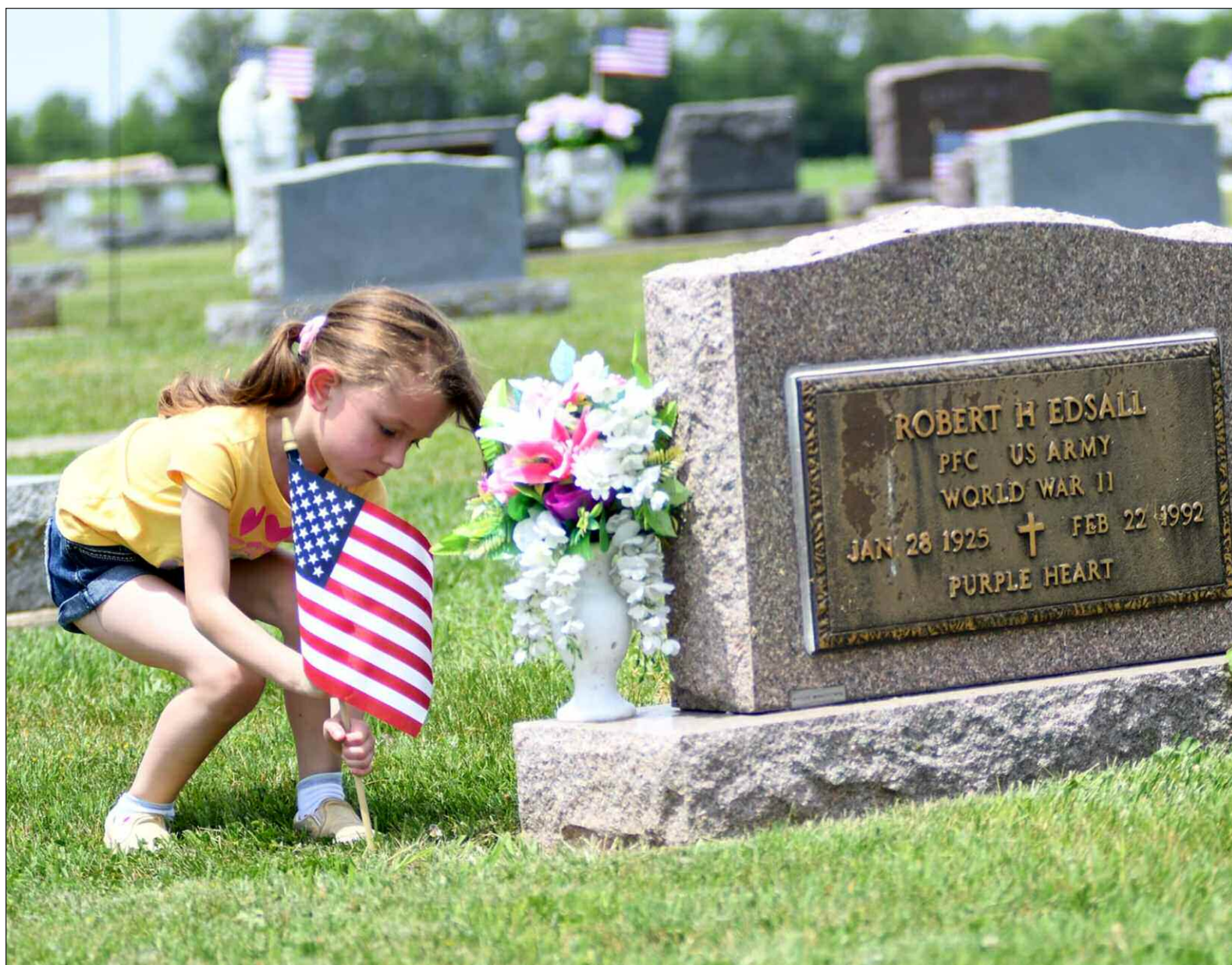


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Decorating graves

Seven-year-old Matilda Miller places a flag at the grave site of Robert H. Edsall — he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and was awarded a Purple Heart — on Friday afternoon at Center Cemetery in preparation for Memorial Day. Miller was part of a group of several Jay County Girl Scout troops placing flags at the cemetery on county road 500 West, just north of Indiana 26. Memorial Day services scheduled for this weekend include 2 p.m. Sunday at Gravel Hill Cemetery west of Bryant; 9 a.m. Monday at Claycomb Cemetery in Greene Township; 10 a.m. at the Redkey War Mother's Memorial Monument; 11 a.m. Monday at Green Park Cemetery in Portland; and 11:15 a.m. at Hillcrest Cemetery south of Redkey.

Lilly to double LEAP funding

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Gov. Eric Holcomb joined Eli Lilly and company Chair and CEO David A. Ricks Friday to announce Lilly's plans to more than double its investment at the LEAP Research and Innovation District in Lebanon.

The new \$5.3 billion expansion brings Lilly's total LEAP investment to \$9 billion and will enhance the company's capacity to manufacture active pharmaceutical ingredients (API) for its latest type 2 diabetes and obesity medicines, a news release said.

"Lilly continues to play a transformational role in shaping Indiana's opportunity economy, and I couldn't be more proud about their pole position leadership in developing the LEAP Research and Innovation District in Lebanon, Indiana. Lilly has long been driving global innovation and economic growth that will be felt for decades here at home," Holcomb said. "As an international company, headquartered in Indiana, Lilly had a world of options to consider before making this investment, and choosing Indiana once again reinforces the incredible environment we've cultivated and the talented workforce we have to carry Lilly's success forward. I can't wait to see the incredible benefits this investment leads to for patients around the world, knowing they were made in Indiana."

In addition to the new, multi-billion-dollar investment, Lilly also committed to create another 200 new, full-time jobs for highly skilled workers, such as engineers, scientists, operating personnel and lab technicians, bringing the company's total planned new jobs at LEAP to 900.

See LEAP page 2

Israel ordered to halt assault

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Tribune News Service

AMSTERDAM — The U.N.'s top court on Friday ordered Israel to "immediately" halt its military assault on the southern Gaza city of Rafah, saying the humanitarian situation in the Palestinian territory was "disastrous."

The ruling read aloud by judge Nawaf Salam at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in The Hague was in response to an urgent application submitted by South Africa.

South Africa justified its applica-

tion to the ICJ by arguing that the court's previous measures in connection with the Gaza war were inadequate.

South Africa has previously demanded measures against Israel several times in summary proceedings. This is part of the genocide lawsuit that the country filed with the court in December.

In two emergency rulings, the U.N. judges had obliged Israel to do everything possible to prevent genocide and to allow humanitarian aid.

Israel has rejected all the allega-

tions, with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu invoking the country's right to self-defense in response to the attack mounted by the Palestinian Islamist group Hamas and other groups on October 7.

Israeli government spokesman Avi Hyman said on Thursday when asked what Israel would do if the court ordered a halt to the military operation in the Gaza Strip: "No power on Earth will stop Israel from protecting its citizens and going after Hamas in Gaza."

While the top U.N. court's rul-

ings are binding, it has no means of forcing compliance. It can, however, call on the U.N. Security Council to act.

Hamas gunmen killed some 1,200 people in Israel on October 7. Israel responded with a devastating aerial and ground campaign that, according to Hamas-run health authorities, has killed more than 35,000 people in the territory.

Israel has vowed to keep up its military operations until Hamas has been completely eliminated in Gaza.

Ukraine plans to counterattack

By OLESIA SAFRONOVA and ALIAKSANDR KUDRYTSKI

Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

The Ukrainian army said it's planning counterattacks to push back Russian forces that seized territory in the northeast Kharkiv region.

The incursion, which began two weeks ago, opened a new front and stretched Kyiv's resources. But Moscow failed to achieve its objective to create a buffer zone of up to 19 miles within Ukraine, Ihor Prokhorenko, an official in Ukraine's General Staff, said Friday.

"The enemy has been stopped," he told a briefing in Kyiv.

Russia is accumulating troops along the border in the neighboring Sumy region, Prokhorenko said. Defenses have been

boosted there, and the military will avoid "miscalculations" that allowed Russians to pour into the Kharkiv region earlier this month, he said.

Two weeks after Russian troops crossed the border to open a fresh front in Kharkiv region, the advance has ground to a halt in the town of Vovchansk less than 6 miles south of the frontier, and in Lyptsi to the southwest, top military commander Oleksandr Syrskiy said on Thursday. The Kremlin's new front forced Kyiv to rush soldiers to the country's northeast, sapping reserves as Moscow intensified assaults in the east.

Russia's incursion near Kharkiv follows months of increased bombardment of Ukraine's second-biggest city.



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Exuberant Indians

The Fort Recovery Indians come out of their dugout to celebrate with Caden Homan (10) after he scored to give them a 4-0 lead in the third inning of Friday's Division IV district championship game at Coldwater. The Tribe added seven runs in the fifth inning as it rolled to its first district title since 2016. For more on the game, see page 10.

Deaths

Francis Weesner, 86, rural Portland
Jeremiah Lykins, 45, Petroleum
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 83 degrees Friday. Skies will be partly cloudy today with a chance of showers and storms and a high of 80. Expect a high in the lower 80s Sunday with a 70% chance of rain. There is a 50% chance of rain on Memorial Day. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Because of the Memorial Day holiday on Monday, there will be no newspaper Tuesday. We will resume our regular publishing schedule Wednesday.

Coming up

Wednesday — Results from the JCHS baseball team in the sectional tournament.

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



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Sunday 5/26	Monday 5/27	Tuesday 5/28	Wednesday 5/29	Thursday 5/30
81/64	73/56	72/51	68/47	73/52
There's a 70% chance of rain and thunderstorms on Sunday.	Memorial Day shows a 40% chance of rain and thunderstorms.	Tuesday has a 30% chance of rain and thunderstorms with a low of 51.	There's a chance of thunderstorms on Wednesday under mostly sunny skies.	Sunny skies are in the forecast for Thursday when the high will be in the low 70s.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 6-3-3
Daily Four: 4-9-5-5
Quick Draw: 3-5-6-7-18-19-20-30-33-35-36-38-39-40-52-63-64-74-77-78

Ohio
Midday
Pick 3: 2-7-5
Pick 4: 6-0-1-6

Pick 5: 5-9-1-4-8
Evening
Rolling Cash: 4-6-13-28-33
Jackpot: \$150,000

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$120 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$453 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Corn.....4.53
June corn4.57
Wheat5.87

POET Biorefining Portland
Corn.....4.65
June corn4.65
July corn.....4.55

The Andersons Richland Township
Corn4.55
June corn4.50
Beans12.36

June beans12.36
Wheat6.57

ADM Montpelier
Corn.....4.45
June corn4.47
Beans12.38
June beans12.38
Wheat6.52

Heartland St. Anthony
Corn.....4.55
June corn4.55
Beans12.13
June beans12.18
Wheat6.37

Today in history

In 1787, the Constitutional Convention opened in Philadelphia. Initially charged with amending the Articles of Confederation, the convention instead drafted the U.S. Constitution.

In 1803, Ralph Waldo Emerson, an essayist, philosopher and poet was born in Boston.

In 1851, Jose Justo de Urquiza of Argentina led a rebellion against Juan Manuel de Rosas.

In 1878, "H.M.S. Pinafore," the comic opera by W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, premiered in London.

In 1925, educator John Scopes was indicted for teaching the Darwinian theory of evolution in school.

In 1935, Babe Ruth of the New York Yankees hit his final career home run — No. 714. His record stood for 39 years.

In 1953, the first atomic cannon was fired in Nevada.

In 1961, President John F. Kennedy during a speech before Congress committed that the United States would land a man on the moon by the end of the decade.

In 1963, the Organization of African Unity, which promoted decolonization and the end of white minority governments in Africa, was founded.

In 1977, Star Wars was released.

In 1978, football player Brian Urlacher, who went on to play for the Chicago Bears, was born.

In 1998, Lewis Laux and Josh Ford each had two hits as the Jay County High School baseball team defeated Bluffton 5-3.

In 2011, the final episode of The Oprah Winfrey Show aired.

In 2012, Fort Recovery High School's Elle Sutter placed fifth in the 3,200-meter run in the regional at Troy.

In 2013, Elle Sutter of Fort Recovery High School finished third in the 3,200-meter run at the Division III district meet at Spencerville to earn herself a regional berth.

In 2018, Wyatt Geesaman hit his first home run of the season to break a tie in the bottom of the third inning and then allowed just one base runner the rest of the way as the Jay County High School baseball team defeated Norwell 10-3.

In 2020, George Floyd, an unarmed Black man, was killed during an arrest in Minneapolis. His death set off nationwide protests.

In 2021, Elisa Parazzi gave Jay County High School its first girls track regional champion in a decade as she won the high jump at 5 feet, 4 inches, in the meet at Ben Davis. She and Kinsey Shannon, who placed third in the 400-meter dash, both earned berths in the state finals.

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Citizen's calendar

Tuesday
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
7 p.m. — Redkey Town Council, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.

June 3
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

June 4
4 p.m. — Jay County Development Corporation, Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland.
5:30 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council, town hall, 105 N. Washington St.
7 p.m. — Salamonina Town Council, Schoolhouse Community Center,

Obituaries

Frances Weesner

Sept. 8, 1937-May 22, 2024
Frances L. Weesner, age 86, of rural Portland passed away Wednesday, May 22, 2024.



Weesner

She was born in Portland on Sept. 8, 1937, the daughter of Ray and Norene (Redford) Rines. She was married on Sept. 8, 1957, to Duane Weesner and he passed away on Aug. 31, 2009.

Frances was a farm wife, worked in county government for over 20 years and had also worked at the Jay Garment. She was a member of Fairview United Methodist Church, was a 4-H Leader for many years

and served on the Jay County Fair Board. She was a 1955 Portland High School graduate and also was a seamstress.

Surviving are one son, Gary Weesner (wife: Kimbra) of Lafayette; two daughters, Beth Stephen (husband: Jeff) of Portland and Nancy Snyder (husband: Jeff) of Portland; one brother, Howard Rines (wife: Donna) of St. Paul, Minnesota; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Annelle Stratton.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, May 30, 2024, at 10 a.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with Pastor Joe Hines presiding. Burial will follow in the Little Salamonina Cemetery. Visitation will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Wednesday.

Memorials can be made to Heart to Heart Hospice or Fairview United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.

Jeremiah Lykins, Petroleum, the son of a Bryant man, Feb. 18, 1979-May 22, 2024. Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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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.



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Team effort

Katelyn Siefring, Addalyn Roessner, Cora Pearson and Stella Patch pull during the tug of war competition Friday at Fort Recovery Middle School. Students faced off in various field day activities on their last day of the school year.

LEAP ...

Continued from page 1
"Today's announcement tops the largest manufacturing investment in our company's history and, we believe, represents the single largest investment in synthetic medicine API manufacturing in U.S. history," said Ricks. "This multi-site campus will make our latest medicines, support pipeline growth and leverage the latest technology and automation for maximum efficiency, safety and quality control. Importantly, we are investing in our home state of Indiana, creating high-wage, advanced manufacturing, engineering and science jobs for hundreds of current and future Hoosier families."

The LEAP district in Lebanon has been fraught with controversy as the Indiana Economic Development Corporation has bought up thousands of acres of land at prices exceeding assessed value. A plan to possibly pipe in millions of gallons of water from Tippecanoe County also stirred controversy. So far, Lilly remains the only company publicly committed to LEAP.

Since breaking ground at LEAP in April 2023, Lilly has transformed a significant portion of its 600 acres at the site into an active construction site and expects to begin making medicines there in late 2026.

The state has agreed to assist in developing a robust workforce ecosystem of qualified manufacturing talent by providing the land and helping to raise capital for a new workforce training center that will be part of the larger LEAP industrial development. The new training center will have added impact by aligning with Lilly's previously announced financial support for scholarship and training programs with Purdue University and Ivy Tech Community College, as well as the BioCross-

roads-led training center at 16 Tech — part of Indiana's recent Tech Hub designation.

"We are excited about Eli Lilly and Company's plan to expand their investment in Lebanon, reinforcing their role as a key community partner in driving future innovation and economic prosperity," said Lebanon Mayor Matt Gentry. "Their investment underscores our shared commitment to creating greater opportunities and enhancing the quality of life for our residents and community."

Based on the company's plans to create 200 additional new jobs at their project site in LEAP, the IEDC committed an additional investment in Lilly of up to \$500,000 in the form of incentive-based training grants. The IEDC also committed an additional investment of up to \$20 million in redevelopment tax credits and \$15 million in road

infrastructure improvements based on the company's announced plans to invest an additional \$5.3 billion. With a total estimated capital investment of \$9.7 billion and the hiring of 900 high-wage positions by Lilly at their LEAP site, the

IEDC also revised its Innovation Development District award structure to accommodate a 30-year benefit period with an estimated value of \$1.2 billion in tax rebates and the flexibility for the project to further grow.

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Morris, Judy: 11 a.m., Walker & Glancy Funeral Home, 109 W. Windsor St., Montpelier.

Thursday
Lykins, Jeremiah: 2 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Weesner, Frances: 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

June 2
Snyder, Wesley: 1:30 p.m., Portland Church of Christ, 1217 W. Votaw St., Portland.

June 15
Weaver, Larry: 10:30 a.m., Akron Community Center, 815 Rural St., Akron, Indiana.

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State convention

Fort Recovery FFA recently attended the state FFA convention in Columbus, Ohio. The Nature Interpretation Team — Russell Hart, Will Westgerdes, Gabe Acheson, Cody Klenke, Keegan Muhlenkamp and Carter Fortkamp — placed first in the state. Drew Backs, Cassidy Dues, Evan Evers, Allison Knapke, Matthew Romer, Zach Schoenlein, and Mara Wenning received their state FFA degrees. Fort Recovery FFA officers Mara Wenning, Zach Schoenlein, Cassidy Dues and Allison Knapke were rated gold at the convention.

Grandmother keeps mentioning other child

DEAR ABBY: I'm 42 and recently had my first baby. My brother is six years younger and has a baby who just turned 1. Our mom has a total of four biological grandkids and one step-grandchild.

I know Mom loves all of them. She is a very caring and giving grandmother. But lately, anytime I bring up my daughter in conversation, she automatically starts talking about my brother's baby. I have noticed this is happening a lot, and my boyfriend has noticed it also.

We were recently at a family party, and anytime anyone mentioned their kids or grandkids, Mom would walk over and start talking about my brother's daughter. Don't get me wrong, I love my niece. But Mom doesn't talk about my daughter or my sister's kids

Dear Abby



(teenagers) like she does my brother's baby girl.

Am I wrong to feel that my mom needs to concentrate on my baby when she is around her? I get tired of her always bringing up my niece. My boyfriend is fed up with it, too, but hasn't said anything to my mom. I honestly don't think she does it intentionally. Is this something I should address with her, or just let it be? — TICKED OFF IN TEXAS

DEAR TICKED OFF: Because this is bothering you enough that you would

write to me, you absolutely should discuss this with your mother. And when you do, tell her your boyfriend has noticed it, too, and ask her why she feels it necessary to do this. She may be unaware she is doing it, and the effect it has been having on you.

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DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend and I have been together for two years. We've had arguments about bedtime etiquette since the honeymoon phase wore off. There's one bed in his three-bedroom house. I like to sleep in silence in darkness — I've always thought this was the ideal setting for quality sleep. My boyfriend, on the other hand, likes to sit up in bed with a dim light on while scrolling and playing videos on his phone while I'm next to

him! The first time I asked if maybe he could do that before coming to bed, he lost it and kicked me out of the bedroom. Since then, I have at least gotten him to turn off the lights, but he still watches videos and refuses to wear a headset or earbuds. He stays up much later than I do, so I can't fall asleep until he's ready.

He says I am "overly sensitive" and gets upset when I go to sleep on the couch. We've had nasty fights about this, and I don't understand how I'm unreasonable when I just want to sleep. I think he's selfish. Who's being unreasonable, and how can I manage to get quality sleep with a partner like this? — SLEEP-DEPRIVED IN THE EAST

DEAR SLEEP-DEPRIVED: You are not unreasonable. Your boyfriend is control-

ling and inconsiderate. You MUST take care of yourself. Sleep deprivation can not only make a person a dangerous driver and less efficient at work, but it can also make a person sick.

If you are not living with this person full time, for the sake of your health, consider sleeping at your place on weeknights. If you are living in his home, consider moving.

If your boyfriend is this unreasonable in other areas, "consider reconsidering" the relationship.

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Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Community Calendar

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

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Sunday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 8 a.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at Richard's Restaurant.

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

BRYANT COMMUNITY

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

JAY COUNTY CANCER SUPPORT GROUP — Will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. in conference room C at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital. Open discussion for cancer patients, survivors, family members or anyone interested in helping with the group. For more information, contact Linda Metzger at (260) 726-1844.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. 2107.

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

Wednesday
WEDNESDAY MORN-

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

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

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday in the cafe at John Jay Center for Learning, 101 S. Meridian St., Portland.

COMMUNITY REINFORCEMENT AND FAMILY TRAINING — A non-confrontational, evidence-based intervention for helping families affected by addiction meets at 4 p.m. each Wednesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

ALANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.

Sudoku

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		2	1					3

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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Appreciate the fight for freedom

By NATE LAMAR

June 6 will mark the 80th anniversary of the Allies' D-Day invasion of France during World War II.

As many years as it has been, most of us here today are familiar with D-Day only through Hollywood, whether it be the film "Saving Private Ryan" or the HBO miniseries "Band of Brothers."

Two years ago, following a trade show in Paris, I was fortunate to take a few vacation days, rent a car and drive to the far northwest of France to visit Pierrick Benoist, an exchange student in our home my senior year at Hagerstown High School. He and his wife, Marie-Cecile, live in a 200-year-old home on the Atlantic coast near the border between France's historic regions of Brittany and Normandy.

While visiting them, Pierrick

Nate LaMar



took me to the Brittany-American cemetery, where he has "adopted" by periodically decorating the graves of two Indiana soldiers who are buried there. When we went there, he took flowers from his garden along with the U.S. and Indiana flags for each grave.

The day before D-Day, Gen. Dwight Eisenhower sent his Order of the Day, which began, "Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force! You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months.

The eyes of the world are upon you."

The night before D-Day, 13,348 paratroopers of the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions of the U.S. Army, along with paratroopers from the British and Canadian armies, were dropped behind enemy lines in Normandy. This included soldiers of the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment, whose E Company (or Easy Company) surviving members were interviewed throughout "Band of Brothers." The mission was to destroy as much as possible the German defenses on the high ground above the beaches.

Pierrick drove us into Normandy, where we first visited the town of Sainte-Mère-Eglise (Holy Mother Church in French). While most Americans know of the June 6, 1944, D-Day landings on Omaha Beach and Utah Beach, fewer are familiar with what happened in this small town.

Thirty paratroopers from the 82nd Airborne Division landed in Sainte-Mère-Eglise. Pvt. John Steele of the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment jumped from his aircraft. His parachute got tangled in the pinnacle of the church tower. He pretended to be dead for two hours. But German soldiers eventually cut down his cords and took him prisoner. Four hours later, he escaped through a window and rejoined his regiment, which liberated the town. Today, a replica of John Steele and his parachute hangs from the church. Thanks to his efforts, and those of other members of the 82nd "All-American" Airborne Division, Sainte-Mère-Eglise became the first town liberated after D-Day.

Pierrick then drove us to the Normandy American Cemetery. It sits peacefully atop the cliffs above Omaha Beach. On Omaha

Beach, they have left some of the Germans' giant steel barricades, which made it even more difficult for Allied landing craft, not to mention the many exiting soldiers.

Eisenhower ended his Order of the Day with, "And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking."

We cannot fully appreciate what members of the Greatest Generation went through on D-Day, and elsewhere, to secure our freedom and that of so many others. On this Memorial Day, let's especially remember those we lost in World War II.

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LaMar, an international director, also serves as military academy liaison officer (West Point recruiter) for east central Indiana and served as Henry County Council president from 2009 through 2019.

Knowledge, info must have value

The Mercury News
Tribune News Service

There is no artificial intelligence without the vast trove of human knowledge.

Today's generative AI applications were built on a foundation of such information, drawn from across the internet and from various databases totaling, according to at least one estimate, somewhere around 300 billion words.

That's a lot of intellectual property, much of it produced by generations of professional writers, honed and polished by editors and sent out into the world by publishers in newspapers, magazines, books and more.

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But that's the assumption made by OpenAI when it claims that its use of all this data, much of which it acknowledges was subject to various copyrights, is fair use and did not require compensation to the original creators and owners of that knowledge and information.

If you walked into a bookstore and stole not just some of the books, but all of the books, that would be a crime, right?

That's why newspapers, including this one, as well as authors and an array of digital publishers have filed lawsuits seeking to force OpenAI to pay for its exploitation of their work.

Regular people aren't allowed to make copies of a recent best-seller and resell it with a different cover, nor can a studio stream a competitor's series just because it's on the Internet and it's possible to copy it. They might be able to license that material, if the owner allows it, and they can certainly buy copies, but even buying a copy doesn't give the purchaser the right to reproduce and redistribute such works.

There's a fundamental issue of ownership in play here.

For decades, newspapers have been independent entities. They have written the obituaries of local luminaries, chronicled crimes committed, and followed fights over public works. In most every U.S. city, they've accumulated a great storehouse of knowledge, day by day.

Guest Editorial

The rise of artificial intelligence may be inevitable but that does not mean that the originators of the content should not expect adequate compensation.

The theft of that journalism to create new products clearly intended to supplant news publishers further undermines the economy for news at a time when fair and balanced reporting and a shared set of facts is more critical than ever before.

Weakening news publishers also has a collateral effect on democracy as it not only siphons off publisher revenue, but it also damages publishers' reputations by attributing bogus information to credible publications.

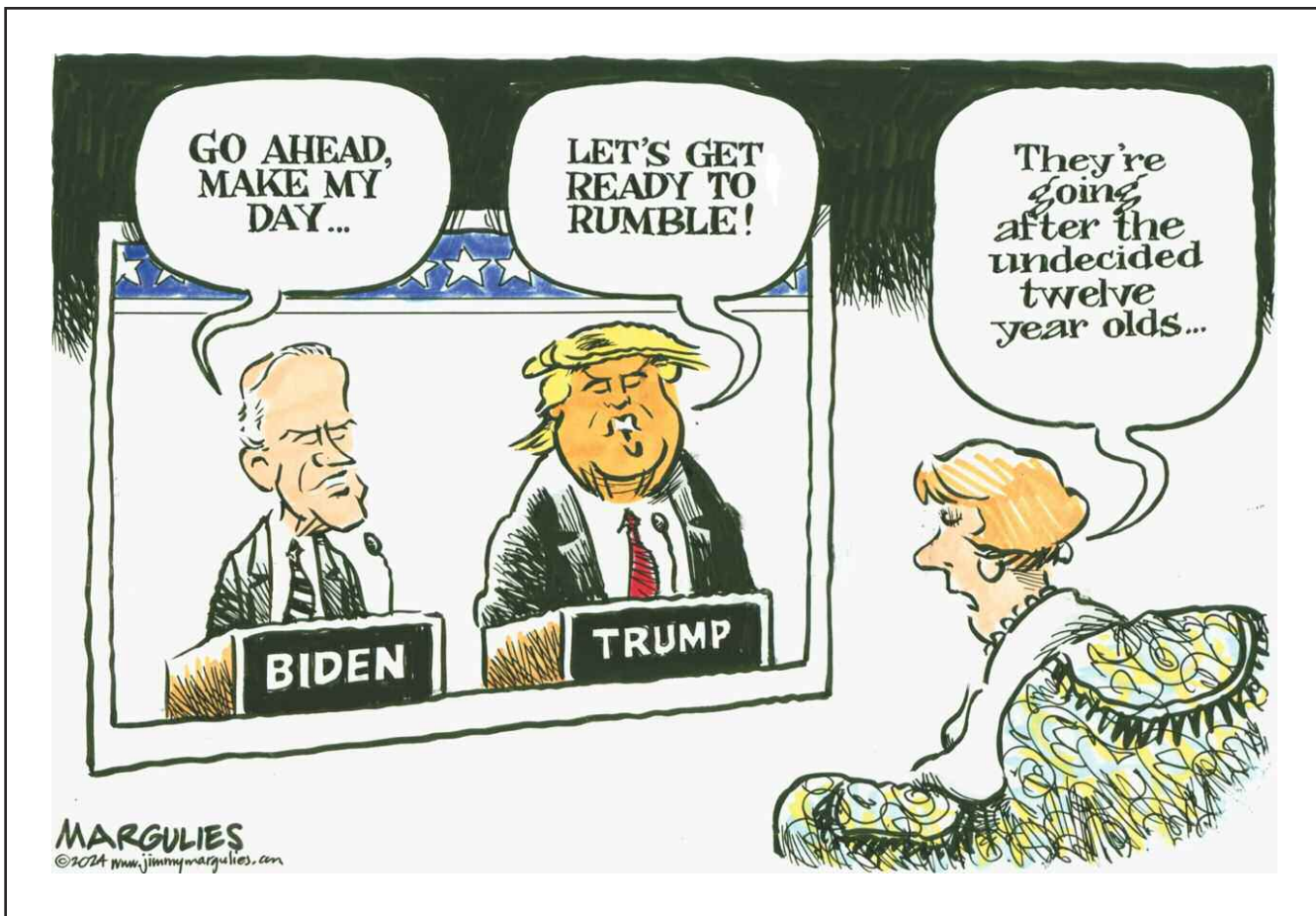
AI "hallucinations" occur when an AI app provides false information in response to a user's question.

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OpenAI and its primary backer, Microsoft, pay their engineers to write their code and certainly recognize the value of that code. In fact, a recent valuation for OpenAI was \$90 billion.

Surely all the knowledge and information required to train their apps — to develop the code, as it were — has value.

That value must be recognized and these companies must be held accountable.



Endorsement reactions vary

By GEOFF DUNCAN
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution
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The split-screen reaction playing out in the presidential race in Georgia has been jarring and illuminating. This past weekend at the state Republican convention, party faithful chose Amy Kremer, an organizer of an event on the Ellipse near the National Mall that preceded the deadly Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the U.S. Capitol, to a Georgia seat to the Republican National Committee.

Kremer attacked the incumbent, Ginger Howard, for perceived insufficient fealty toward former president Donald Trump, urging Republicans, "to stand up and fight." Keep in mind that Howard was one of the voices demanding the Republican National Committee repay the state party the more than \$1.5 million in legal fees shelled out to defend Georgia's 16 fake Trump electors. It was enough to persuade the rank and file, who ousted Howard in favor of Kremer.

I read about these events in the newspaper. After endorsing President Joe Biden, this lifelong Republican is about as welcome at the 2024 Georgia GOP convention as a Phillies fan in the seats at Truist Park.

It's been a whirlwind of events since. I had the privilege of speaking at my oldest son's convocation ceremony at the University of Georgia. Even for this proud Yellow Jacket, it was a true honor. My middle son graduated from high school last week, while I was coaching my youngest son in a baseball tournament this past weekend.

Long story short, we've been out and about since endorsing Biden and had an opportunity to gauge the reaction, which falls into one of three buckets.

Category one is the levelheaded Republicans fed up with Trump's iron grip on the party. These are the

type of people, many from the suburbs, still showing up in droves and casting ballots for former U.N. ambassador Nikki Haley. In last week's Republican primaries in Maryland and Nebraska, Haley received 20% and 18% of the vote respectively. It was a similar result in Indiana the week before.

Put another way, Haley — who dropped out of the race more than 10 weeks ago — is still drawing the support of one in five Republican primary voters. It's more than enough to tip the balance of power in November.

Category two are the Republicans holding their nose and voting for Trump because they view Biden as the worse option. Their reasons vary, but it typically involves Biden's age or a sense that the country is amiss. The sense of "normalcy" Biden promised hasn't materialized, despite the Dow Jones International, S&P500 and Nasdaq composite hitting record highs. The anti-Israel riots rocking college campuses coast to coast has exacerbated a sense of unease, with even comedy legend Jerry Seinfeld getting heckled during a commencement address at Duke University.

Last but not least, there is category three: the card-carrying Trump diehards. They don't often say much to me. At least to my face. They prefer less confrontational means of communication such as social media posts or expletive-laden voice mails. To a T, their common hallmark is anger. It's less about conservative gov-

Geoff Duncan



erning principles or making a difference and more about "owning the libs" and defeating the "other team."

This disgruntled group has plenty of channels to channel their rage. Social media, criminal trials, conspiracy theories, world chaos and Donald Trump, a candidate whose grievance-driven politics has been a calling card since descending the gold escalator in 2015.

For weeks, Trump fed a loud, angry crowd their daily serving of red meat from outside a New York City courtroom. Regardless of the outcome in court, history will not be kind to Trump. Like first-class passengers on the Titanic ignoring suggestions to find a lifeboat, the MAGA faithful is headed to the bottom.

For those who believe the world is asunder and anything is better than four more years of the same, remember that Trump is no longer the outside fresh voice. We know what another four years of Trump looks like because we lived through the first act. The definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results, or perhaps even worse, according to early indications about what a second Trump term could bring.

To borrow a line from Seinfeld's commencement address last week, today, many Republicans are embarrassed about things we should be proud of and proud of things we should be embarrassed about. Instead of taking our medicine and beginning the healing process, the majority of our party is falling in line with a morally bankrupt man we should have run away from three losing election cycles ago. If past is prologue in 2024, Republicans only have ourselves to blame.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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5-25 CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU COULD PROBABLY ALWAYS SAY CONCERNING MAPLE TREE PUNS? THEY'RE SAPPY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: A equals W

CRYPTO FUN
Determine the code to reveal the answer!

Solve the code to discover words related to memorial holidays. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 9 = R)

A. 12 14 25 14 26 3 9 11
Clue: Protective forces

B. 1 3 26 26 25 24
Clue: Fight

C. 19 3 9
Clue: Conflict

D. 23 20 22 20 9
Clue: Pay homage

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to veterans.

REECSVI

Answers: Service

Guess Who?

I am a singer and actress born in California on May 20, 1946. I spent time at an orphanage as a child, but that didn't stop me from becoming the "Goddess of Pop," selling over 100 million records. I'm known for my unique singing voice and youthful looks.

Answer: Cher

kids' corner

PEOPLE FACT:

Eighty percent of all homeowners have one of these in their yards or patios.

Answer: Grill

How they say that in...

ENGLISH: Smoke (cooking)
SPANISH: Ahumar
ITALIAN: Affumicare
FRENCH: Fumer
GERMAN: Räuchern

5-27 CRYPTOQUIP

XBC TXAR NXANWEALAR U RVH
GPX'T WURWEBH UGULOLAR
PLT SULB-XECWE BWRVSWT:
"DWUT, SE. DXTOSUA."

Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF YOU WERE TO BUY A DOZEN VERY CHEAP RAZOR BLADES FOR TWO DOLLARS, YOU'D SCRIMP AND SHAVE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals G

What's the Difference?

There are four differences between Picture A and Picture B. Can you find them all?

A
B

Answers: 1. Rosemary on both steaks 2. Extra tomato bottom left 3. Sliced mushroom bottom right 4. Missing piece of chicken

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

1758: TEN-YEAR-OLD MARY CAMPBELL IS ABDUCTED BY THE LENAPE IN PENNSYLVANIA DURING THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR. SHE IS RETURNED MORE THAN SIX YEARS LATER.

1864: THE IONIAN ISLANDS REUNITE WITH GREECE.

1881: CLARA BARTON ESTABLISHES THE RED CROSS IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

New word

CHAR
to partially burn an object so as to blacken its surface

HONOR AND PRIDE WORD SEARCH

C I H V E H S I Y T R R B F Y U I B R M
Y A S S E L R A E F U S I A T U S N K L
P E P D E T L I D C O U M V U A F F L O
U B G R G C P O I D E O T H N K D U P B A S
R U D E B E E D G M K M C R F E L H R V
M S V B B P V D G E L G C B C N R S K B
P O D M P S K L E T A N E L L A F L S V
L L Y O N E V C R E H E Y T C G H O C D
A D U S U R I E M R Y R A T I L I M S K
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O E A U I M M B L D E V R E S B O H U U
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L A E O M V V B A N B R K V P Y N N G R
S R N B E E P R R N P K O O F M R L I U
G O U D M T C A D V F H E M F E M I E M
H A B U O E C N C O R K N I E Y S S A M
P T B I R R G C Y S E V U O M V T U N
N O L C Y A I H K E M S U O R E H O F A
L R D C E N C N G A L F C V T I E M O F

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

BRANCH
CEMETERY
DRAFT
DUTY
ENLIST
FALLEN
FEARLESS
FLAG
HEROES
HONOR
MEMORIAL
MEMORY
MILITARY
OBSERVED
PLATOON
REMEMBER
RESPECT
SACRIFICE
SERVICE
SOLDIER
SOMBER
THANKS
TOUR
VETERAN

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Witty one
4 Online auction site
8 Seize
12 Expert
13 Misplace
14 Angelic light
15 Author Fleming
16 "The Black Prince" author Murdoch
17 Aware of
18 All that one can see
21 Poetic dusk
22 Non-dairy milk type
23 Serengeti antelope
26 Cash dispenser
27 Future flower
30 Pleads
31 Citric beverage
32 Melody
33 Sweetie, in slang
34 Plastic
35 Brick worker

36 Flight stat
37 Fine, to NASA
38 1989 sports
39 1989 fantasy film
45 Leer at
46 Christen
47 Average guy
48 Caboose
49 Mother of Horus
50 Okla-homa city
51 Bond foe
52 Director
53 Ballot markings

DOWN
1 Raga-muffin
2 Anti-oxidant berry
3 Actor Hackman
4 Omitted phonetically
5 Element No. 5
6 "A likely story!"
7 Legis-lative thumbs-up
8 Specter
9 Hindu royal
10 Sax range
11 Benefit
19 Camera part
20 Billie Eilish's "There-fore —"
21 Yoga class pads
22 "There oughta be —!"
23 Kentucky city
27 Common article
29 Prefix with plane or space
30 Spruced up
32 Mr. Stravinsky
34 Dürer work
37 Cooks, as dump-lings
39 Hangouts
42 White-snake's "Go Again"
44 Pos. opposite
45 Dresses in
46 There-fore
50 PC linking system
51 Bar bill
52 Eggs
53 D.C. base-ball

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 5-25

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45				46				47		
48				49				50		
51				52				53		

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

The turn of the screw

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A K 9
♥ A J 10 9 7 4
♦ 10
♣ J 9 7

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

EAST
♠ Q 10 6 5 3
♥ 3
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 10 8 5 2

SOUTH
♠ 7 2
♥ 6
♦ A K Q J 9 5 2
♣ A K 4

The bidding:
North 1♥ Pass 3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass 5♥ Pass 6♦ Pass 7♦ Pass
East Pass 3♦ Pass 4♥ Pass 4NT Pass 5NT Pass 6♦ Pass 7♦ Pass

Opening lead — six of diamonds.

When declarer runs a long suit, one or both opponents often find themselves unable to discard safely.

Consider this case where South — after learning via Blackwood that his partner had two aces and a king — bid seven diamonds in the hope that dummy would provide him with a 13th trick in addition to the 12 he could already count.

West led a trump, won in dummy, and South played the ace and another heart, ruffing in his hand. When East showed out on the second heart, any chance of developing an extra heart trick by ruffing went by the boards, forcing declarer to rely primarily on a squeeze. Accordingly, he next played three rounds of trump and cashed the A-K of clubs to produce this position:

North
♠ A K 9
♥ J
♦ J
♣ J

West
♠ J 8 4
♥ K Q
♦ J 9
♣ 4

East
♠ Q 10 6
♥ 3
♦ 8 3
♣ Q 10

The jack-of-diamonds lead caused no problem for either defender. West discarding a heart, and dummy and East each a club. But the nine-of-diamonds lead left both opponents without recourse. West had to part with a spade, where-upon declarer discarded dummy's heart. East was then forced to part with a spade or the queen of clubs, and either way, South was sure to score the rest of the tricks.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K 10 7 6
♥ 9 7 4 2
♦ A J 5
♣ A 5

WEST
♠ 5 2
♥ 8
♦ K Q 10
♣ J 9 6 4 3 2

EAST
♠ 9 4
♥ J 10 5 3
♦ 9 8 7 6 4 2
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 8 3
♥ A K Q 6
♦ 3
♣ K 8 7

The bidding:
South 1♠ Pass 3♠ Pass 4NT Pass 5NT Pass 7♠ Pass
West Pass 3♠ Pass 4NT Pass 5NT Pass 6♦ Pass 7♠ Pass

Opening lead — queen of clubs.

This remarkable deal was played many years ago by one of the game's all-time greats, Helen Sobel. She was in seven spades, and West led the queen of clubs. It can be seen that if South cashes two top hearts after drawing trump, the contract fails because of the 4-1 heart division. However, Sobel made the grand slam — without seeing the East-West cards — and she did so in a perfectly reasonable manner.

She won the club lead with the king, cashed the A-Q of trump and ace of diamonds, then ruffed a diamond. After playing a club to dummy's ace, she ruffed another diamond. She then cashed the ace of hearts before ruffing her last club in dummy and led the four of hearts. When East followed with the five, Sobel successfully finessed the six and claimed the rest of the tricks.

Of course, anyone seeing the adverse cards would have done just as well. But Sobel accomplished the feat without that advantage, and, furthermore, her play of the six was not just a shot in the dark. On the contrary, she was 100% certain that the deep finesse would succeed. It was really just a matter of simple arithmetic.

As a result of her earlier plays, Sobel knew that West had started with seven clubs, since East had shown out on the second round of the suit. She also knew that West had started with two trumps and had followed to three rounds of diamonds and one round of hearts.

All 13 of West's cards were thus accounted for when Sobel led the four of hearts from dummy. Finessing the six was therefore guaranteed, as well as necessary, to bring in the grand slam.

Tomorrow: Playing the percentages.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 — Kippur
4 "Va-moose!"
9 Zodiac animal
12 Continent north of Afr.
13 Wear down
14 "Xanadu" band
15 Michelle Obama's alma mater
17 Cattle call
18 Playwright Levin
19 More active
21 Croquet stick
24 Utopia
25 Ginger —
26 Hanoi holiday
28 Church keyboard
31 Cab
33 —/her/ hers
35 Suit —
36 Big gulps
38 Ordinal suffix
40 Man-mouse link

41 Chris of "The Good Wife"
43 Is unable to
45 Academic goal
47 Shade
48 Scrap
49 Cemetery at which Memorial Day ceremonies are held
54 Amnesty Intl., e.g.
55 Signified
56 Director DuVernay
57 Sean, to Yoko
58 Goes caroling
59 Slugger's need

DOWN
1 "You betcha!"
2 "— Town"
3 Hosp. scan
4 Under wraps
5 Invents
6 Non-sense
7 Photo-shop maker
8 Ricky Martin's former band
9 Steele on '80s TV
10 Skin soother
11 Heath
16 Goose egg
20 Crime lab fluids
21 Yoga class pads
22 "There oughta be —!"
23 Kentucky city
27 Common article
29 Prefix with plane or space
30 Spruced up
32 Mr. Stravinsky
34 Dürer work
37 Cooks, as dump-lings
39 Hangouts
42 White-snake's "Go Again"
44 Pos. opposite
45 Dresses in
46 There-fore
50 PC linking system
51 Bar bill
52 Eggs
53 D.C. base-ball

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 5-27

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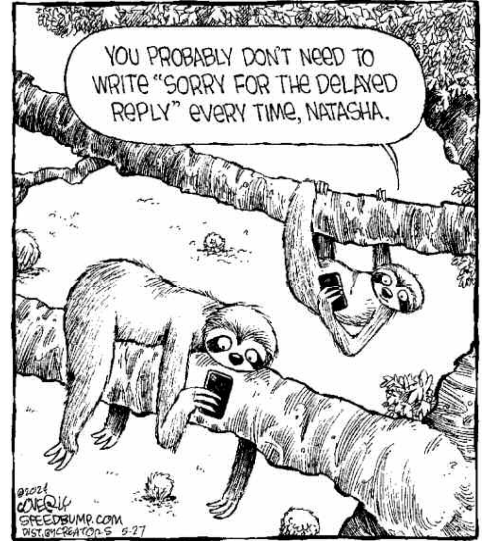
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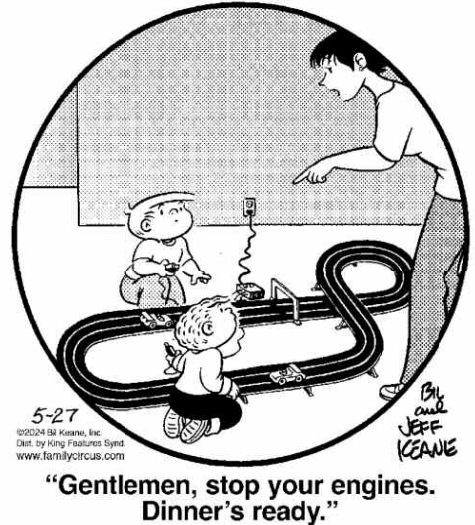
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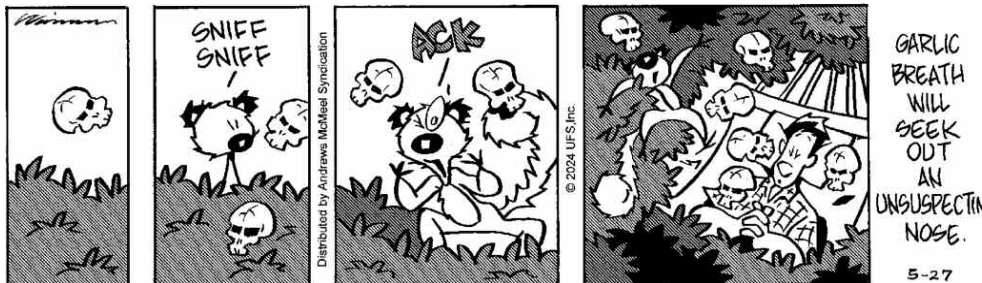
Peanuts



Rose is Rose



Rose is Rose



Agnes



Agnes



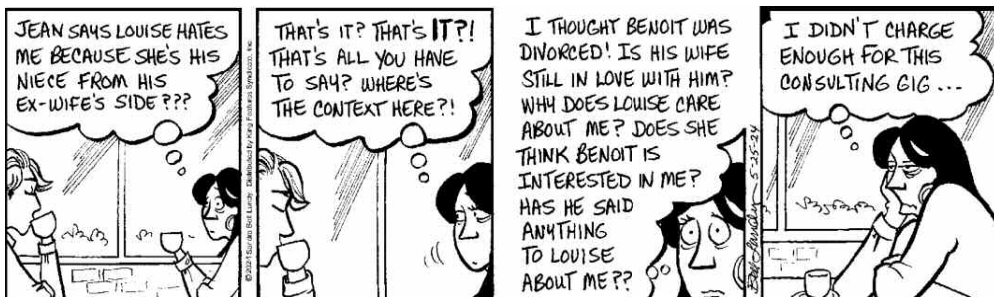
Hi and Lois



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Between Friends



Between Friends



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Blondie



Snuffy Smith



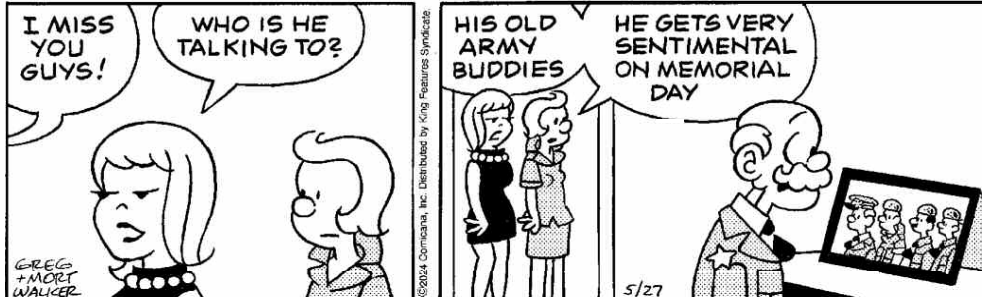
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Beetle Bailey

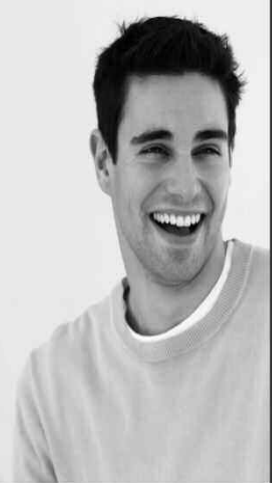


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Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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As S(h)imple as that



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Jay County High School first baseman Jozey Shimp dives to beat Mississinewa's Allie Trejo to the bag for the final out of the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal on Thursday. Shimp also hit a three-run home run in the first inning to help secure the 6-4 victory that got the Patriots back to the sectional championship game for the first time since 2010.

Jozey Shimp hits three-run blast, records final out to get JCHS back to sectional championship for the first time since 2010

By **ANDREW BALKO**

The Commercial Review
MUNCIE — It's been 14 years since the Patriots competed in the sectional finals.

Jozey Shimp played a key role in gaining an early lead for the Patriots in the semifinal. Six innings later, she made a stellar defensive play to help them to hang on for the victory.

Shimp's heroics helped lead the Jay County High School softball team to a 6-4 victory over the Mississinewa Indians in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal on Thursday at Delta.

The last time Jay County (16-6) competed in a sectional championship game came in 2010 when the Patriots lost to Homestead in Class 4A. Thursday's win sets up a date with the No. 7 Yorktown Tigers in today's championship game at noon.

"For them, it's a great accomplishment, especially for the seniors," JCHS coach Doug Arbuckle said. "I'm sure it's an exciting time for them and I'm happy for them."

The Patriots got off to a hot start against Mississinewa's Lilah Greer in the first inning, putting up six runs.

Mallory Winner was the first to reach base, as she took advantage of an error by shortstop Amiyaa Parr-Inman. Riah Champ followed with a walk and Jaelynn Lykins drove in the first run with a single up the middle.

Shimp followed Lykins and worked a 3-0 count. Greer came back to even the count before making a mistake by throwing a ball right down the middle.

Shimp didn't waste it. The Jay County junior got a hold of the ball and sent it over the fence in left-center field for a three-run home run.

"She was pushing all over the place," Shimp said. "She was mixing it up, inside and outside. I had a 3-0 count and then she brought it back. I was just sitting for my pitch to hit something hard."

"(Those runs were) super important. We needed that little edge to get ahead of them, keep

the game moving and keep everybody up."

The Patriots scored two more runs in the inning. Hallie Schwieterman hit a screaming line drive down the first-base line for a triple. She scored off of Carley Trinidad's fly ball at the edge of the outfield grass that Parr-Inman mishandled.

Calie Yates' single to left field got Trinidad home from second to close the scoring.

Shimp also came up big in the top of the seventh inning.

Winner recorded two outs and gave up a single to Jaeli Miller to start off the final frame. She then walked Greer, and an error by Schwieterman at shortstop allowed a run to score to bring Mississinewa (13-9) within three. The Indians cut the deficit to two when Shimp mishandled a throw from Lykins in an attempt to back pick Brooklynn Nash at first base.

It didn't take long for Shimp to make up for her mistake. On the next pitch, Allie Trejo hit a ground ball between

Shimp and Trinidad at second base.

The JCHS first baseman chose to field the ball herself, creating a close play at the bag. Both the runner and the fielder ended up diving in an attempt to reach the base first.

Shimp beat Trejo to end the game.

"I didn't know if I should let (Trinidad) get it, but I just went with my gut and went for it," Shimp said. "I'd seen her coming down the line and she was pretty fast. I just dove for it and tried my best to give it everything I had."

"It was crazy. I was just so excited and happy for our team."

After Greer gave up the six first-inning runs, Indians coach Heather Swarts called on Nash to pitch the rest of the game.

During Nash's five innings, she only gave up two hits and held the Patriots scoreless. She allowed a pair of runners to reach base in the third and fifth innings, but a combination of weak contact and strikeouts

kept Jay County from scoring any more runs.

Winner matched Nash in the circle.

Despite suffering an ankle injury during warm ups, Winner went the distance for Jay County. She only gave up one earned run, which came in the second inning as Parr-Inman doubled and later scored on Miller's groundout. She finished with six strikeouts and only allowed three hits, while throwing 101 pitches.

"If you know Mallory's history, she's a warrior," Arbuckle said. "There wasn't any way she wasn't going to toe that rubber tonight and she battled. ... She moved her pitches around a bit and kept them guessing and off balance."

The Patriots won't have it easy on today, as they face a state-ranked opponent in their pursuit of Jay County's first sectional championship in softball. Arbuckle mentioned cleaning up defensive mistakes and staying disciplined at the plate as being keys to a potential victory.

Box score

Jay County Patriots vs. Mississinewa Indians

IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 24 semifinal

Mississinewa (13-9)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Nash lf	4	0	1	0
Trejo cf	4	0	0	0
Tegardem 2b	3	0	0	0
Baladge rf	3	0	0	0
Parr-Inman ss	3	1	1	0
Couse c	3	0	0	0
Matchette cr	0	1	0	0
Miller dp	3	1	1	1
Smith 1b	3	0	0	0
Greer p	2	1	0	0
Totals	28	4	3	1

Jay County (16-6)				
	ab	r	h	bi
Missicano rf	4	0	1	0
Winner p	4	0	0	0
Garrett cr	0	1	0	0
Champ 3b	3	1	0	0
Lykins c	3	0	1	1
Romine cr	0	1	0	0
Shimp 1b	2	1	1	3
Bright pr	0	0	0	0
Fraleigh cf	3	0	0	0
Schwieterman ss	3	1	2	0
Trinidad 2b	3	1	1	0
Yates lf	3	0	1	1
Totals	28	6	7	5

Miss.	020	000	2	—	4
Jay County	600	000	X	—	6

LOB — Mississinewa 4, Jay County 6. 2B — Mississinewa 1 (Parr-Inman). 3B — Jay County 1 (Schwieterman). HR — Jay County 1 (Shimp).

IP H R ER BB SO						
Mississinewa						
Greer	1	5	6	3	1	1
Nash	5	2	0	0	1	5

Jay County						
Winner	7	3	4	1	1	6

Alig ends at regional

By **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review
INDIANAPOLIS — The lone Patriot's visit to the state capital was short-lived.

Jay County High School's Adam Alig was unable to clear opening height Thursday as his season came to an end in the regional meet at Pike.

"I was hoping just for one bar," said JCHS coach Joe Imel. "It didn't happen. It is what it is. We made it here."

Alig had squeaked into the regional, taking the third-place tiebreaker on criteria over Monroe Central's Easton Foster at the sectional meet. (Both had cleared the bar at 6 feet.)

The junior had no luck at Pike, where the opening eight was 5 feet, 10 inches. He knocked the bar off of the standards on each of his three tries.

"He's a little streaky," Imel said. "He either has it or he's off."

The coach expressed

JCHS senior competed in high jump at pike

hope that Alig can build off of the regional experience and come back stronger next season.

"He's been the most consistent and best athlete that we've had on the team this year, so I am glad that he was able to advance (to the regional)," said Imel. "He's a kid that will work in the offseason. He's motivated to get better in the hurdles. He loves the high jump. ..."

"He was wanting to get 6 foot this year. He got it twice. So next year he'll have some lofty goals."



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Jay County High School's Adam Alig competes in the high jump during Thursday's boys track regional meet at Pike in Indianapolis. Alig was the only Patriots to advance to the regional.

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“I’m really proud of them,” said FRHS coach Kevin Eyink. “They’ve been working hard. They’re doing everything we ask. That hard work’s paying off and hopefully we can keep it going.”

The sixth-seeded Tribe was up 4-1 but No. 4 seed Marion Local’s offense had started to show signs of life in the bottom of the fourth inning.

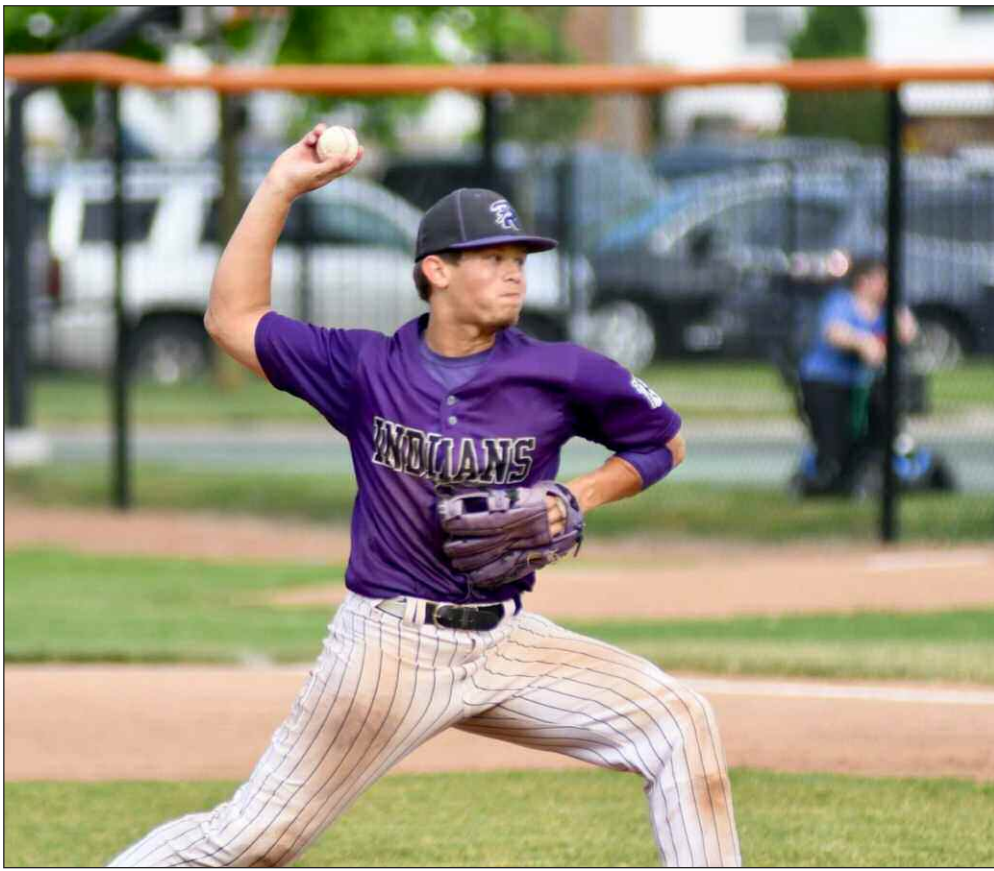
Fort Recovery snuffed out any hope.

With two outs and Reece Wendel on base in the top of the fifth, Alex Gaerke crushed a double to right-center field. He was the first of eight consecutive batters who would reach base.

Caden Grisez drove in Gaerke with a single to left, Gavin Faller drew a walk, Reece Evers singled to center and Riggs Tobe reached base on an infield single to load the bases for No. 9 hitter Alex Dues. The senior, who typically makes his impact from the mound, clobbered a stand-up triple to left-center field to clear the bases.

“I just feel like I’ve been hitting the ball a lot better these past couple days,” said Dues, noting that the pattern continued during warm ups. He finished with a double, a triple, three RBIs and two runs. “Today it just felt great off the bat.”

Dues scored on a wild



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Fort Recovery pitcher Caden Grisez throws an offspeed pitch during the Indians’ 11-3 victory over Marion Local in the district final on Friday. Grisez struck out seven batters and earned the win to lead Fort Recovery to its first district title since 2016, when it all the way to the state tournament. The Indians will face Montpelier in the regional semifinal at Elida on May 30.

pitch to make the score 11-1 before Troy Homan gave the Tribe back-to-back triples. Finally after Wendel was hit by a pitch, the Flyers went to their bullpen and were able to escape the inning.

“That fifth inning, everything was going

right,” said Eyink, whose team racked up six of its 13 hits in the frame. (The Indians blew open their district semifinal win two days earlier with a 10-run sixth inning against Parkway.) “That is a fun, fun inning. That’s a fun feeling to be able to just watch

them hit the ball and watch the bases — doubles and triples — everything was going right.”

The Flyers, who knocked off ninth-ranked Minster in the district semifinal, managed to avoid having the game end by the mercy rule, scoring

twice in the bottom of the fifth inning to drop their deficit back into single digits. But they couldn’t do much more and Fort Recovery ended the game with a 4-3 double play on a line drive off the bat of Ian Rindler.

Grisez finished with three hits, including a triple, two RBIs and a run, Caden Homan notched two hits, two RBIs and a run, and Gaerke had a double, two RBIs and one run.

On the mound, Grisez faced just one over the minimum through the first three innings. A couple of strikeouts in the fourth helped him avoid damage after he gave up a leadoff triple to Rindler and then hit Hayden Poepelman with a pitch. He got the win as he went 5 1/3 innings and struck out seven while giving up three runs on three hits and two walks.

“I felt good,” said Grisez. “I felt like I had good command ...

“I liked my curve — a couple got away from me — but my curve ... felt good today.”

Eyink turned to Rex Leverette in relief and the senior responded by throwing 1 2/3 shutout innings while giving up one hit and striking out Griffin Bruns to lead off the bottom of the seventh.

Starter Bryant Meier took the loss as he gave up

Box score					
Fort Recovery Indians vs. Marion Local Flyers					
Division IV district championship at Coldwater					
Fort Recovery (13-12)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
THoman cf	3	1	2	0	
Wendel lf	2	2	0	0	
Leverette p	0	0	0	0	
CHoman dh	3	1	1	1	
Gaerke 3b	3	1	1	2	
Grisez p	4	1	3	2	
Faller 1b	2	1	0	0	
Evers rf	4	1	2	0	
Tobe c	4	1	1	1	
Dues ss	4	2	3	0	
Wendel 2b	0	0	0	0	
Totals	30	11	13	10	
Marion Local (18-12)					
	ab	r	h	bi	
Moeller 3b	3	1	1	0	
Rindler 2b	4	1	3	2	
Poepelman rf	2	0	0	0	
Heitkamp c	3	0	0	0	
Meier p	3	0	0	0	
Hess ss	2	0	2	1	
Muhenkamp dh	2	0	0	0	
Eifert lf	1	0	0	0	
Everman p	2	0	1	0	
Bruns of	3	1	0	0	
Totals	25	3	8	3	
FRHS	103	070	0	— 11	
Marion Lcl.	000	120	0	— 3	
LOB — Fort Recovery 4, Marion Local 6, 2B — Fort Recovery 2 (Gaerke, Dues), Marion Local 5 (Rindler 2, Hess 2, Moeller). 3B — Fort Recovery 3 (THoman, Grisez, Dues), SB — Fort Recovery 1 (THoman)					
IP H R ER BB SO					
Fort Recovery					
Grisez	5.1	7	3	3	2
Leverette	1.2	1	0	0	1
Marion Local					
Meier	3	5	4	4	1
Rindler	1.2	7	7	7	1
Everman	2.1	1	0	0	1

four runs on five hits and a walk in three innings. The Indians had their big fifth inning against Rindler, who gave up seven runs on seven hits in 1 2/3 frames.

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Natalie Brunswick and Matsuda didn’t get automatic berths, but hold the best times in Division III between the girls who didn’t finish in the top four at the other three regionals.

Matsuda’s 46.82 seconds fin-

ish in the 300 hurdles was 0.31 seconds slower than Jefferson’s Lyv Lindeman in fourth place at Troy, but beat out the fifth-place finishers at Norwayne (Ava Vecchione, 46.83), Fostonia (Aubrey Burkholder) and Heath (Madison Smith 48.58).

Legacy Christian’s Carolina

Hamilton crossed the finish line 2.1 seconds before Brunswick for fourth place in the 1,600 run. Yet, Brunswick’s time of 5:10.75 bested the fifth-place finisher from the other regionals by at least 2.75 seconds.

Other scoring performances

came from Karlie Niekamp in the discus and the 4x400 relay team. Niekamp finished eighth with a 107 foot-long toss. She was 13 feet, 4 inches short of Botkins’ Jana Metz for the final spot at state.

Matsuda, Ellie Will, Guggenbiller and Pearson combined in

the 4x400 relay, which was the only event the Indians improved their result from their seed line. They finished seventh with a time of 4:06.84 after originally being seeded eighth.

Brunswick fell to 11th in the 3,200 run with a 12:09.61.

Patriots get revenge win over Adams Central

The Jets took the Allen County Athletic Conference golf meet by just two strokes.

The Patriots trailed behind by 10 to finish third.

When the Patriots got the Jets on their home course, things went a bit differently.

The Jay County High School boys golf team picked off the Adams Central Jets 163-177 at Portland Golf Club on Thursday.

The Adams Central Jets shot a 355 at Celina Lynx Golf Club on May 18 to claim the ACAC title in the 18-hole match. When they moved down to only nine holes at Portland Golf Club, the Jets went from having a 10-stroke advantage to falling by 14.

Caleb DeRome led Jay County (9-2, 3-1 ACAC). He matched the Jets’ top golfer with 39 strokes to earn co-match medalist honors.

Gage Sims finished only one stroke off of DeRome with a score of 40. Luke Fuggett had the next-best score out of the No. 5 position. He finished with 41 strokes.

Cody DeHoff rounded out the Patriots’ team total by shooting a 43.

Liam Garringer’s 45 did not affect the team score.

The junior varsity team fell to the Jets 186-189. Isaac Homan led with a score of 43.

Grant Linville followed with a 46 and Jacob Wetzel added 49 strokes.

Both Dominick Bright and Dawson Goldsworthy shot a 51 to wrap up the JV score.

The Patriots will close out the regular season Tuesday with a match against Daleville and Wes-Del hosted by Daleville.

The sectional meet, hosted by Muncie Central at Crestview Golf Club, is set for June 3.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Softball sectional championship vs. Yorktown at Delta — 12 p.m.

Sunday
Portland Rockets at Fort Wayne Regades — 1 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys golf at Daleville — 4:30 p.m.

TV sports
Today
6:30 a.m. — Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10 a.m. — Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — UFL: Arlington Renegades at St. Louis Battlehawks (ABC)
1 p.m. — NASCAR Xfinity Series: Bet-MGM (FOX)
1 p.m. — WNBA: New York Liberty at Minnesota Lynx (CBS)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Charles Schwab Challenge (CBS)
3 p.m. — UFL: San Antonio Brahmas at Birmingham Stallions (ABC)
5:50 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Coca-Cola 600 (FS1)
7:15 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers at Cincinnati Reds (FOX)
8 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Edmonton Oilers at Dallas Stars (TNT)
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Indiana Pacers at Boston Celtics (ABC)
10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer: Birmingham Legion at Sacramento

Republic (FOX)
10:10 p.m. — MLB: Miami Marlins at Arizona Diamondbacks (FS1)

Sunday
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix (ABC)
11 a.m. — IndyCar: Indianapolis 500 (NBC)
1:40 p.m. — MLB: Los Angeles Dodgers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
2:30 p.m. — UFL: Houston Roughnecks at Michigan Panthers (FOX)
3 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Florida Panthers at New York Rangers (ABC)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour: Charles Schwab Challenge (CBS)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Champions: Senior PGA Championship (NBC)
6 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Coca-Cola 600 (FOX)
6 p.m. — Major League Rugby: San Diego at Los Angeles (FS1)
7:10 p.m. — MLB: Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals (ESPN)
8 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Dallas Mavericks at Minnesota Timberwolves (TNT)

Monday
4:10 p.m. — MLB: St. Louis Cardinals at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Boston Celtics at Indiana Pacers (ESPN)
8:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Dallas Stars at Edmonton Oilers (TNT)

Tuesday
7 p.m. — WNBA: Los Angeles Sparks at Indiana Fever (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — NHL playoffs: New York Rangers at Florida Panthers (ESPN)

8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Minnesota Timberwolves at Dallas Mavericks (TNT)

Local notes
Races coming up
The Adams County Challenge has two races schedule for June
On June 8 at 8 a.m., the Youth for Christ 5K will start at Ceylon Covered Bridge outside of Geneva. Participants can register online at bigjawsfc.org/event/5k for \$20. A t-shirt is included for those who register before June 1.
The Superhero Fun Run for those 12-and-under will be held at 8 a.m. with a 5K following at 8:30 a.m. on June 15. Both races will begin at 141 N First St., Decatur.
Registration costs \$15 and will also include a t-shirt if done before June 1.

Outing scheduled
The annual City of Portland Mayor’s Golf Outing has been scheduled for Friday, June 14, at Portland Golf Club.
Registration for the event will be held from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. on the day of the outing. A meal will also be provided for the four-person teams at this time. Registration is limited to the first 20 teams and must be completed by June 10 and submitted to 321 N. Meridian St., emailing mayoroffice@thecityofportland.net or calling (260) 726-9395.
Golfing will begin with a shotgun start at noon. Those interested can also sponsor the event. It cost \$150 to sponsor a hole, \$200 to sponsor a team and a meal or \$300 for to sponsor a team, a

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Sports

Flying past the Flyers

FRHS baseball beats Marion Local for first district title since 2016

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

COLDWATER, Ohio — The Indians were a little over-excited in the third inning, a surge of them coming out of the dugout a bit early as Reece Wendel was coming toward the plate to score their third run.

They drew a warning from the home plate umpire.

It was difficult enough to contain the excitement in the three-run third inning. The Tribe dugout really had to fight to keep emotions in check in the fifth.

By the end, there was no holding them back.

Fort Recovery blew open the Division IV high school baseball district championship game with seven fifth-inning runs, all of which came with two outs, as it defeated the Marion Local Flyers 11-3 for its first title since 2016.

“It was insane,” said senior center fielder Troy Homan, thinking back to his days as a bat boy for the 2015 and ’16 Fort Recovery squads that advanced to state final four. “My whole life this has been a dream of mine, just to play in this district at Coldwater because the atmosphere is amazing. And to be able to come out and not just play in it, but win it, perform the way our team did ... it was really a dream come true.”

The Indians (13-12), who lost 6-5 to Marion Local during the regular season, advanced to play Buckeye Border Conference champion Montpelier (13-8) in the regional semifinal at 5 p.m. Thursday at Elida. Montpelier beat Hilltop 12-5 in its district championship game Friday.

After entering the tournament at 9-11, Fort Recovery is now two victories away from a trip to state.

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Fort Recovery High School senior Riggs Tobe rounds third base in the fifth inning of Friday's Division IV district championship between the Indians and Marion Local Flyers. Tobe scored all the way from first base on a standup triple that Alex Dues crushed during the seven-run inning.

Indians secure six state berths at Troy

TROY, Ohio — The Indians were set up to get a haul of athletes to Dayton.

Despite underperforming based on seeding nearly across the board, they found a way to get them through.

The Fort Recovery High School track team secured six automatic qualifications to the state tournament on Friday at the OHSAA Division III regional meet at Troy. Two more athletes are set to receive call backs as well.

The girls team climbed up to fourth in the regional meet with 36 points. Minster, another Midwest Athletic Conference

Heitkamp, Roessner and Pearson will compete in multiple events in Dayton

school and champion of the Spencerville district meet, finished above the Indians in third as it collected 51.5 points. Fort Loramie ran away with the regional title as its 86.5 points trumped West Liberty-Salem's 62.

The sole boy for Fort Recovery, Trevor Heitkamp, collected 11 points to put the Indians in 17th. Marion Local

claimed the top spot with 85.

The top four finishes at each regional earn an automatic spot at the state tournament on May 30 and 31, which has been moved from its normal location at Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium at Ohio State University due to renovations to University of Dayton's Welcome Stadium. The two best times that didn't

automatically qualify for state will also be called back to compete.

The Indians had six automatic qualifiers from the regional meet.

Three-time state long jumper Mara Pearson secured her fourth trip with a mark of 17 feet, 7 1/2 inches. After being the top seed, she fell to fourth place, just making it in over Tri-Village's Addison

Hines who came up 1 1/2 inches short Pearson.

Anna Roessner and the 4x100-meter relay teams were also top seeds that didn't win their events but made it through.

The 4x100 team composed of Roessner, Paige Guggenbiller, Kiana Matsuda and Pearson took second place with a time of 49.19 seconds. West Liberty-Salem's team captured the regional title with a time of 48.67 seconds.

Rossner held the top seed in the 200 dash, but wound up third in the finals. Her time of 25.12 seconds got her through to state for the first time as an

individual. She also punched her ticket in the 100 dash with a 12.24 which was good for third place.

Heitkamp also will make the trip in a pair of events.

He finished one seed lower in both the 1,600 and 3,200 runs. A time of 9 minutes, 38.79 seconds was good for fourth place and gave him 1.69 seconds of padding in front of Bennett Lehman of Ansonia. His 4:22.587 in the 1,600 run earned third place, but only netted Heitkamp 0.43 seconds of wiggle room before Tony Moorman of Versailles crossed the finish line for fifth place.

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