Executive Officer of The Arc of Indiana since July 2015.

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Ukraine needs support to win

By BERNARD-HENRI LEVY

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

Ukraine's president, Volodymyr Zelenskyy, has said it many times: If Western military support were to falter, the Ukrainians would continue to

They would do it alone if need be, their backs to the wall, at a terrifying

They would be in largely the same situation they were in during the first phase of Russia's full-scale invasion. After all, the Ukrainians had to wait months to more than a year for the United States to provide the weapons they needed. During those long months, the courage of the Ukrainians and the talent of their commanders were enough to hold off a Russian military whose troops still were fresh, motivated and sure of themselves.

In a worst-case scenario in which Congress continues to refuse to approve the funds requested by President Joe Biden and Europe follows suit in withdrawing support, the conflict would revert to those early stages. And the Ukrainian forces, which I've observed for two years while making three documentaries from the front lines, would shift to a long and grueling war of resistance.

But they would not lay down their arms. This war is existential. Of this I am sure.

So here's the question: Given that the war will go on, are we going to prolong the fighting or shorten it?

Are we going to allow civilian deaths to pile up or try to minimize

Will the United States, for vile political reasons, let the conflict fester and encourage authoritarian and anti-American forces throughout Europe? Or will it decide to come to the aid of its natural and reliable allies in Ukraine?

What message will the country equally overdue, are an essential ly was released nationwide.

Bernard-Henri Levy



choose to send to imperial China, neo-Ottoman Turkey and an Iran racing toward the nuclear threshold? Will America welcome a multipolar world in which unchecked dictatorships once again lay down the law? Or, having abandoned its allies in Kabul, Aleppo, Erbil and Yerevan, will the country pull itself together behind Kyiv because it's never too late to correct a series of mistakes?

If it's the latter — if enough Republicans reconnect with the spirit of Reagan and enough Democrats remain faithful to that of Kennedy; if they want the world's people to know they are right to rebel and to dream of liberal democracy — then American and allied aid must urgently flow to Ukraine.

European Storm Shadow cruise missiles must be delivered to the Zaporizhzhia region to enable the men and women of the 47th Separate Mechanized Brigade — which took the village of Robotyne last summer in bold commando operations — to push south past Russian fortifications toward occupied Verbove, Tokmak, Berdyansk and the Azov Sea.

Ukrainian drone pilots — who have demonstrated since the early days of the war that no Russian ammunition depot, naval base or ship in Crimea is out of their reach must receive the long-range U.S. Army Tactical Missile Systems, known as ATACMS, promised since September, which they need to fully open the Black Sea.

F-16s, whose arrival near Donbas is

complement to the artillery and infantry units working to liberate the Bakhmut and Avdiivka zones and the routes in and out of Donetsk and Luhansk To the south, in the Kherson zone,

which was liberated more than a year ago by unassisted Ukrainian forces, the need is for river-crossing gear, amphibious equipment and light Bradley tanks. That would enable the Ukrainian commandos under the command of Maj. Gen. Andriy Kovalchuk to expand the operations I watched them conducting on far too small a scale to the eastern side of the Dnipro River, near the villages of Krynky, Kozachi Laheri and Korsunka.

Additionally, Ukraine needs an "iron dome" worthy of the name to replace the mobile antiaircraft units I accompanied in makeshift pickup trucks as they chased drones headed for major Ukrainian cities, trying to shoot them down with bazookas. I have been saying since Day 1 that helping the Ukrainians close the sky is essential.

For the most part, these weapons are readily available in American and European stockpiles. They come at a cost, of course. But that cost is far lower than that of a defeated Ukraine, which could well embolden Russia to go after a NATO country and force a full-scale U.S. and European intervention.

Our defense budgets today are half what they were during the Cold War - and of what they will have to be if we allow Russia to become an offensive threat again. While we hesitate to pay our respects to international law in dollars, the Ukrainians are paying in blood.

Lévy is a philosopher, author and filmmaker. His latest documentary from the front lines of the war on Ukraine, "Glory to the Heroes," recent-

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Communication seminar scheduled

Jay County Chamber of Commerce will host an assertive communication seminar next month.

Portland's Maitlen will lead "Assertive Communication: The Pathway to Getting What You Want and Need" from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at John Jay Center for Learning. Joining her will be Kevin D. Logeman and Roberta Fiore-Kittell of Optimum Impact Coach-

The presenters will discuss topics including what keeps people from behaving assertively, four dimensions of assertive communication, comparing communication styles and creating an action plan.

Registration for the event

For more information, or to sign up, visit optimumimpactcoaching.com.

Reid donates

Business Bonnie roundup

> ty schools were among those to receive grants recently from Reid Health Community Bene-

Reid donated a total of \$11,000 to 10 high schools, Winchester including Community, Union City and Randolph Southern. The funding will be used for athletic supplies for prevention or care for sports-related injuries such as athletic tape, rehabilitation equipment, rehydration drinks, coolers, contact solutions and disinfectants.

importance for our schools to have access to is expected to be opera-Three Randolph Counthe athletic supplies that tional sometime in 2026.

help keep their student- Limiting visitors athletes safe," said Jess Przybysz, director of Reid Health Community Benefit and Engagement, in a press release.

Solar plant OK'd

The Michigan Public Services Commission last week gave approval for Indiana Michigan Power to construct Lake Trout Solar Plant.

The facility near Montpelier is expected to be capable of powering up to 73,500 homes. The facility will be the largest solar plant owned by Indiana Michigan Power parent company American Electric Power.

It will connect to the power grid that serves Indiana and Michigan.

Indiana Michigan Power has contracted "We recognize the with EDF Renewables to build the new facility. It

Indiana University Health began limiting visitors recently.

The limits were put in place following a rise in cases of flu and other respiratory illnesses.

All IU Health hospitals, including IU Health Jay in Portland, IU Health Blackford in Hartford City and IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, began limiting visitors last week. Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis already had restrictions in place.

The restrictions limit patients to two visitors at a time. Visitors younger than 18 or with flu or COVID-19 symptoms will not be admitted. Masking is suggested for all visi-

Purchase complete

Indianapolis pharmaceuticals firm Eli Lilly last week completed the

purchase of POINT Biopharma Global Inc.

Lilly purchased the radiopharmaceutical company for \$1.4 billion. The company focuses on cancer treatments.

"Next generation radioligand therapies hold great promise for delivering meaningful advances against a range of cancers and we are excited to enter this space through the addition of POINT," said Jacob Van Naarden, Lilly executive vice president, said in a press release. "We welcome POINT colleagues to Lilly and look forward to working together to build on their work as we create this new capability within Lilly. In time, I hope we can bring several new radioligand therapies to patients with cancer and improve their outcomes.'

Hosting events The Central Indiana business roundup.

Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals and the Indiana Chamber of Commerce will host the 2024 Indiana Safety and Health Conference Feb. 26, through 28.

Former Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback and current NFL analyst Terry Bradshaw will be the featured speaker for the conference. The event will also include the Indiana Forklift Rodeo, speakers, a 10-hour course for general industry, an innovation showcase and the governor's workplace safety awards luncheon.

For more information, or to register, call (800) 824-6885 or events@indianachamber.com.

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Unions eager for more gains in '24

BV ALEXANDRA SKORES

The Dallas Morning News Tribune News Service

If 2023 was a historic year for workers with gains in pay and new contracts, how much longer can the momentum last in an economy that can't decide if it is roaring or trudging along?

From a 148-day Hollywood writers strike to a United Auto Workers walkout to the ongoing contract negotiations from air carriers under contract negotiations, unions found power in 2023 they haven't had during decades of shrinking union membership and rollbacks in worker pay and

"It's been a tremendous, even historic, year for union workers with unprecedented victories," said Benjamin Sachs, Kestnbaum professor of labor and industry at Harvard University's Law School.

It's an even stronger win for overall support of labor unions, according to Gallup. labor Approval for labor unions hit 67% in 2023 after support fell to an all-time low of 48% in 2009. Researchers believe this trend will continue, lending to a stronger influence among the labor work groups and their respective employers.

Lydia Saad, director of U.S. Social Research at Gallup, said that since 1936 Gallup has asked whether Americans approve or disapprove of labor unions. Approval was fairly strong in the first few decades when union membership was high, but it fell significantly in the 70s and 80s, and all the way through the 90s. Often, Saad said, perceptions of labor unions are affected by economic circumstances.

"When the economy isn't doing well, people are not as generous in their view of labor unions



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UAW members cheer as employees walkout from the Fort Worth Parts Distribution Center on Sept. 22 in Roanoke, Texas.

are not neipiul to the economy,

Saad said. Last year, approval peaked at 71% and remains close this year

at 67%. "People paid attention," Saad said. "They were sympathetic with workers, which is somewhat unusual in the history of our trends."

Here's a look at this past year's union movement and what is to come in the new year.

It was a "year of strikes,"

because there's some feeling according to Kate Bronfenbren- Federation of Television and among Americans that (unions) ner, director of Labor Education Radio Artists, reached a tentative Research and senior lecturer at Cornell University's School of Industrial and Labor Relations.

entertainment to logistics to auto to health care to aviation — big strikes are notable because not only were they very large and said.

Hollywood's actors, all 60,000 members represented by the Screen Actors Guild-American plant who returned to work in based American Airlines.

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November with executives from top entertainment companies "Across every industry from including Disney, Netflix, Warner Bros. Discovery and Universal, who all had a direct hand in nego-

tiations. The United Auto Workers overwhelming ... they had these strike erupted this fall for six huge wins," Bronfenbrenner weeks among the three big weeks among the three big automakers, GM, Ford and Stellantis. There are over 5,000 workers at GM's Arlington assembly

October with a generous con-

"Once again, we have won several astonishing victories. For the past several weeks, analysts and pundits were crying that our union was going too far, that we were demanding too much," said Shawn Fain, UAW president in October. "We didn't listen to them, and we never let up. The result is one of the most stunning contract victories since the 1930s.'

According to industry analysts, the negotiations won the workers pay and cost-of-living raises that would top 30% by the time the contracts expire in April 2028. Workers would get an immediate 11% pay bump upon ratification.

"I think what's happening with the UAW in the aftermath of the strike and all the other strike victories are going to inspire more workers to organize," Bronfenbrenner said.

Earlier this year, after months of negotiations and threats of a strike that would have shaken the U.S. economy, UPS and the union representing 340,000 UPS workers reached a tentative agreement in July. The five-year agreement raised wages for all workers, created more full-time jobs and included workplace improvements like installing air conditioning in trucks, according to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

"We've seen an increase in organizing activity," Bronfenbrenner said. "Most of these gains are getting back things that unions have lost.

Union leadership at major airlines across the country also were in contract negotiations this year, including Dallas-based Southwest Airlines and Fort Worth-

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Recommends

Lego Star Wars: The Skywalker Saga

This game covers all three trilogies of the "Star Wars" saga in a video game format acted out by Lego versions of your favorite characters. The game takes a bit of a tongue-in-cheek approach with a few slight changes to the beloved films. There are over 300 playable characters, 100 vehicles and 23 planets to explore. The game is forgiving, making it a natural for non-gamers and youngsters. An excellent way for "Star Wars" fans to enjoy some fun with their children or grandchildren, playing together in that galaxy far, far away. — Scott Shaf-

Blog Ish Mom

A friend of mine is busy. Her youngest child is learning to walk. Her oldest is around 10 and on the autism spectrum. In between are two more. How does she cope? She writes a blog. "Ish Mom" (ishmom.com) offers reviews of books and make-up products, suggestions for crafts and games that have been a hit with her kids and a weekly "dump" of memes she has found insightful or amusing. But its primary focus is parenting — serious advice about parenting. The writer is intelligent, thoughtful and smart enough not to assume that all her readers are parents. She makes me laugh and she makes me think. Hard. — Louise Ronald

Music

Shannon Clark & the Sugar It's always fun to stumble onto a new favorite artist. It's even more exciting when you find out that artist is kinda, sorta, almost local. That was my experience with Shannon Clark and the Sugar (shannonclarksugar.com), a country band from Darke County, Ohio. Shannon and Brittany Clark were involved in the music industry in their younger years but stepped away following the death of their second daughter. They eventually would return to music as a healing tool, and their band was born when oldest daughter Navie joined. They opened for Tim McGraw in 2022. Start with "This Old World." — Ray Cooney

Iron Maiden's Senjutsu

Throughout our lives, most of us tend to favor music that was popular when we were teens. As we age we tend to lose interest in new music. For those of us who number of groups have put out new music. In late 2021, Iron Maiden released its 17th album "Senjutsu." This album sounds as good, if not better, than anything they've released since singer Bruce Dickinson's return to the band in 1999. Their Days of Future Past tour is scheduled to continue in 2024 focusing on songs from the new album as well as 1986's "Somewhere in Time."



Shannon Clark & The Sugar is a Greenville, Ohio, band that opened for Tim McGraw in 2022. The group is made up of husband and wife Shannon (third from left) and Brittany Clark (left), their daughter Navie (right) and cousin by marriage Joey Howard.

gle ahead of his upcoming solo album "The Mandrake Project." Scott Shaffer

The War and Treaty

In the last six months, I've listened to a lot of music from artists I had never heard of previously. The War and Treaty (thewarandtreaty.com) is now a new favorite. The husband-and-wife duo of Micheal Trotter Jr. and Tanya Trotter that was founded in 2014 in Michigan is both powerful and soulful. They count blues, soul, R&B, gospel, country, folk and rock all as influences. As write about them, I can hear Tanya luring in listeners with the first phrase of their song "Take Me In." Other favorites are "Five More Minutes" and "Dumb Luck." — Ray Cooney

This annual piece is usually more about new things we've found, but for this one I'm reaching back to an old favorite I rediscovered. Having re-watched some other shows enough, I decided to grew up during the 1980s and try the 1990s medical drama that enjoyed that era's hard rock and was a favorite during my teen heavy metal can do both. Since vears, "ER" (nbc.com/er) is even the coronavirus pandemic, a more than I remembered it to be. On average, it is a strong TV medical drama. At its best, it is a heart-pounding action movie with life-or-death consequences. Episode seven of season two -"Hell and High Water" — is a prime example. — Ray Cooney

Streaming stars

Here are a three of my five-star picks that are sure to add the word "binge" to your vocabulary. Dickinson has also released a sin- 1) "The Queen's Gambit" (Netflix)

— You don't need to know, or even care about, chess to enjoy this intriguing seven-episode series. 2) "Fargo" (Hulu) — If you enjoy dark comedies, unexpected plot twists and turns, and sitting on the edge of your seat, this one is for you. 3) "Poker Face" (Peacock) Imagine if you could tell if someone is lying to you. If you enjoy a good mystery, Columbostyle, check this one out. — Rick Reed

Food

Patty melt at The Chocolate Moose

Talking with Connie Ronald about this piece, I mentioned some of my favorite previous suggestions came from her late husband Jack recommending a specific dish rather than just a restaurant. The patty melt at The Chocolate Moose (thechocolatemoose.com) in Farmland popped into my head. When I mentioned it, Connie's eyes lit up. She said she and Jack used to split a patty melt on their Saturday dates. It's a sandwich done right — a burger patty with grilled onions and Swiss cheese on rye bread. Give yourself time to take in the 1950s diner ambience and enjoy a milkshake. — Ray Cooney

Area attraction

The Reid Center

Richmond has a jewelry box. A Tiffany jewelry box. Three stories high. It was built in 1904 as Reid Memorial Presbyterian Church. a gothic structure with more than 60 Tiffany Studio stained-glass windows. After declining attendance forced the church to close, a local consortium recreated it as



Marvel Studios

"Guardians of the Galaxy: Volume 3" features the backstory of the character Rocket, who is voiced by Bradley Cooper. The movie is nominated for a Golden Globe for cinematic and box office achievement and a Grammy Award for best compilation soundtrack for visual media.

The Reid Center (reidcenter.org), noon concerts every other a venue for concerts and other events. The current calendar includes a Valentine's Renaisconcert, Fiesta Mexicana and Ronald

Wednesday. The noon concerts are free and offer a great opportunity to see the windows in their sance Madrigal Dinner, a Celtic full daylight glory. — Louise

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idea would become binding and was planning accordingly.

"The new date, I believe, done by May 1 of next year. So it will be receiving our full attention in the first quarter," Weber

workforce shortage, the committee recommended making child care workers at licensed programs categorically eligible for public child care subsidies, allowing Hoosiers to seek tuition and fee coverage for child care credentials under the existing Workforce Ready Grant, and reducing certain workforce age requirements.

Indiana has previously focused largely on the demand side of the child care shortage equation, said Samuel Snideman, a vice president of government relations for the United Way of Central Indiana. The organization leads the Early Education Works Coalition.

"We can't serve more families if providers can't open seats," he said. "... All the subsidies in the printing, the committee world don't mean anything if there's no place to use them."

She was optimistic the find care for their own children while they're on the job. Making them all eligible for federal Child Care and Development requires us to have that Block Grant money or state On My Way Pre-K vouchers could help.

Snideman added that the change could entice back workers who left the 2. To ease the system's industry because of their own care responsibilities or low wages.

"If the state doesn't want to get involved in actual pay conversations around what child care workers make, it's really important that we find ways to get and keep more money in child care workers pockets so that they can still have a decent quality of life," he said.

3. To expand access in "hard-to-serve" areas, the committee proposed piloting a micro-center model, in which one "hub" handles administrative services for a multitude of small centers. FSSA should also allow background checks done at one of a provider's locations to be valid at its other locations, and should establish mobile finger-

informed decision-mak- if it's not going to happen Weber said child care ing, FSSA should publish this year.'

workers often struggle to a monthly data dashboard and — along with the Department of Revenue document the outcomes the employer-sponsored child care fund and expenditure credit. The group suggested that the Indiana Economic Development Corp. provide lawmakers updates on child care support funds associated with a major state economic development grant program and a recent federal microchip

> Key lawmakers have repeatedly said they want to keep the budget closed. And a surprise \$1 million Medicaid hole in discovered funds December could cement that approach, with Senate Appropriations Chair Ryan Mishler commenting, "That's why we have a budget every other year."

> Snideman, for his part, called himself "perhaps pathologically optimistic" for anticipating substantial bipartisan support.

Others were more skep-

"I hope we can start to really move the needle. I don't see it happening this unfortunately," year, Hamilton said. "In the next budget cycle, we need 4. And to boost data- to make big steps forward





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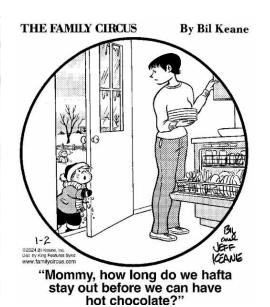
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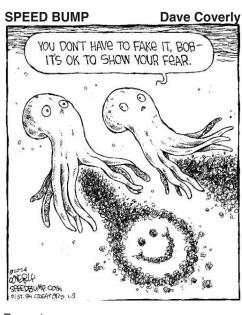
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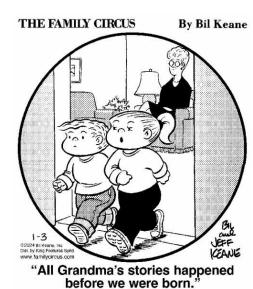
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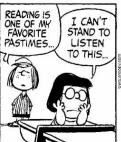










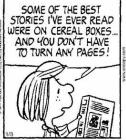


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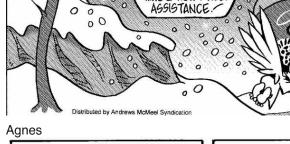


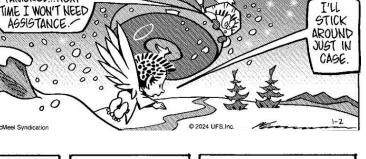


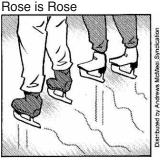


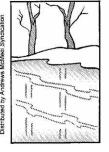


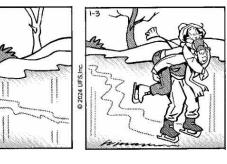
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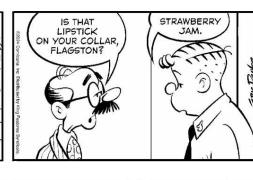


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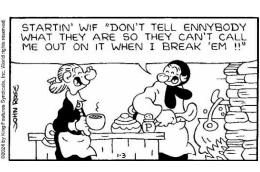
























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But faint heart ne'er won fair

lady, so you lead the queen of hearts from dummy and finesse after East follows low. When the

finesse succeeds, you are in better shape than before, but not yet out of the woods. You still need a favorable diamond division to carry off the grand slam.

This must be your lucky day, for when you next play the A-K of diamonds, both defenders follow

suit, and the grand slam is in the bag. There are no more hurdles to

surmount, despite the fact that

surmount, despite the fact that West outnumbers you in trump.

You continue playing diamonds, planning to discard all of dummy's hearts if West does not ruff at any point, and then lead the acc of

hearts to sew up the rest of the

tricks.

If West ruffs any of your red-suit

winners as you play them, you sim-ply overruff with dummy's eight — thereby equalizing West's trump

length with yours and draw his trumps to bring the matter to a

The hand is a good illustration of how you must think positively when attempting to land a hazard-

ous contract. You won't always get punished for an occasional overbid

if you maintain your composure so

that you can take full advantage when a favorable opportunity pres-

By Eugene Sheffer

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Tomorrow: The delicate art of defense

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: HOW COULD YOU

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Y equals K

EKW PNB SKTQ K CGHQ?"

By Steve Becker

When opportunity knocks

Contract

♣A82

SOUTH

♦ A K Q 9 7 6 ♣ K Q J 10 9

West

Pass

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Pass

♥A3

South

Opening lead — ace of spades.

Let's assume that, rightly or

wrongly, you get to seven clubs on the bidding shown and West leads the ace of spades. You ruff, of course, and undoubtedly regret

having failed to double six spades

since seven clubs is not a healthy

This view is reinforced when you

lead a trump to the ace and East shows out. On top of your other troubles, West now has more

troubles, West now has more trumps than you have, and the situation looks bleak indeed.

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"Enough!"

EAST ♠KQJ10976 ♥K97

North 1 ♥

Pass

-Bridge

East dealer.

WEST

A A 8 3 **V** 10 5 4

The bidding:

1-3

queen. This is not cause for alarm,

because the contract is still com-

pletely under control. The best the defenders can do in that case is to

eash a club and shift to a diamond.

South wins the diamond return,

draws the one missing trump and plays the king of spades. West takes his ace, but that's the end of the line

for the defense. South later crosses

to dummy's nine of trump and dis-cards his diamond loser on the

In effect, the trump finesse is a

safety play to guard against a 3-0 trump division. While it might wind up costing declarer a 30-point

pay for ensuring a vulnerable game.

queen of spades.

Contract By Steve Becker Bridge

An unusual safety play

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appears absurd, considering South possesses 10 trumps headed by the A-K-J. But, oddly enough, it is the
South dealer.
Both sides vulnerable
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♥962
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                 right play — not because the finesse
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because it assures the contract
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SOUTH
                                                                                                                                                                                                                the finesse, let's assume that declarer makes the more normal play of the ace on the first round of
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                                                                                                                                                                                                                 South must go down one, losing a
                                                         ★ K ▼ A K J 7 5 4 3
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The bidding: North East Pass 1 🏚 Opening lead — jack of clubs.

There are times when declarer

must make what appears to be a senseless play in order to give him the maximum chance for his contract. The play might seem foolish if it later turns out to be unnecessary, but when the play proves to be essential, declarer has something worth talking about.

Take this case where West leads a club against four hearts. South wins with dummy's ace, returns a low trump and, after East plays the eight, finesses the jack! The finesse

1-2

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CRYPTOQUIP

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Q equals L

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Jay County High School's Aiden Phillips drives the baseline in the first quarter of the Patriots' 55-36 loss at Muncie Central on Saturday night. On a night when Phillips didn't play in the junior varsity game, the sophomore tied Wesly Bihn for a team-high three rebounds as the Bearcats dominated Jay County on the boards 34-19.

Glass

Continued from page 10 Demarkis Cole collected most offensive rebounds for Muncie Central with eight. He added one defensive rebound to give him nine total.

Cole also scored a gamehigh 25 points by shooting 9-for-16 (56.3%) from the field and 5-for-9 (55.6%) at the free throw line. In the third quarter, Cole went on a 8-0 run individually from the 3-minutes, 48second mark when he scored a transition layup until 2:10 when he got a putback on another fast break. The other two baskets came off a 3-point play in which he was fouled on a drive by Westly Bihn and another transition opportunity.

"He's a stat-sheet stuffer and does a little bit of everything," MCHS coach Justin Ullom said. "Some nights it's 20 points, some nights it's 10 points, but he's always active. He's deflecting, rebounding, getting steals and he's turned into a vocal leader here the last week.'

The Patriots started the game off strong in the first quarter, even developing a 14-9 lead. Levi Muhlenkamp and Liam Garringer both hit a pair of threes to get things rolling for Jay County.

Once again, the second quarter is where the game took a turn for the worse for the Patriots.

Four Patriot turnovers and five Bearcat offensive rebounds gave Muncie Central ample opportunities for easy baskets, while Jay County's only points came off baskets by Gradin Swoveland and Trevin Dunnington.

While giving up five offensive rebounds, Jay County ended up with only one team defensive rebound on a ball that landed out of bounds after a missed shot.

'We'd make a play, get a stop, but give it right back to them, don't get anything out of it and then they'd go down and get a score," Bomholt said. "If you do that three or four times, there's eight points and that changes the game wholeheartedly.

"We just don't have the make it up. Now, if we could score, it'd be different, but we just missed so 2A No. 1 Wapahani. The 10.

Box score

Muncie Central Bearcats vs. Jay County Patriots

Boys varsity summary

Muncie Central (5-5) FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS Hiatt 0-0 0-0 1-3 Cook Taylor 4-6 0-0 Cole 9-16 5-9 Wells 2-2 Reynolds 0-0 McNabb 1-6 1-2 1-6 1-2 Strange Douglas 1-1 2-2 19-43 12-21 55 .442 .571 Def. rebound percentage: .520

Jay County (2-6) FG-FGA FT-FTA PTS Nichols Mhlnkmp Edwards Fugiett Garringer Dunnington 1-6 Crouch 1-4 Phillips Bihn 0-0 0-0 Swoveland 2-4 2-2 **Totals** 13-38 3-8 .342 .375

Score by quarters: Jay Co. 14 6 6 10-36 Mun. Ct. 9 19 16 11-55

3-point shooting: Jay County 7-21 (Muhlenkamp 2-4, Garringer 2-6, Swoveland 1-1, Nichols 1-2, Dunnington 1-4, Edwards 0-1, Crouch 0-1, Fugiett 0-2). Muncie Central 7-16 (Taylor 2-3, Cole 2-4, Wells 1-1, Strange 1-3, McNabb 1-4, Reynolds

Rebounds: Jay County 19 (Phillips 3, Bihn 3, Team 3, Muhlenkamp 2, Fugiett 2, Garringer 2, Crouch 2, Edwards, Dunnington). Muncie Central 34 (Cole 9, Cook 6, McNabb 5, Taylor 4, Wells 4, Strange 3, Team 2, Douglas).

Assists: Jay County 8 (Muhlenkamp 3, Garringer 2, Dunnington, Crouch, Swoveland). Muncie Central 10 (Taylor 4, Cook 3, Strange 2, Wells).

Blocks: Jay County 6 (Dunnington 2. Crouch 2. Muhlenkamp, Bihn).

Personal fouls: Jay County 19 (Garringer 5, Nihcols 4, Crouch 3, Bihn 3, Muhlenkamp, Dunnington, Phillips, Swoveland). Muncie Central 13 (Cole 4. Douglas 3. Wells 2. Strange 2, Cook, Taylor).

Turnovers: Jay County 19. Muncie Central 17.

throws. ...

Def. rebound percentage: .833

"Our goal tonight was to get the game to the fourth quarter where we had a chance to win. We didn't. We started off really well, but once again, in the second quarter we're turning it over and they're scoring."

The Patriots gave up three different runs of eight or more points, pushing the Bearcats' lead to 47-28 going into the final peri-

Despite working a lot on handling ball pressure, Bomholt said the Patriots continued to struggle with turnovers. In the third quarter alone, JCHS coughed up the ball nine times.

Bomholt would ideally like his team to turn the ball over fewer than 10 times in a game, but couldn't do that against MCHS as it finished with 19. Along with the loss, the

Patriots had some more bad news. After making his first varsity start a week prior, freshman Jayden Comer will be sidelined while recovering from an appendectomy.

The loss saw some slight with 13 and 10 basketball mentality to improvements from the respectively. previous defeats to Class

many layups and free Patriots assisted on only four field goals in those games combined. On Saturday, they had seven assists. Defensively, they gave up fewer threes, as the Bearcats only hit seven opposed to Wapahani's 12.

Did we make a little bit of progress? Yeah, a little bit," Bomholt said. "But not enough to satisfy us. We've got a lot more work to do.

Junior varsity

A dominant second half propelled Jay County to a 41-21 win over Muncie Central on Saturday in the junior varsity game.

The Patriots (6-2) held an eight-point lead going into halftime. Their defense suffocated the Bearcats in the third quarter as a pair layups by Cole Forthofer, a basket and a pair of free throws from Eli Dirksen won Jay County the quarter by an 8-0 margin.

In the fourth, the Patriots hit five shots for 11 points to ice the game while the Bearcats could only muster seven points.

Forthofer and Dirksen both reached double-digits ZaTavion Smith was Muncie Cen-3A No. 5 Delta and Class tral's leading scorer with

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8:30 p.m. — NBA: Chicago Bulls at New York Knicks (ABC)

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at Villanova (FS1)

9 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Stanford

at UCLA (ESPN2); Indiana at Nebraska (BTN)

10 p.m. — NBA: Miami Heat at Los Angeles

10:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Fresno State at San Diego State (FS1)

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13 Patriots move on

Five Patriots are regional champions, eight more also advance to semi-state

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

There wasn't a lot of suspense to be found Saturday.

With girls wrestling adding a round to the state tournament series this year, virtually everyone was guaranteed to advance through the regional. The day's competition was mostly about wrestlers putting themselves in a good position for the semistate.

For the most part, the Patriots did just that.

The ninth-ranked Jay County High School girls wrestling team racked up five regional champions — Mallory Winner, Katie Rowles, Calie Yates, Lina Lingo and Emily Manor — and won the team title on their home mats.

"I like to refer to it as the wrestling roller coaster, where you feel good about something and the next thing you know you're feeling kind of crummy." said JCHS coach Eric Myers. "All of our girls are still alive, so that's a good thing. You give yourself a chance to wrestle into next week and give yourself another chance to advance.

"That's the most important part, even though some of those matches we'd like to have back.'

With the top four wrestlers in each weight class advancing to Friday's semi-state at Rochester, only a handful of wrestlers were eliminated Saturday. wrestler (Lexi Edwards of Muncie Central) had no competitors while six weight classes had just two wrestlers and another four had only three.

The host Patriots scored 58 points to win the regional by 17 over Blackford. Muncie Central

(35) was third in the field of eight teams.

It was the second regional title in a row for Jay County, which also won amongst a much larger contingent last season prior to the tournament's expansion.

"I thought we had a great day," said JCHS assistant coach Troy Jacks. "We are advancing everybody. We seem to have just put it together — got a few champions, a few runners-up — I just couldn't be more proud of the girls."

The Patriots dominated at 155 pounds — it was the busiest weight class of the day with six competitors — where two of their wrestlers squared off in the championship match. Two-time defending state champion and top-ranked Mallory Winner (18-0) pinned teammate Madison Gage (6-9) in 1 minute, 5 seconds, for the regional title after finishing off Monroe Central's Chelsea Erwin in 43 seconds in the semifinal.

Gage earned her runner-up spot with a pair of pins of her own, topping Blackford's Laurel McVicker in 1:11 in the opening round and Muncie Central's Amaya Stoudimire in 2:16 in the semifinal.

No. 7 Katie Rowles (26-4) was the only other JCHS wrestler who needed multiple victories to earn her regional title. She powered her way through the bracket, needing just five seconds to take down Maria Oliphant of Monroe Central before pinning her in 23 seconds and then finishing off Blackford's Madison Henderson

"I felt pretty good," said Rowles. "I've been working for this all season....

"I moved my feet well and I



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Jay County High School sophomore Calie Yates pins Courtney Thrash of Muncie Central during Saturday's regional meet. Yates won the regional championship at 120 pounds and the host Patriots repeated as the team champions.

want, that weren't going to help me win the match.'

13th-ranked Lina Lingo (20-8) took care of business against Muncie Central's Akira Jones, getting behind her at the 1:20 mark for the first points of the match. She was up 7-1 when she finished off Jones in 2:32.

Yates wrestled a wild back-andforth match to decide the 120pound bracket, scoring the first points before falling behind 8-5. She closed the second period with a reversal and five near fall points kept clearing ties that I didn't and was up 14-8 in the third when

she pinned Courtney Thrash of Muncie Central in 4:26.

"I was really excited to see Calie Yates, a first-year girl, come out and win the regional," said Myers. "She had a battle there. ... She said, 'I was not gonna lose that match.' You love to hear that.'

In the only match at 140 pounds, Manor got a takedown and three-point near fall about a minute into the match. She caught Learah Rollins of Muncie Central in a cradle in the second

"I think Emily Manor wrestled awesome today coming back from and injury," said Jacks. "She wrestled real sharp. ...

"She wrestlers so wiry. She commanded on her feet. She wrestled great on top. ... It was an overall, total good match."

Also advancing were Willow Hardy at 125 and Sydney Huftel at 190 in second place; Sophia Thomas at 105, Ellie Wendel at 120 and Maleah Parsons at 145 in third: and Tatianna Willis at 115 and Tessa Miller at 170 in fourth.

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Patriots struggle on the glass against Bearcats

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the first half of the season. Sometimes it's the 3point line that kills them. that costs us." On other days, it's

turnovers. This time, it was the offensive glass.

The Jay County High School basketball team struggled to secure the ball after missed shots, giving up 14 offensive rebounds to Muncie the Central Bearcats in a 55-36 loss Saturday that extended their losing streak to five.

— It's been a coach Jerry Bomholt said rough go for the Patriots in "Here's our problem, we find the most inopportune time to do things wrong

The Bearcats (5-5) dominated Jay County (2-6) on the boards. The total margin showed Muncie Central outrebounded Jay County 34-19. A more telling way of looking at the rebound totals comes in the form of 13 defensive rebounds for the Patriots and 14 offensive rebounds for the Bearcats, meaning Munice Central pulled

"It's been a breakdown down more of its missed every time," Jay County shots than Jay County

> "We just missed so many assignments," Bomholt said. "There's a block-out area you're supposed to be at. We had to move some people and they didn't even come close to getting to the right vicinity to get them blocked off."

> Three offensive rebounds resulted in trips to the foul line, one was kicked out for a three and four more were put right back up and in, totaling 15 second-chance points.

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Indians' comeback falls short to Lancers

massive fourth quarter.

They were nearly unstoppable in the final period of the game. The team defending them wasn't their real opposition at roundup

that point, but rather, it was the clock. Despite putting together a 20-point fourth quarter, the Fort Recovery High School boys basketball team fell to the Lin-

colnview Lancers 54-45 Saturday. The Lancers (4-4) got out to an 11-point first half lead. They held the Indians (4-5) at bay in the third while extending their advantage to 13 at 38-25.

Rex Leverette and Briggs Overman led the comeback for Fort Recovery with eight points each in the final period.

Lincolnview kept pace just enough to maintain the lead by hitting 12 of 16 free

Overman led FRHS with 16 points while Rex Leverette added 12.

Cal Evans was the only Lancer to hit 10 points, but Kreston Tow Reide Jackson and Steven Smith all had nine. Smith scored five of his points in the fourth

Knapke leads

while Jackson had four.

CELINA, Ohio — Three Indians rolled 200 games as the Fort Recovery boys bowling team eked out a 2,648-2,601 victory over the New Bremen Cardinals on Saturday at Plaza Lanes in Celina, Ohio.

Owen Knapke led the way for Fort Recovery (5-1, 3-1 Midwest Athletic Conference) with an average pinfall of 193. He shared the match-high game of 209 with fellow Indian Lucas Acheson. In the first age.

Fort Recovery

game, Knapke shot a 177 while Acheson had a 170.

Evan Keller also had a 200 game, following it up with a 156.

The top bowler for the Cardinals (3-2, 2-2 MAC) was Caden Wente who averaged a 178 by rolling a 154 and 202. Carson Keller also broke the 200 mark with a 201.

The Indians and Cardinals tied in baker with 945 pins over five games.

Girls stay perfect

CELINA, Ohio — The baker games propelled the Fort Recovery girls bowling team to a 2,244-2,005 victory over the New Bremen Cardinals on Saturday morning.

The Indians (3-0, 3-0 MAC) shot nearly 200 pins better than the Cardinals (1-4, 1-3 MAC), beating them 843-647. FRHS rolled a 225 and 172 in games one and two. New Bremen's high was a 158 in the final game.

Deanna Brown and Brooklyn Wyerick led the way for the Indains with average pinfalls of 149 and 148.5, respectively. Brown knocked down 162 in her first game, which was also the high for the

FRHS individual bowlers. Marina Nelson led the Cardinals with games of 178 and 150 pins for a 164 aver-