

All about the bikes
Bard is among enthusiasts at '25 show

By LINDY MERCER
The Commercial Review

Rick Bard of Bucyrus, Ohio, is one of the many exhibitors set up at this week's Vintage Motor Bike Show held at Jay County Fairgrounds. The show began Wednesday and will go until July 12.



Bard is a member of the Cushman Club of America, serving as the east area representative. The purpose of the club is the dedication to the restoration and preservation of Cushman Motor Scooters. He has traveled to Portland to attend the Vintage Motor Bike Show for the past 25 years. In addition to Jay County's show, he also attends bike shows in Amana, Iowa; Perry, Georgia; and Erwin, Tennessee; every year.



Bard shared that when he traveled to Tennessee for this year's show, the community was still facing the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, which hit in September. While Bard's Cushman Club was on a ride there, one of its members was involved in a traffic accident, leaving her injured and unable to finish the ride. A Tennessee local, who was just passing by, stopped to assist, calling for help and directing traffic around the injured woman while waiting for paramedics to arrive. After the situation had resolved, Bard learned the good samaritan had lost everything to the hurricane. "That's just the kind of people they are down there," he said, "always helping each other out."

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Trump threatens 35% tariff

Increase on Canada
would go into
effect on August 1

By JOSH WINGROVE
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Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service

President Donald Trump threatened a 35% tariff on some Canadian goods and raised the prospect of increasing levies on most other countries, ramping up his trade rhetoric in comments that weighed on stocks and boosted the U.S. dollar. The tariff level on Canada would take effect from Aug. 1, the president said. The announced rate is an increase from the current 25% tariff that's imposed on U.S. imports from Canada that aren't shipped

under the terms of the U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement. "Fentanyl is hardly the only challenge we have with Canada, which has many Tariff, Non-Tariff, Policies and Trade Barriers, which cause unsustainable Trade Deficits against the United States," Trump said in a letter to Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney, posted on social media Thursday. Trump's announcement on Canada came as he told NBC News on Thursday that he's also eyeing blanket tariffs of 15% to 20% on most trading partners. The current global baseline minimum tariff rate for nearly all U.S. trading partners is 10%. "We're just going to say all of the remaining countries are going to pay, whether it's 20% or 15%. We'll work that out now," NBC quoted Trump as saying. "I think the tariffs have been very well-received. The stock market hit a new high today," Trump added, according to the report.

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Packed
for
Macked

Fleetwood Macked, a Fleetwood Mac tribute band, took the stage at Hudson Family Park on Thursday as part of Arts Place's summer concert series. Pictured, lead singer Hillary Epstein, performs. The series will conclude with Brother Believe Me on Aug. 14.



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Deaths

Dallas Rough, 16, Geneva
Thera Rough, 41, Geneva
Details on page 2.

Weather

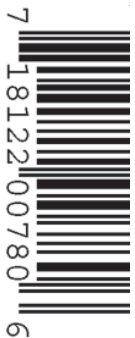
Jay County had a high temperature of 89 degrees Friday. The low was 71. Today's high will be in the upper 80s with a 60% chance of rain. Expect partly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of rain Sunday and a high in the mid 80s. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

The Bulldogs will perform a free concert at 7 p.m. tonight at Webster Depot Park in Dunkirk. Other events today include the Jay Lodge #87 anniversary celebration at 11 a.m.; motorcycle races at Jay County Fairgrounds at 3 p.m.; and the marching band contest at Centerville High School at 8 p.m.

Coming up

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.
Wednesday — Details from next week's Dunkirk City Council meeting.
Thursday — Results from the Portland Rockets game against the Muncie Chiefs.



Felony court news

Performing conduct
A Portland man was placed on probation for performing sexual conduct in the presence of a minor.

John Clem, 74, 604 S. Western Ave., pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to the Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 545 days in Indiana Department of Correction with all but eight days of his sentence suspended and given eight days credit for time served. Clem was assessed \$189 in court costs and placed on probation for 537 days.

Dealing drugs
A Dunkirk woman was placed on house arrest for dealing methamphetamine.

Lissy M. McCord, 25, 337 S Indiana St., Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to the Level 5 felony. She was sentenced to three years in Indiana Department of Correction with all but four

months of her sentence suspended and given credit for time served. She will spend the remainder of her sentence on home detention.

McCord was also placed on probation for two years and eight months. She was fined \$1, assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe were dismissed.

Drunk driving
A Dunkirk woman was sentenced to jail for drunk driving.

Lindsay A. Trausch, 38, 435 N Haskell Road, Dunkirk, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to operating a vehicle while intoxicated, a Level 6 felony. She was sentenced to 730 days in Jay County Jail and given 256 days credit

for time served, with the remainder of her sentence to be spent on home detention. Trausch was fined \$25, assessed \$189.50 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug and alcohol countermeasures fee.

The court recommended Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles suspend her license for one year retroactive to Jan. 27. As part of her plea agreement, a Level 6 felony for driving a vehicle with a blood alcohol level of 0.08% or more, a Level 6 felony, and a Class A misdemeanor for driving with a suspended license were dismissed.

Drug possession
Two Indiana residents were sentenced to serve time for drug possession.

Danielle L. Ingram, 21, 628 E. Main St., Portland, pleaded guilty in Jay Circuit Court to possession of methamphetamine, a Level 6

felony. She was sentenced to one year in Jay County Jail and given credit for time served. Ingram was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. As part of her plea agreement, two Level 6 felonies for possession of a narcotic drug and maintaining a common nuisance were dismissed.

Lucas J. Kelsay, 36, 1016 S. Webster St., Kokomo, pleaded guilty in Jay Superior Court to possession of a narcotic drug, a Level 6 felony. He was sentenced to 910 days in Indiana Department of Correction with all but one year suspended and given six days credit for time served. Kelsay will serve his sentence on home detention. He was assessed \$189 in court costs and ordered to pay a \$200 drug abuse, prosecution, interdiction and correction fee. He was placed on probation for 545 days.

Obituaries






Dallas Michael Raugh, Geneva, Sept. 13, 2008-July 8, 2025. Services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

Thera Jade Raugh, Geneva, Nov. 2, 1983-July 8, 2025. Services will be at 6 p.m. Sunday at Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 N. Washington St., Geneva.

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.

CR almanac

Sunday 7/13	Monday 7/14	Tuesday 7/15	Wednesday 7/16	Thursday 7/17
 85/65 Sunday's forecast shows a 50% chance of showers with thunderstorms also possible.	 88/66 Sunny skies on Monday, when the high will be in the mid 80s.	 90/71 Tuesday's weather looks to be mostly sunny with a slight chance of rain.	 89/70 Mostly sunny skies on Wednesday. Heat index values may swell to the mid 90s.	 85/69 Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a 60% chance of storms.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 3-4-1 Daily Four: 0-4-1-3 Quick Draw: 6-9-10-13-19-20-23-24-33-34-35-37-44-50-53-54-68-69-71-78	Pick 3: 1-6-8 Pick 4: 9-6-7-4 Pick 5: 3-6-9-6-5
Ohio Midday	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$234 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$80 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.48 Aug. corn4.56 Sept. corn4.51	Aug. beans.....9.72 Wheat5.15
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.51 Aug. corn4.46 Sept. corn4.36	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.26 Aug. corn4.24 Beans10.12 Aug. beans.....9.92 Wheat5.15
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Today in history

In 1543, King Henry VIII of England married Catherine Parr, who was his sixth and final wife. He had two of his previous wives beheaded and divorced two while the other died in childbirth.

In 1817, writer, naturalist and philosopher Henry David Thoreau was born in Concord, Massachusetts. He graduated from Harvard University and lived in a cabin on Walden Pond with limited possessions and outside contact, chronicling his experiences in "Walden."

In 1984, Democratic presidential candidate Walter F. Mondale named Geraldine Ferraro as his running mate. She became the first woman nominated for vice president by a major U.S. political party.

In 2017, the Cincinnati League honored Paul and Helen Martin, Lee Newman, Judy Zearbaugh and Bob Vance with Lifetime of Service awards during a ceremony at the Jay County Fair.

In 2021, Jay County Commissioners approved road use and decommissioning agreements with Leeward Renewable Energy for its proposed Rose Gold Solar facility north of Dunkirk.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility, 1194 E. 200 North, Portland.	7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. Tuesday 7 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council public forum, Cooper Brothers Community Pavilion, Community Park, 401 W. Milligan St.. Wednesday 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Aviation, airport, 661 W. 100 North, Portland.
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Bikes ...



One of Bard's most prized items of his collection is this red 1950s Cushman Motorbike (above). It won Bard "Best of Show," a people's choice award, at the 2023 National Vintage Motorcycle Show in Kansas City, Missouri.

Exhibitors attend shows for a variety of reasons. There are the "parts guys," as Bard called them, who collect foreign and domestic parts for trading, "the restorers," who enjoy getting their hands dirty and seeing the process from start to finish, and "the riders," who are in it for the friends and the community. Bard does a little bit of it all, but his main interest is riding.

"The parts guys are what keeps these events going," said Bard.



"Everyone has their interest," he added. "Some people like fishing. Some people like antiques. We like bikes." The Vintage Motor Bike Show includes a parade around the fairgrounds every night at 8 p.m., as well as separate rides outside of the grounds. On Tuesday, a group rode from the Jay County Fairgrounds to Celina, Ohio, for dinner and to see Grand Lake St. Mary's.

Capsule Reports

Rear collision
A Portland woman drove into oncoming traffic at the intersection of Water and Middle streets in Portland, causing an accident about 6:25 p.m. Thursday.

Annette R. Alexander, 53, was

driving a 2023 Jeep Grand Cherokee east on Water Street. At the same time, Leticia A. Ruiz, 19, Bryant, was driving a 2018 Jeep Wrangler north on Middle Street. Alexander told police she didn't see Ruiz approaching. (Traffic on Water

Street must stop and yield to traffic on Middle Street.) Alexander continued east, and Ruiz crashed into the back of her vehicle.

Damage is estimated between \$10,000 and \$25,000. Alexander's vehicle was towed.

Tariff ...

Continued from page 1
Taken together, the moves signal Trump is not abandoning his flagship economic policy. Stocks slid from all-times highs with the S&P 500 down 0.3% as of 10:18 a.m. New York time. The dollar moved higher, heading toward its best week since February.

In response to Trump, Carney said that Canada would continue to defend workers and businesses as it continues negotiating with the U.S. ahead of the Aug. 1 deadline. He added in a post on X that Canada has made "vital progress" in combatting fentanyl in North America and is committed to working with the U.S. on the issue.

On Friday, Trump told reporters that he was "going to see" about possible exemptions to the Canadian tariffs, and said Ottawa had reached out to the White House after the release of his letter.

"They called — I think it was fairly well received, it's what we need, so we'll see what happens," Trump said.

The 35% Canada levy mentioned by Trump currently doesn't apply to goods that are traded within the rules of USMCA — and the exclusion is poised to remain in place, according to an official who requested anonymity to discuss the matter.

The U.S. is also expected to keep a lower 10%

tariff on some energy-related imports, the official said. The move would not affect higher levies on key materials such as steel and aluminum, which are under a different tariff regime. The situation remains fluid and the legal order has not yet been drafted, they cautioned.

Trump's tariff plans are unpredictable and often revised, including immediately prior to a deadline.

As it currently stands, the formula would be a far more modest change to the trading relationship than an across-the-board 35% rate. Most of Canada's exports to the U.S. fall under the rules of USMCA.

SERVICES

Today

Hartvig, James: 1 p.m., Union Chapel Church, 6200 N. 375 West, Bryant.

Sunday

Raugh, Dallas: 6 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Raugh, Thera: 6 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

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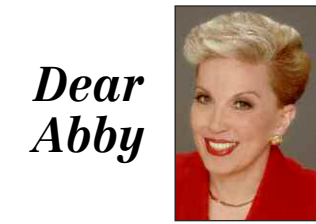
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Husband’s habit may cause migraines

DEAR ABBY: I began experiencing migraines occasionally as a teenager, but in my early 20s, they became a regular occurrence. I tried unsuccessfully for years to identify my triggers, cutting things from my diet and environment before realizing about a year ago that I'm triggered by smoke.

My husband — my best friend and the love of my life — who I've been with since the age of 21, is a smoker. I've attempted to talk to him about it, but he becomes hurt and defensive because he's sensitive about his addiction and isn't sure my "theory" is correct. He has always been careful not to smoke in our home or cars, only outside, but I smell it on his hands and clothing even hours after a cigarette. Further complicating the mat-



Dear Abby

ter is that he has never had a sense of smell and isn't convinced that an odor lingers on him.

We have a beautiful, affectionate marriage and almost never fight. However, I'm realizing I have a slow-growing resentment that is fed each time he sits next to me or I want to snuggle up with him, only to be hit with a sensation best described as an ice pick to my temple. I'm devastated that this is affecting my nearly perfect image of this wonderful man.

I have thus far been unwilling to nag or demand he stop, as this isn't the type of wife I want to be. He has many amazing qualities, and I feel horrible that my heart is pulling back because of this one thing. Please help with what to do. — HURTING HEAD IN OHIO

DEAR HURTING HEAD: The first thing you should do is discuss your migraines with your doctor to be sure that the smell of tobacco is what is triggering them. If what you think is true, then you and your husband should schedule a consultation with your physician so the DOCTOR can explain it to your wonderful spouse.

There is no denying that cigarette smoke clings to the hair, skin

and clothing of a regular smoker long after the last puff. On the positive side, this may be a perfect opportunity for your husband to rid himself of an expensive habit that's potentially dangerous to his health.

DEAR ABBY: My best friend, "Ellie," has a jealousy problem. She wanted to introduce me to another lady, "Mica," who was starting a new craft and looking for help to get started. Ellie gave my phone number to Mica, who contacted me and came to my house for instructions.

I told Ellie that Mica had called and that we'd set up a time for Mica to come over. When Ellie heard that, she got really upset because she wanted to introduce us. Now, if I mention Mica's name, my best

friend shuts down. Abby, I'm not sure how to handle jealousy. It's not an emotion I feel. Please help. — GOOD INTENTIONS IN ARKANSAS

DEAR GOOD INTENTIONS: Shuts down? Because you met with Mica without Ellie being present? That seems not only childish but also controlling. "Handle" this by refraining from mentioning Mica's name to Ellie.

DEAR ABBY: My son was conceived using donor sperm. I never told him because his deceased father didn't want him to know he wasn't his biological father, and they loved each other dearly.

My son, now in his 30s, has done the DNA thing and is now questioning why he's 60% Jewish when

that isn't in either family. I'm torn about whether I should tell him. I feel awful for not telling him as a child. I'm afraid this could be too big a shock for him. — WORRIED MOM IN NEVADA

DEAR WORRIED MOM: "Children" are more resilient than we sometimes think. You should not leave this world with this unfinished business. Your son deserves to know that because your husband felt that revealing that you needed artificial insemination to conceive would make him seem less manly, you couldn't disclose this important information while he was living. How sad is that, because it wouldn't have made him less loved or less of a role model.

Marriage licenses

Shon Willoughby, 36, Portland, and Tabethia J. Wasson, 39, Portland
Jerod E.R.E. Stanton, 22, Bryant, and Autumn R. Tackett, 23, Bryant
Christopher R. Anderson, 39, Pennville, and April D. Perdue, 38, Pennville
Daniel S. Schwartz, 24, Gene-

va, and Laura R. Schwartz, 22, Bryant
Randall W. Evans, 38, Fort Recovery, Ohio, and Hannah Locke, 37, Portland
Diana K. Cole, 70, Portland, and Samuel D. Voght, 69, Portland
Michael W. Humphrey, 51,

Pennville, and Amber J. White, 40, Pennville
Alan C.H. Schwartz, 23, Geneva, and Rebecca G.S. Schwartz, 23, Bryant
Heidi S. Cox, 21, Dunkirk, and Darrion M. Teer, 24, Dunkirk
Christian J. Hummer, 22, Salamanca, and Grace E. Saxman, 22, Portland

Davis Bowen, 40, Portland, and Marie M. Metellus, 36, Portland
Michael R. Bowen, 59, Dunkirk, and Mary A. VanVliet, 61, Poneto
Chase W. Brotherton, 22, Portland, and Haddie D. Hummer, 21, Portland
Nicole R. Boberg, 44, Defiance,

Ohio, and Christopher J. Farmer, 47, Portland
Erin E. Krehl, 41, Portland, and Charles Wendel, 50, Portland
Lenzi E. Earles, 20, Portland, Savanna E. Hamilton, 20, Dunkirk
Jesse M. Allen, 32, Portland, and Shelby L. Ellingwood, 31, Portland

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 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For

more information, call (260) 251-3259.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

PREGNANCY CARE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

BREAD OF LIFE COMMUNITY FAMILY MEAL — Will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St. in Portland. Everyone is welcome.

PORTLAND EVENING OPTIMIST CLUB — Will meet at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Monday of each month at Richards Restaurant.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life

Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

REDISCOVERING JOY — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at R & R Fabrications, 601 E. Washington St., St. Henry, Ohio.

Tuesday

JAY COUNTY PASTORS AND CHAPLAINS — Meet at 11:30 a.m. on the third Tuesday of each month in the chapel at Indiana University Health Jay Hospital.

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.

FRIENDS OF JAY COUNTY LIBRARY — Will meet at 6 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month at the library.

A BETTER LIFE – BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

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

Wednesday

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

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

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.

AL-ANON 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. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

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 Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal.

Sudoku

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			9	3			4	
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	6		8	9				3
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	1			7				6

Level: Advanced

Friday’s Solution

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

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

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Jay Lodge #87

175th Anniversary Celebration

On July 12, 2025, The Masonic Lodge, Jay Lodge #87 will be celebrating 175 years.

As part of the celebration, The Grand Lodge of Indiana will be performing a Re-dedication of the Lodge. This is a public ceremony and all are welcome to attend.

The rededication ceremony will begin promptly at 11am.

FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY:

There will be a Community Cookout along with fun activities beginning at 12pm in the parking lot. There will be grilled hot dogs, bags of chips, and bottled water all sponsored by the Jay Chapter of the DeMolay Youth Group. Free will donations will be accepted but not required.

Activities include:

Dunk Tank, Bounce House, Popcorn Cart, and tours of the lodge accompanied by Master Masons ready to answer any of questions you may have. Overflow parking will be at the Asbury Church parking lots.

Court relinquishing coequal power

New York Daily News

Tribune News Service

In a lengthy ruling last week D.C. Federal Judge Randolph Moss struck down the Trump administration's near total ban on asylum under the specious argument that the country was under invasion.

It is almost embarrassing for our federal court system that a judge even had to make this determination, in the same way that it would be humiliating for a judge to be called upon to rule on whether the sky is green. We can all see the reality that there is no such invasion no matter what Donald Trump insists.

Moss not only took this apart, but made the obvious point that, while the president has a lot of discretion over immigration enforcement, he cannot simply supplant the existing immigra-

Guest Editorial

tion system with one of his own choosing.

As positive as the ruling may be, we sadly have to wonder whether it even makes sense for those seeking humanitarian productions and a better life in the United States — part of our national ethos for well more than a century now — to continue to come. After all, the administration is arresting those who try to do everything right and show up for scheduled asylum hearings.

Trump's just-passed mega-

bill showers a staggering level of funding on ICE, making it the most resourced law enforcement agency, with a clear mandate to relentlessly pursue immigrants regardless of whether they're going through a legal process.

On top of all of that, the highest court in the land, which is empowered to overrule judges like Moss, seems firmly in the ideological orbit of the president, with the law coming only as an afterthought. That was again demonstrated by the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling allowing several men to be deported to South Sudan.

This is the second time the high court has affirmed the ability of the federal government to deport people with practically no notice nor ability to appeal to third countries where they have no ties

and have never been. After the first, a lower judge had blocked this specific group's deportation to a country that five years ago was in civil war and which is standing on the brink of war again; the State Department has evacuated all non-essential personnel and issued travel warnings.

Still, the majority shrugs and says it is apparently OK for the Trump administration to simply drop people off there with no resources or ability to get back to even their own countries of origin.

This is, to put it plainly, uncalled for cruelty. These are not the actions of a government that values universal human rights nor has any intention of complying with the post-World War II international agreements

designed to prevent nations from going down the path whose endpoint was so acutely demonstrated by that conflict, agreements which generally prevent governments from directly putting people in harm's way.

As Justice Sonia Sotomayor's dissent noted, it's not just that the administration is engaging in illegal and immoral conduct, but it has "the Supreme Court on speed dial" to quickly sign off on these efforts, often overriding what lower courts have ordered. That's the mark of a high court unfortunately following in the footsteps of Congress in relinquishing its coequal power, instead putting itself at the service of Donald Trump. For people often preoccupied with their legacy, we can say this isn't a good one.

Does AI spell the end of homework?

By JERALD MCNAIR

Chicago Tribune

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When a student turns in a writing assignment done at home and it's clear parts of the finished piece don't represent the kind of work the student usually does in the classroom, should the teacher grade it anyway?

This is the dilemma educators face now as our youngest generations grow up in a world of artificial intelligence. Students look to get credit for work done by a digital tool. It's modern-day cheating.

There used to be a time when educators would tell parents not to do their child's homework because it didn't benefit them in the long run. Those conversations could get contentious. I would often suggest to teachers to ask their students if they did the work or their parents. Children often would tell the truth.

Unfortunately, it's more complex now. Parents aren't often doing the work, but for some students, a computer is. The question remains: Should homework become a thing of the past? With youths having access to AI, how do we know if students are doing the homework themselves?

There are compelling arguments for and against homework. The website Helpful Professor notes that homework is time-consuming and stressful, contributes to anxiety, and is inequitable because some students don't have caregivers who can help. On the other hand, it teaches discipline, helps students manage their time better and gives students self-paced learning time.

In my experience as a school leader, very few topics inspire such positive and negative comments from teachers as homework. What can help guide decisions is understanding the community and the students being served. Education in the United States is a state matter and allows for local control. A one-size-fits-all approach is not advantageous and does not take into account the differing resources and circumstances among communities.

I am a big proponent of homework. That does not mean that it is best for

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every student. Each district should discuss what is best for the students and families they serve. However, before we use AI as a reason to forgo homework, what does the data say?

More than 50% of 1,274 young people ages 14 to 22 reported using generative AI at some point in their lives, according to a 2023 survey from NORC at the University of Chicago and other research groups. Broken down further, 12% and 11% report using it once or twice per month or once or twice per week, respectively.

This data tells us that AI is not being used as often as we think — at least not yet.

In a study conducted by Pew Research Center in 2023, a quarter of the teachers said the use of AI tools in education does more harm than good. Almost a third said there is some benefit — as well as some cause for concern.

Before use among students increases dramatically, educators and institutions of learning have an opportunity and an obligation to talk about the ethical responsibilities that students and parents have when using AI. The key is using AI in a way that does not stymie a student's creativity or replace the work they are supposed to do on their own.

Teaching and expecting ethical responsibility from our youths should be a requirement at all educational institutions. As we teach these principles, hopefully, future generations will take these lessons to the labor force when they are older.

When the new school year begins, districts will have to decide their stance on homework. Whatever it may be, we cannot absolve young people of their responsibilities.

Teach them to do the right thing.

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Rokita's arguments contradict

By JOHN KRULL

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There is one thing even Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita's most severe critics must acknowledge.

The man is not cursed with self-awareness.

He literally does not know when he is indicting himself.

Considering his "defense" in one of his — I, like most observers, have lost count of just how many there are in process — disciplinary investigations.

The Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission has said that the attorney general lied to the court. The misrepresentation, the commission says, occurred when Rokita agreed to a settlement in yet another disciplinary investigation — again, no one seems to know just how many our feckless attorney general has prompted — and then turned around to issue a public statement saying he didn't mean a word of what he'd agreed to.

That disciplinary action happened because Rokita couldn't restrain himself from pandering to the MAGA crowd. In the summer of 2022, when he learned that an Indiana doctor had performed a legal abortion for a 10-year-old Ohio girl who had been raped and become pregnant from the assault, our attorney general rushed in front of the Fox News cameras to accuse the doctor in false and scurrilous terms.

The stunt backfired on Rokita. It turned out that Dr. Caitlin Bernard had followed every applicable law. Worse, Rokita violated standards that are supposed to govern attorney conduct by maligning her in ways that seemed designed to damage her reputation.

When Rokita continued to disparage Bernard, she sued him. The result was a kind of draw. The judge did not rule in Bernard's favor but also determined that Rokita likely had broken the law himself.

The attorney general at first con-

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templated appealing the judge's ruling — even though, technically, he won — but then settled on a more expedient approach.

He venue-shopped until he found the Indiana Medical Licensing Board, which was packed with political appointees, including several who had made political contributions to Rokita's campaigns. They chose not to recuse themselves.

After many hours and the expenditure of goodness knows how many taxpayer dollars, Rokita's army of attorneys persuaded the pliant board to give Bernard a light reprimand and impose a \$3,000 fine on her.

The licensing board's determination earned derision from legal and medical ethics experts across the country. If the doctor had chosen to appeal the punishment in a court of law where standards of evidence are more rigorous, she likely would have prevailed.

But Bernard apparently decided that the moral blight that is Todd Rokita already had consumed too much of her time and thought — she and her family were being harassed by his supporters — so she dropped the matter.

Rokita, on the other hand, hasn't been able to let go.

His first disciplinary investigation came from his incendiary comments. He settled because he would have lost and lost big if he continued to fight.

Then he turned around and issued a public statement saying the settlement, in which he acknowledged his actions under oath, was itself a fib. That prompted more investigations

and more disciplinary trouble for our undisciplined attorney general.

Rokita cannot avail himself of the defense that normally would make the most sense in this situation — namely, that he didn't lie. He's tried to say that by halfheartedly arguing that his affidavit and his public statement are the same thing.

Which they are, in the sense that "up" and "down" are both directions, "black" and "white" are both colors and "truth" and "falsehood" are both words.

Denied that defense, Rokita has gone in another direction. Instead of arguing the merits of his case, he's doing his best to discredit members of the disciplinary commission by attacking political contributions they have made.

He argues those contributions should disqualify them from rendering any sort of judgment.

You read that right.

The same guy who shopped for a venue and process that was stacked with people who had given him money so he could persecute Caitlin Bernard now says anyone who has made a political contribution to anyone should be disqualified.

No, the man is not cursed with self-awareness.

Nor shame, apparently.

Once again, Todd Rokita has offered two arguments that oppose each other.

If he means what he says regarding the disciplinary commission, he owes Caitlin Bernard an apology and her day in an unbiased court.

And if he doesn't mean it?

Well, then, he should shut his trap before it gets him in even more trouble.

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: SPARKLY ARTIFICIAL
GEMS THAT ACTOR REYNOLDS LIKES PUTTING
ON SOME OF HIS DUDS: RYAN-STONES.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals G

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to the beach. Each number corresponds to a letter. (hint: 10 = S)

A. 10 9 7 23
Clue: Granular material

B. 10 8 4 16 15 25 20 7 15
Clue: Where ocean meets sand

C. 5 9 2 15 10
Clue: Swells of water

D. 10 8 15 25 25 10
Clue: Protective coatings of sea creatures

Answers: A. sand B. shoreline C. waves D. shells

BEACH TIME WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

BARRIER
BEACHCOMBER
BERM
BOARDWALK
BREAKWATER
BUCKET
COAST
COOLER
DOLPHIN
LIFEGUARD
RIPTIDE
SAND
SANDBAR
SEASIDE
SHARK
SHORE
SUNSCREEN
SURFBOARD
SWIMSUIT
TAN
TIDES
TOWEL
UMBRELLA
WAVES

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Promises book
5 Actress artists
9 NFL pass animal
12 Help a new-comer
13 Hockey legend
14 Motor City labor org.
15 Deceitful person
16 Dossier
17 "I — Rock"
18 Sicilian spouter
19 Colorful card game
20 Party time, briefly
21 Director Craven
23 — de mer
25 Talk nonsense
28 Sports jacket
32 See eye to eye
33 Whale's home
34 Aches (for)

36 Comic book
37 Zodiac animal
38 Society new-comer
39 Holly-wood's Garland
42 Poem of praise
44 "Como — usted?"
48 Squeeze (out)
49 Director Ephron
50 Ostrich kin
51 Website contact no.
52 List-end-ing short-hand

53 Bellow
54 Jargon suffix
55 Resis-tance units
56 Canine cry

10 Crimson Tide, briefly
11 Vacillate
20 Jam flavor
22 Justice Kagan
24 Stag
25 Inlet
26 Mature
27 Bikini top
29 Wye follower
30 Hearing thing
31 ICU workers
35 Bump-free
36 Para-gons
39 Ballet leap
40 Luau strings
41 Editing order
43 Apoth-ecary measure
45 Loafer, for one
46 Blue shade
47 50-and-over org.
49 "The Matrix" role

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 7-12

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
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15 16 17
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37 38
39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47
48 49 50
51 52 53
54 55 56

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Solution to a quandary

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ A 6 2
♥ A K Q
♦ A K 7 6 3
♣ Q 10

WEST EAST
♦ Q J 10 9 3 ♠ 5
♥ J 5 4 ♠ 10 9 8 2
♦ Q J ♠ A K J 9 8 5 4 2
♣ 7 6 3

SOUTH
♦ K 8 7 4
♥ 10 9 8 7 6 3 2
♦ 5 4
♣ —

The bidding:
North 1 ♦ East 4 ♣ South 4 ♥ West Pass

Opening lead — queen of spades.
Readers who enjoy solving double-dummy problems are invited to test their skill on this hand, which has a neat and instructive twist. (A double-dummy problem is one where you are permitted to look at all four hands while trying to find the solution.)

South is in six hearts, and West leads a spade. The contract would be easy to make if the trumps were divided 2-1, or if the spades or diamonds were divided 3-3. But a glance at the East-West hands reveals that none of these conditions exists. So, the problem is to

make six hearts despite the unlucky distribution of the adverse cards.
Here's the solution: Declarer wins the spade lead with the king, crosses to dummy with a trump and plays the queen of clubs. When East covers with the king, South discards a diamond!

Assume East continues with a club. South ruffs and leads a diamond to the king. He next trumps a low diamond and cashes the A-K of hearts, eliminating West's trumps.

Declarer discards one of his spade losers on the diamond ace and then ruffs another diamond, establishing dummy's seven as a trick. The ace of spades provides the entry to dummy that allows South to discard his other spade loser and make the contract.

Actually, this is about as good a way to play the hand as South has, even if the opponents' cards are unknown.

It is, of course, unusual for declarer to give up a club trick when no loser exists in that suit. But it allows the slam to be made if the diamonds are divided either 3-3 or 4-2, regardless of which defender has the greater diamond length.

If a club trick is not relinquished, the contract cannot be made. The unusual character of a play should never be allowed to stand in the way of giving oneself the best chance to succeed.

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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♦ 7
♥ A 2
♦ K J 10 8 5 2
♣ Q 8 6 4

WEST EAST
♦ K 4 ♠ 6 5 2
♥ K J 10 9 7 ♠ Q 8 6 5 4 3
♦ A 9 4 ♠ Q 7 3
♣ K J 5

SOUTH
♦ A Q J 10 9 8 3
♥ 6
♦ A 10 9 7 3
♣ —

The bidding:
South 1 ♠ West 2 ♦ North 5 ♣ East 3 ♥
4 ♣ 4 ♥ 5 ♣ Pass
6 ♣ Dble

Opening lead — ten of hearts.
This deal occurred in the 1993 world team championship in the semifinal-round match between the United States and the Netherlands. The Dutch won the 96-deal semifinal by the slender margin of 3 IMPs — thanks in no small part to this deal — and then went on to defeat Norway for the world title.

When Enri Leufkens and Berry Westra of the Netherlands held the North-South cards, the bidding went as shown, with Westra ending up in six clubs doubled. West, Eric

Rodwell, judged that in view of his strong holdings in all four suits, it was not likely that South could make the slam. Rodwell therefore led a heart — the suit he and his partner had been bidding — expecting that this would pave the way to the maximum penalty.

Rodwell's strategy backfired, however, when Westra won the heart lead with dummy's ace and discarded his singleton diamond. Next came the ace and another club, taken by West with the king. Westra ruffed the heart return, drew Rodwell's last trump and then played the A-Q of spades. Westra would no doubt have let the queen ride had West followed low, but when the king appeared, declarer ruffed in dummy and claimed the remainder.

At the second table, the bidding went:
South 1 ♠ West 2 ♥ North Dble East 5 ♥
6 ♣ Dble

David Berkowitz and Larry Cohen of the U.S. also reached six clubs doubled. But Wubbo de Boer of the Netherlands took no chances and led the ace of diamonds, and declarer later lost a club trick to finish down one. The net result of plus 1,540 at the first table and plus 200 at the second gave the Netherlands a 17-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: The practical side of bridge.
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7-14 CRYPTOQUIP

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ZEL DQZDGX MJLIX MLZH LKC
LA CEP XYG CL JPXWKP ALQYX:
XZLLIPJ-ODH.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF SUPERMODEL KLUM
IS MAKING NO ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL HERSELF,
WHAT IS SHE? HEIDI IN PLAIN SIGHT.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals H

Creative Coloring

Color in this picture to create your own masterpiece.

Double Word Puzzle

Unscramble the words to reveal the sentence.

OPSCO 1 2 3
NECO 4
ERFZEE 5 6
SATE 7

Answer: I scream for ice cream

NEW WORD

CUSTARD

a dessert made with cream and egg

Did You Know?

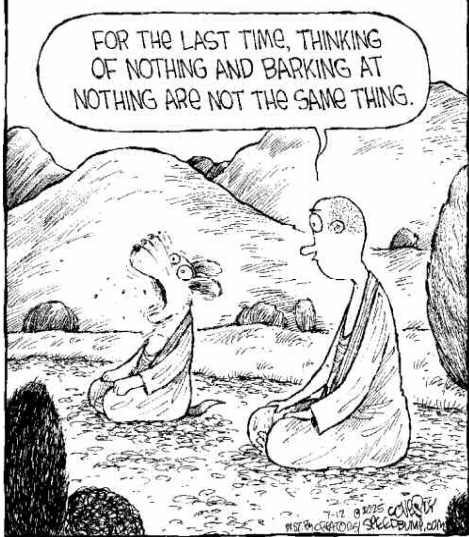
The countries that consume the most ice cream are the United States, Australia and Norway.

Get the PICTURE?

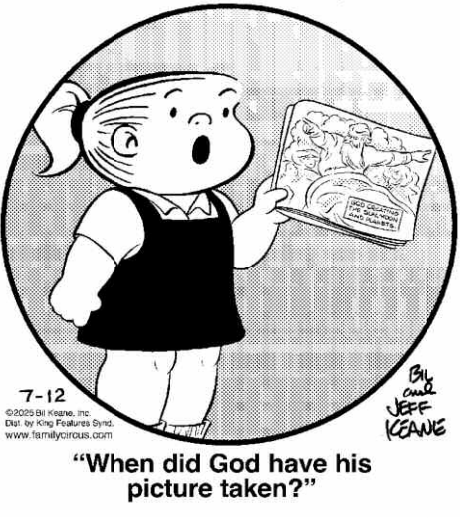
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Answer: Ice cream cones

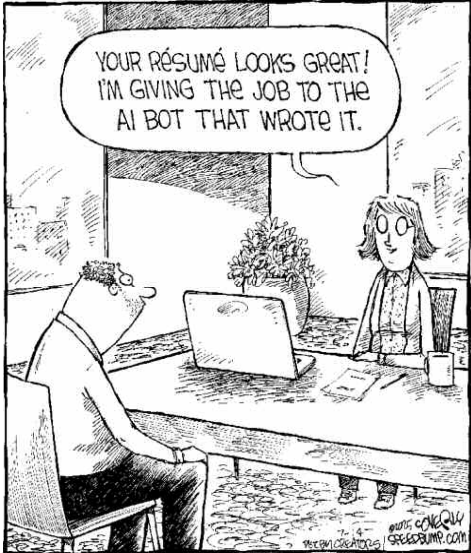
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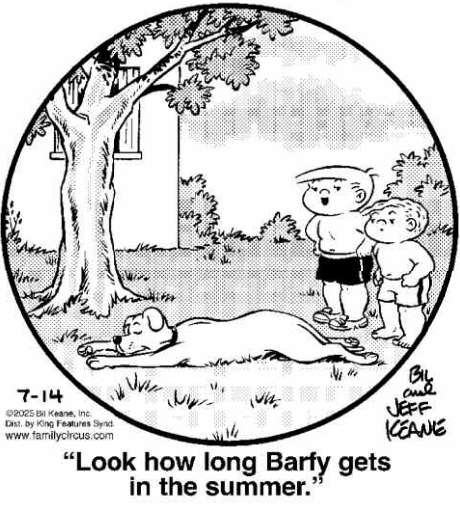
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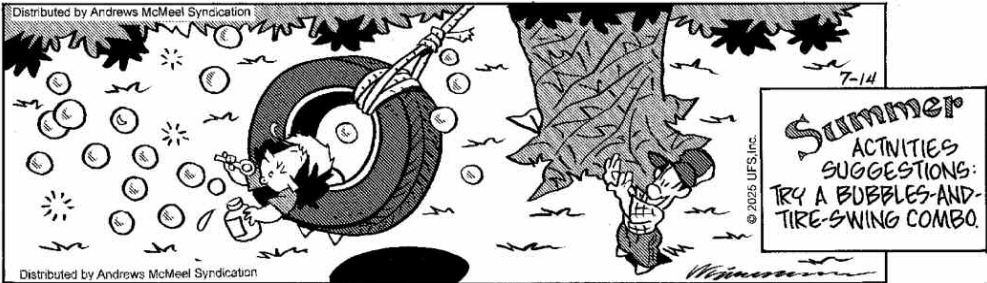
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Rose is Rose



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Agnes



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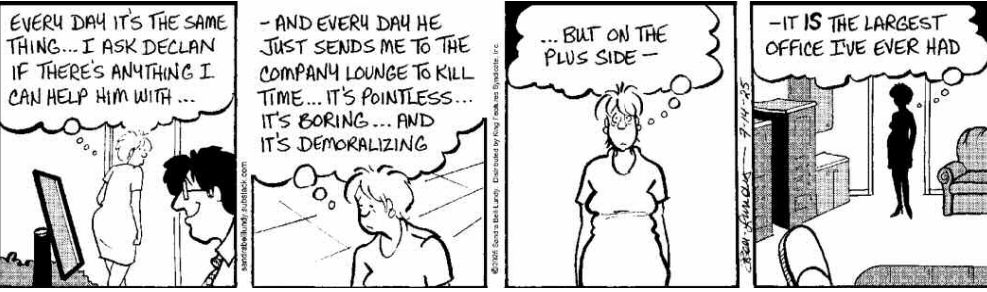
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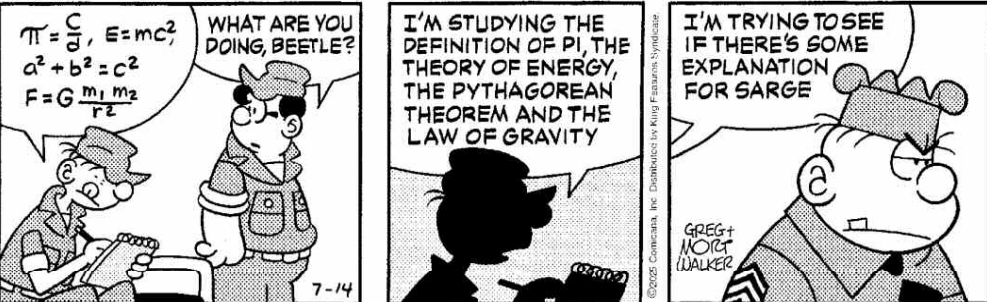
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