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## Franchise family



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Dean DiMichele and his children Nicole and Chad are the new owners of 13 McDonald's franchises in Indiana, including the Portland location, which serves as the home office for the family's operation. DiMichele previously owned restaurants in the St. Louis and Little Rock, Arkansas, areas and said he plans to continue to grow in Indiana.

### McDonald's owners are based in Portland, plan to continue to grow operation in Indiana

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

After decades in Little Rock, Arkansas, and St. Louis, Dean DiMichele has returned to Indiana.

He's made Portland the home base of his McDonald's operation.

DiMichele, in partnership with his daughter Nicole and son Chad, have taken over as owner/operators of 13 Indiana McDonald's restaurants, including the Portland location.

The DiMicheles acquired the Hoosier restaurants from four

different owners including Rick Reidenbach, who had owned the Portland restaurant on Meridian Street since 1996, in deals that closed in December and January. Their portfolio includes McDonald's locations in Hartford City, Bluffton, Marion, Fort Wayne, Logansport, Monticello, Delphi and West Lafayette.

While making those purchases, they sold five McDonald's locations in Arkansas to two different entities.

"Just trying to put all

this together, it was like a jigsaw puzzle," said DiMichele, who lives in Fort Wayne but has made the Portland office his base of operations in Indiana. "But it all worked."

He grew up in northwest Indiana, graduating from Highland High School in 1976 and going on to Purdue University. While in college, he met his uncle's best friend, who owned McDonald's restaurants in the Canton, Ohio, area.

DiMichele was immediately hooked.

"I was just intrigued by the business. I said to myself, 'That's what I want to do,'" he said.

"Just hearing the stories from this owner operator of things that he did with his restaurants and how he grew them ... how he gave back to the community," he added. "It was just phenomenal, the success that he had. I just found that very interesting."

DiMichele started working at a McDonald's and working his way up the ladder. At 27, he applied to become an

owner/operator. He got his first restaurant inside a St. Louis hospital when he was 30.

He added a second restaurant a year later and another the year after that. Eventually, seeking more room to grow, he sold off his St. Louis restaurants and moved to Little Rock, where he had as many as six locations.

DiMichele returned to Indiana both for the opportunity to be closer to home and to grow his operation.

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## New vaccine OK'd for use

By JAMEY KEATEN  
Associated Press

GENEVA — The World Health Organization gave emergency use authorization Friday to a COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by China's Sinopharm, potentially paving the way for millions of the doses to reach needy countries through a U.N.-backed program rolling out coronavirus vaccines.

The decision by a WHO technical advisory group — a first for a Chinese vaccine — opens the possibility that Sinopharm's offering could be included in the U.N.-backed COVAX program in coming weeks or months and distributed through UNICEF and the WHO's Americas regional office.

Aside from efficacy numbers, the Chinese manufacturer has released very little public data about its two vaccines — one developed by its Beijing Institute of Biological Products and the other by the Wuhan Institute of Biological Products.

The Beijing shot is one the WHO advisory group considered for the emergency use listing.

"This afternoon, WHO gave emergency use listing to sign off on Beijing's COVID-19 vaccine, making it the sixth vaccine to receive WHO validation for safety, efficacy and quality," WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus told reporters.

The Sinopharm vaccine will join ones made by Pfizer-BioNTech, Johnson & Johnson, Moderna, AstraZeneca, and a version of the AstraZeneca vaccine made by the Serum Institute of India, in receiving the coveted authorization from the U.N. health agency.

The announcement raised the prospect that the Chinese vaccine, which has already been exported by millions of doses in some countries, could join the U.N.'s arsenal against COVID-19 at a time when supplies of other Western-made or developed vaccines have been lacking.

## Retrospect

### Muhlenkamp won, Nixon ousted

Twenty-five years ago this week, Democrats in Jay County dropped one incumbent commissioner from their slate and narrowly sent another to the general election.

The May 8, 1996, edition of The Commercial Review featured coverage the primary election.

On the Democrat side of the ballot, incumbent south district commissioner Ed Nixon finished a distant third in a three-way race, picking up only 483 votes. Gary Theurer earned 844 votes while Randy May had 737.

"I feel either one, me or Randy (May) did really well for the first time out," said

Theurer, who was making his first run for a county office. "I guess the public decided it was time for a change. I cleared one hurdle. I've just got one more to go."

Another Democrat, Ernest Muhlenkamp fought off a solid challenge from John R. Murphy for the party's nomination for the north district seat.

Muhlenkamp, also the incumbent, won 1,109-876.

For the Republicans, Mike Leonhard cruised to victory with 1,428 votes in a three-way north district commissioner race over Bill Lawrence (656) and Jon Roughia (545). And in the south district, Jim Zimmerman earned the nod with

1,463 votes compared to 723 for J Littler and 530 for David Shaver.

Theurer would go on to edge Zimmerman — he later served two terms as commissioner — by a count of 3,801-3,747 for the south district commissioner seat in the general election, starting a run of three consecutive terms in office before he shifted to county council for another dozen years.

Leonhard defeated Muhlenkamp for the north district seat in the general election and also served three terms — from 1997 through 2004 and again from 2017 through 2020 — with a decade on county council in between.



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Incumbent Jay County Commissioners Ernest Muhlenkamp (left) and Ed Nixon talk after primary election results came in on May 7, 1996. Muhlenkamp held off a strong challenge from John R. Murphy while Nixon finished last in a three-way race.

#### Deaths

Cyril "Cy" B. Homan, 87, Fort Recovery, Ohio  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

The high temperature topped out at 61 degrees Friday. There was about a quarter inch of rain.

Skies are expected to be sunny today with a high of 59. Sunday's forecast calls for 1 to 2 inches of rain and winds up to 20 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

#### In review

Local theater group Harmony Players will host its Mother's Day Festival at 3:30 p.m. today at Hudson Family Park in Portland. The event will feature musical and other performances. Food and various other vendors will be available.

#### Coming up

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

Wednesday — Feature story about Indiana's Run for the Fallen.



# Obituaries

## Cyril Homan

June 8, 1933-May 7, 2021  
Cyril "Cy" B. Homan, 87, of Fort Recovery, Ohio, passed away on Friday, May 7, 2021, at Mercer County Community Hospital in Coldwater.  
He was born on June 8, 1933, in Coldwater to the late William and Mathilda (Wendel) Homan.  
Cy is survived by his children, Kathleen (Robert) DeBolt of Union City, Indiana, Rick (Ginny) Homan of Fort Recovery, Carrol (Paul) Mertz of Fort Recovery and Susan (Dave) Westgerdes of Coldwater; his 12 grandchildren; his great-grand-

children; his sister, Linda Hoying of Coldwater; and his in-laws, Wonda Walker of Muncie, Indiana, and Dorthy Walker of Dunkirk, Indiana.  
In addition to his parents, Cy was preceded in death by his wife, Vera Mae (Walker) Homan, whom he married on July 11, 1953; his son, William Homan; his grandsons, Chuck DeBolt and William Mertz; his siblings, Irene (John) Art, Veronica Homan and Glen Nolan; his brother-in-law, Nor-



Homan

man Hoying; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Walter and Bertha (Peterson) Walker; and his in-laws, Virgil Walker, Bill (Opal) Walker, Thelma Bregance, Evelyn Marshall, Cecil (Ruth) Walker, Bert (Nelda) Walker, Fred Walker, Tom Walker, Phebe (Bill) Bishop, Faye and Ivy (Jesse) Nunn.  
Cy was a true farmer. He loved being outdoors and tending to his crops. While farming, Cy also worked for New Idea in Coldwater for 12 years. He enjoyed hunting and spending time with his family. Cy was an avid card player and especially enjoyed playing cards at the sportsman club and

the VFW. He was a member of the Ohio Progressive Sportsman Club, the Fort Recovery Knights of Columbus and Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church.  
A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, May 10, 2021, at Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, Fort Recovery, with Father Ned Brown as celebrant. Burial will follow in St. Marys Cemetery in Fort Recovery.  
For those who would prefer to join remotely, the Mass will be live-streamed at [fortrecoverycatholics.org/streamspot](http://fortrecoverycatholics.org/streamspot).  
Guests may visit with Cy's family on Sunday, May 9, 2021,

from 2 to 7 p.m. and again on Monday from 9 to 10 a.m. at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home.  
Condolences may be shared with the family by visiting [brockmanboeckmanfh.com](http://brockmanboeckmanfh.com).  
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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.*

# CR almanac

Sunday 5/9	Monday 5/10	Tuesday 5/11	Wednesday 5/12	Thursday 5/13
<b>53/39</b>	<b>57/38</b>	<b>60/38</b>	<b>63/45</b>	<b>61/44</b>
Between 1 and 2 inches of rain is expected with thunderstorms possible and a high of 53 degrees.	Skies will be mostly sunny with a high of 57.	Areas of frost are expected before 9 a.m. The high will then climb to 60 under sunny skies.	The high will be 63 under mostly sunny skies.	There is a 40% chance of showers. Otherwise, skies will be partly sunny with a high of 61.

# Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 4-9-9 Daily Four: 5-5-8-4 Quick Draw: 01-02-04-05-11-15-18-23-24-29-31-33-37-45-48-50-52-62-72-79	Pick 3: 3-3-1 Pick 4: 3-1-6-1 Pick 5: 1-4-5-8-1 Rolling Cash 5: 15-30-32-35-39
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 9-4-6 Pick 4: 3-0-7-4 Pick 5: 7-5-3-6-4 Evening	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$157 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$370 million

# Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.66 June corn .....7.67 Wheat .....7.40	Wheat ..... 7.51 June wheat..... 7.41
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.62 June corn .....7.82 July corn .....7.86 August corn .....7.92	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.62 June corn .....7.62 Beans .....16.50 Sept. beans .....13.88 Wheat ..... 7.52 July wheat.....7.32
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.67 June corn .....7.67 Beans .....16.49 June beans .....16.49	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.74 June corn .....7.67 Beans .....16.13 June beans .....16.13 Wheat .....7.17 July wheat.....7.17

# Today in history

**On May 8, 1984**, the Soviet Union announced it would boycott the upcoming Summer Olympic Games in Los Angeles.  
**In 1541**, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.  
**In 1660**, the British Parliament moved to restore the monarchy by declaring that Charles II had been the country's lawful king since the execution of his father, Charles I, in 1649.  
**In 1846**, the first major battle of the Mexican-American War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas; U.S. forces led by Gen. Zachary Taylor were able to beat back Mexican forces.  
**In 1886**, Atlanta pharmacist John Pemberton began selling the original version of Coca-Cola, which he'd invented.  
**In 1915**, Regret became the first filly to win the Kentucky Derby.  
**In 1945**, President Harry S. Truman announced on radio that Nazi Germany's forces had surrendered, and that "the flags of freedom fly all over Europe."  
**In 1958**, Vice President Richard Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.  
**In 1971**, former Portland resident Arlo Gettinger, who was stationed with the U.S. Marine Corps in Norfolk, Virginia, was stabbed in an incident in his off-base apartment.  
—AP and The CR

# Citizen's calendar

**Monday**  
9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, county commissioners' room, 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 Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.  
6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.  
**Wednesday**  
6:45 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council joint session, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.  
7 p.m. — Jay County Council, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

# Family ...

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"We're going to grow this," he said, though he added that no additional purchases are currently in the works. "We're not done. ... We're going to double in size ... probably in the next five years. ...  
"It will be just a matter of time."  
Part of that desire for growth is to continue to have greater opportunities for his children, each of current-ly own one of the group of 13 franchises. The plan is to shift the business to them over time.  
They each have their areas of expertise, with Nicole focusing on marketing and human resources while Chad is more targeted toward strategy and numbers.  
"The year I was born was the year my parents bought their first restau-

rant, so I was born into the business," said Nicole in a press release. "From playing with Happy Meal toys to learning how to count money in the drive-thru, I've loved growing up in the business and am excited for this next step."  
While the Portland McDonald's went through a renovation in 2018, the DiMicheles are already moving forward with plans at some of their other locations. They will break ground on a new site for the south Marion restaurant in June. In August, they will tear down the Hartford City location and rebuild a new restaurant — it will have a similar look to Portland but with a smaller footprint — at the same location with plans to be open again before Thanksgiving.

DiMichele said thus far the Portland location has been his highest-volume site. And he emphasized the family's goal of being involved in the community, noting that he is planning something special for around this year's Tri-State Antique Tractor and Engine Show in August.  
"Where we came from we were heavily involved in the communities, the police department, fire department," said DiMichele, whose family received the 2020 Sam Perroni Volunteer Award at Ronald McDonald House Charities in December. "We're going to do the same thing here."  
"We're good supporters, whether it's the baseball teams, basketball teams, soccer. We did all that in Little Rock and we plan on doing the same thing here."

# Capsule Reports

**Intersection collision**  
A Farmland man driving through the intersection of county road 200 West and Indiana 67 did not see an oncoming Portland man's vehicle, resulting in a collision about 7:55 a.m. Friday.  
Justin L. House, 25, Farmland, stopped a 2014 Ford F250 on county road 200 West at the intersection with the highway. He told Jay County Sheriff's Office he didn't see Larry M. Nuckols, 49, Portland, driv-

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# Deeds

Zane Shawver to Jordan T. Wolford, warranty deed — Lot 79, Mount Auburn Addition, Dunkirk  
Annie L. Ford and Roby C. Ford Jr. to themselves, quit claim deed — Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5, Coon First Addition  
Garrett Smith to Robert L. and Teresa M. Smith, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Knox Township, Dunkirk  
Lawrence Sizemore (deceased) to Shawnee Morton and Sandra Fravel, deed affidavit — Lot 107, Cadwallader and Edger Addition  
Thomas D. Rose (deceased) and Karen D. Rose to Michael C. and Michelle R. Frazee and Karen D. Rose, deed affidavit — Part of Hagin Addition Subdivision  
Karen D. Rose, Michael C. and Michelle R. Frazee to Michael C. and Michelle R. Frazee, quit claim deed — Part of Hagin Addition Subdivision  
Leonard R. Braner Living Trust to Sarah Briggs, trustee deed — Part of Lot 9, Block 5, original plat of Pennville  
Eric R. and Pamela J. Rogers to themselves, death

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**SERVICES**

**Saturday**  
**Hisey**, Thurman: 10 a.m., Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.  
**Stults**, Florence: 10:30 a.m., Sugar Grove United Methodist Church, 11515 W. 600 South, Redkey.  
**Lake**, Sara: 2 p.m., Little Salamonina Cemetery.

**Monday**  
**Homan**, Cyril: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpsburg Road, Fort Recovery.

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# Veteran feels used by friend

DEAR ABBY: While shopping with a friend recently, I was put in an awkward situation in regard to a store discount. Having served in the military, I qualify for a discount at that particular store. She was aware of that discount, and while she was at the checkout lane, she yelled at me, "Hey, you! What's your phone number for your military discount?"

We are both retired and living on one income, although I am married and live on my husband's pension. She's retired from a job in the medical field, owns her home and shows up conveniently at friends' homes for coffee and food.

I was so dumbfounded at her request for the number that I gave it to her. I'm uncomfortable going shopping with her now. I haven't addressed it with her, and I have tried to avoid any shopping trips with her since that incident. It feels like she's stealing my valor since my husband and I served in the military. Am I too easily offended? — RETIRED IN ALASKA

DEAR RETIRED: I'm glad you mentioned valor in your letter because it's time for you to summon up some more. Unless you want this person to continue taking

Dear Abby



advantage of you, set her straight. She is not entitled to the discount, and you must learn to refuse if and when she puts you in that position again.

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DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband always had a difficult relationship with his family. I never understood and would force him to call them on holidays, birthdays and special occasions. We divorced after he had an affair. It was ugly at the start, but we are civil now.

Following the divorce, COVID and some bad decisions on his part, he has lost everything. He's now homeless and lives in his car or at motels. The other day he came to me desperate. I took him out of the cold for a while, fed him and dropped him off at a friend's. I then reached out to his family to tell them about how bad he is doing. I didn't even get to tell them before they cut me

off saying they have washed their hands of him because of his bad decisions.

My ex isn't perfect, but although he never did anything to his family like he did to me, they are punishing him for that. Should I reach out to them again and tell them he needs them now more than ever, or should I just let it go like he told me to years ago? — EX WITH A HEART

DEAR EX: If you think it will soften their hearts, contact them once more and tell them that you have forgiven him for the hurt he caused you and suggest they stop punishing him for it. However, it's entirely possible that some of your ex's other bad decisions may have affected his relatives. If that's the case, let the matter drop. Remember, there's a difference between being softhearted and softheaded, and he must solve his own problems without you being dragged back in.

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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.

# Grant application process is now open

The grant application process is open.

The Portland Foundation is now accepting applications for its summer grant round.

The grant application deadline is 5 p.m. June 14 for both regular foundation grants and teacher creativity mini grants. Women's Giving Circle Grant applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. July 16.

Applications for The Portland Foundation's summer scholarships (for current college students) is 5 p.m. June 21.

All applications are available at portlandfoundation.org.

For more information, contact Jessica Cook at jcook@portlandfoundation.org or (260) 726-4260.

## Taking Note

**Cheerleaders named**  
Jay County High School has named its cheerleaders for the 2021-22 school year.

Making up the Patriots' varsity squad are Mattie Ardizzone, Maddy Fraley, Cash Hollowell, Mariana Lopez, Kaden Norris and Lilly Rodgers.

On the junior varsity squad for 2020-21 will be Coryn Blalock, Adriene Denney, Jocelyn Haggard, Karcie Hopkins, Sydney Huftel, Jordyn Hutzler, Emma Lemaster and Erin Ring.



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# Community Calendar

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

## Saturday

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 10 a.m. upstairs at True Value Hardware, Meridian Street, Portland. For more information, call (260) 729-2532.

## Monday

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

**BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER** — Walking from 9 to 10 a.m. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**PING PONG** — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon

each Monday at Jay Community Center.

**EUCHRE** — For those 55 and older from 12:30 to 3 p.m. at West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

**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.

**TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS)** — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30

p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 6 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.

**PORTLAND CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY ALUMNI** — Will meet at 11 a.m. the second Monday of each month at the Portland Fire Department. For more information, call Nick Miller at (937) 239-0022.

**DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** — Meets at 3 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Mercer Health in Coldwater, Ohio.

**REDISCOVERING JOY** — The support group of widows and widowers meets at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month at Preferred Insurance Center, 809 W. Main St., Coldwater, Ohio. For more information, email rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com.

**JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION** — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

## Tuesday

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

**THE LANDING** — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

**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

# Sudoku

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Level: Advanced

## Friday's Solution

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

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.



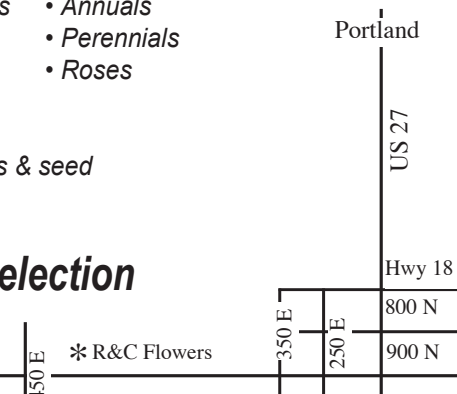
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# City needs to get the process right

Let's get it right this time. Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the termination of its contract with John Goodhew of Goodhew Roofing and Metals for the purchase of the Sheller-Globe south building on Bridge Street in Portland. The contract included a provision that allowed Goodhew to terminate the deal if the environmental studies did not come back clean.

Given the tumultuous process the city went through to decide who to sell the building to, it's not a surprise that the deal went south.

First, the city in 2017 turned down a proposal from Herman & Kittle Properties to rehab the site as an apartment complex. It was part of an offer that

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would have also included a senior housing complex at the former Jay County Hospital Site at 510 W. High St. and constructing three new homes where blighted houses had been torn down.

The city passed on that opportunity, in part because it was, and still is, storing some of its street department equipment in the Sheller-Globe south building.

Then the city put the proper-

ty up for sale. It initially opened bids at a meeting in December 2018.

Four different entities put in offers, with the city's board of works selecting Goodhew. But because of a dispute — Goodhew's offer came in below its \$52,163 assessed value while all of the other bids were well over that number — the city restarted the process. The board of works selected Goodhew again, and Portland City Council eventually approved the sale after three meetings of discussion. The entire process took about seven months.

Almost two years later, that contract has been rescinded.

Now what? Portland Mayor John Boggs on Thursday said the plan is to

put the property up for sale again, with no promises of a clean environmental study. At Monday's city council meeting, council member Janet Powers asked if the site had been considered for the city's street department, which is currently cramped in its Wayne Street building adjacent to Weiler-Wilson Park. It's possible a developer could be interested in the site for apartments again, as Herman & Kittle was four years ago.

(Rather than simply putting the site up for sale, it might make more sense to put out a request for proposals. There may also be interest in using the property for something we haven't even considered yet.)

Whatever the path, the city

needs to avoid the pitfalls it has stumbled over so far.

The building is one of the worst eyesores in Portland. And we've already seen that it doesn't have to be.

The former Sheller-Globe north building was sold to TLS by Design in 2013. The furniture company fixed up the property and is now running a successful business that has already been named industry of the year once and is nominated again this year.

It's time to step back, reconsider, take some time and get this right.

Let's do everything we can to make sure the result is another TLS success story and that we're not sitting here in another two or four years, still hoping for progress. — R.C.

## Pentagon must prepare for threat

By LLOYD J. AUSTIN III  
Special To The Washington Post

The cornerstone of America's defense is deterrence, ensuring that our adversaries understand the folly of outright conflict. "Only when our arms are sufficient beyond doubt," said President John F. Kennedy in 1961, "can we be certain beyond doubt that they will never be employed."

Sixty years later, we are still the best in this business. But being the best today isn't a guarantee of being the best tomorrow — not in an age when technology is changing the character of warfare itself, and not at a time when our potential adversaries are very deliberately working to blunt our edge.

Galloping advances in technology mean important changes in the work we do to keep the United States secure not just through air, land and sea but also space and cyber-space.

To ensure that the costs and risks of aggression remain out of line with any conceivable benefit, we'll use existing capabilities, build new ones, and use all of them in new and networked ways — hand in hand with our allies and partners.

We cannot predict the future. What we need is the right mix of technology, operational concepts and capabilities — all woven together in a networked way that is so credible, flexible and formidable that it will give any adversary pause. We need to create advantages for ourselves and dilemmas for them.

Under what I call "integrated deterrence," the U.S. military isn't meant to stand apart, but to buttress U.S. diplomacy and advance a foreign policy that employs all instruments of our national power. As President Biden has made clear, diplomacy must come first, and the use of force must be a very last resort.

Integrated deterrence means using some of our current capabilities differently. It means developing new operational concepts for things we already have. And it means investing in quantum computing and artificial intelligence, which will help us make decisions with more speed and rigor.

We are already investing in the huge opportunities of edge computing, the framework that lets us process data as it is being

Lloyd J. Austin III



collected, absorb it and share it instantaneously — enabling us to find not just one needle in one haystack but 10 needles in 10 haystacks, and share those locations with various forces and partners. This gives us real-world, real-time advantages — and can let us fully grasp situations moving at the speed of war.

Yet deterrence today doesn't rely on any particular platform or service or skill set. It relies on the networks we build across the whole of our military.

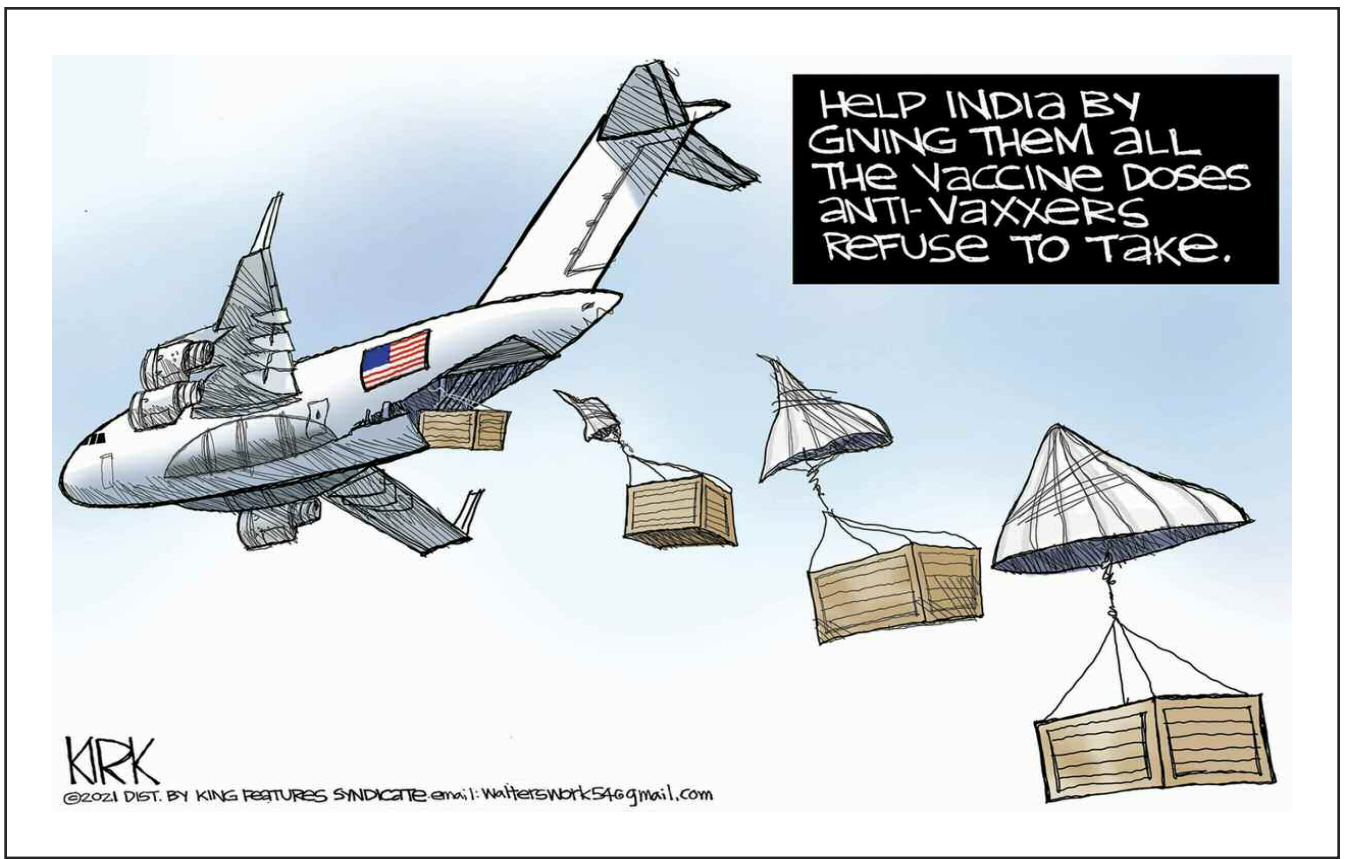
In space, for example, integrated deterrence would mean ensuring that capabilities such as our satellite-based Global Positioning System can continue even if adversaries attack it with missiles, cyber tools or space-based weapons. It might also mean employing cyber effects in one location to respond to a maritime security incident hundreds of miles away.

Any adversary thinking about pressing for advantage in one domain must know that we can respond not just in that arena but in many others as well. The power to deter rests on our ability to respond to aggression in the time and manner of our choosing.

This won't be easy. The nature of warfare is changing; it spans an unprecedented theater that stretches from the heavens to cyberspace and far into the oceans' depths. That demands new thinking and new action inside the Defense Department. We must redouble our efforts to work together — with allies and partners, across commands, across services and across our fiefdoms and stovepipes.

It is always easier to stamp out a small ember than to put out a raging fire. We must think harder and more creatively about preventing the future fight. And if we can't prevent it, we need to be ready to win it, and to win it decisively.

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*Austin is the secretary of defense. This essay is adapted from his April 30 speech at the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command in Hawaii.*



## The best gift? Equal pay

By PETULA DVORAK  
The Washington Post

Flowers? Scented candles? Brunch? Nice Mother's Day gifts, sure. But what America's moms really deserve — and want — is their 25 cents.

You've already heard about the gender wage gap, how women make 82 cents for every dollar a man makes.

But wait until you hear how insanely inequitable it is for mothers — on average, moms in the full-time American workforce make 75 cents for every dollar a dad makes. And the coronavirus pandemic is making that gap so much worse.

Hold on, men who are already pecking out their nastygrams, mansplaining that the wage gap exists because moms stay home or go part-time while they raise your spawn, so that break in employment is actually what creates the Wage Gap Gulch.

Yes and no. Even as teens, women make less than men. At the start of this year, the median weekly wage for male 16- to 19-year-olds was \$511. For female teens, it was \$467, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The earnings increase on parallel tracks as men and women get more experience in the workforce, with women perpetually making less in all professions, from cops to cashiers to chief executives. Then, the gap widens to medieval inequities when both hit their prime and some women give birth.

Teresa Chavez is an occupational therapist in El Paso, Texas, with a master's degree in her field and six years of experience in a broad range of settings. Now that she's a mom of two, Chavez already sees a change — not just in the numbers on her paycheck but in the way employers talk about her, suggesting part-time jobs or tracks with fewer advancement opportunities so she can focus on the kids.

Wonder whether anyone suggests that to her husband, a high school teacher who is also a wrestling and football coach?

What's really infuriating is that Chavez — and so many women like her — didn't slow down one bit after



she became a mom. She worked the day she gave birth, Wednesday. (Which also happened to be Mom's Equal Pay Day in the United States.) She did the interview with me from her hospital bed.

It's even worse for women of color: Latina moms earn just 46 cents for every dollar that White, non-Hispanic dads make, while Black moms earn 52 cents. Native American mothers get paid exactly half of what those dads make — 50 cents. And at the top of the maternal pay scale, Asian American and Pacific Islander moms still make less — 90 cents for every dollar on a White father's paycheck, according to the National Women's Law Center.

Those numbers "really wrap up a lot of inequality," said Emily Martin, the group's vice president for education and workplace justice. Women are being paid less than men for the same job, but women also are over-represented in lower-wage jobs.

Sometimes, women chose those jobs because of the flexibility. Chavez works side jobs in her field on the weekends just so she can earn as much as her male colleagues, who are off on Fridays and get to rest over the weekend.

That was always life for Venorica Tucker, 72, who works as a server and bartender at froufrou events all over the Washington region.

Throughout her career, while she was also a mother and a grandmother, Tucker had to patch together gigs at big hotels and congressional banquet halls — a breakfast service, then a conference lunch, then an evening gala — to make enough to support her family.

Meanwhile, the server supervisors — called "captains" at banquet events — were the ones who commanded

staff around, rested while guests ate and didn't have to work multiple gigs. They were almost entirely men, she said.

"In hospitality, like almost every industry, men have a tendency to fare better than women do," Tucker said. "I saw these signs that activists were holding up: 'One job should be enough.' That's right. And meanwhile, all us moms, we're all working two and three jobs."

And in the pandemic, this jury-rigged system of jobs, schedules, gigs, child care and school got blasted to smithereens. Moms in all professions had to leave the workforce to step in and keep their families together. Or their jobs in hospitality disappeared as pandemic restrictions kept restaurants closed.

The woman who founded Girls Who Code — Reshma Saujani — is promoting a solution she calls a Marshall Plan for Moms.

"Other countries have social safety nets. America has moms. It's time to compensate moms for all they do to keep our economy, our country, running," according to the plan. "The crisis ending doesn't mean back to normal. For moms, 'normal' wasn't working in the first place."

The plan calls for things such as direct payments to moms for their unpaid labor and pushes for passing policies on paid family leave, affordable child care and pay equity.

The plan organizers also opened an online flower shop that has a cheeky take on the Mother's Day 2021: You can send a mom a lovely bouquet of flowers for \$15,000, representing the equivalent of what she loses — on average — every year to the wage gap.

Or, we can insist that America make the real change — cultural, political and legislative — that's necessary to stop penalizing the mothers who keep working harder and longer to make our families strong and our nation run.

Then we can afford to buy our own flowers.

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*Dvorak is a columnist for The Post's local team.*

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## Ribbon cutting

Jay County Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon-cutting ceremony April 30 for Deer Park Boutique's new location at 204 N. Meridian St. The new site opened in November but a ceremony was not held because of the coronavirus pandemic.

# Cooper acquires CW Egg

An area farm and food company is now the full owner of a Fort Recovery egg operation.

Cooper Farms has acquired full ownership of egg processing plant CW Egg, the company announced.

The business on Wabash Road on the north side of the village had previously been a partnership between the Cooper and Weaver families. The name will change to Cooper Farms Liquid Egg Products and be part of the Cooper Farms Egg Division.

"This location has been a passion for us at Cooper Farms from the beginning," said Gary Cooper, chief operating officer of Cooper Farms, in a press release. "It fits best with the future plans of all parties to bring the liquid egg processing under the Cooper Farms umbrella. We have a great relationship with and respect for the Weaver Eggs team and will continue to do business with them."

Cooper Farms had also managed the CW Egg facility, including handling staffing and product sales.

### Funding Genie

Mary Meeker's BOND Capital led a funding effort for avatar start-up Genies, the company announced Monday.

The Series B funding effort closed at \$65 million, TechCrunch reported. Meeker, a Jay County High School graduate, is a partner with BOND and will be joining the Genies board.

Other investors in Genies include NEA, Breyer Capital, Tull Investment Group, NetEase, Dapper

## Business roundup

Labs and Coinbase Ventures.

"An avatar is a vehicle to be able to showcase more of your authentic self," Genies CEO Akash Nigam told TechCrunch. "It's not limited by real-world constraints, it's an alter-ego personality."

Genies has celebrity partnerships with Justin Bieber, Shawn Mendes and Cardi B. Last fall, it announced a brand partnership with Gucci.

### Training available

ServSafe training will be available at John Jay Center for Learning.

Training dates are May 17, June 28 and July 26. All sessions run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at John Jay. For more information, call (260) 729-5525.

### Job fair is Thursday

Adams County will hold its community job fair from 1 to 5 p.m. Thursday.

The event will be at Riverside Center, 231 E. Monroe St., Decatur. It will include a variety of local employers.

Masks will be required. For more information, visit indianacareerconnect.com.

### Broadband extended

Comcast Corp. has expanded its broadband network in Indiana.

Inside Indiana Business reported this week that the company has completed a nearly \$1 million network

upgrade to extend high-speed broadband internet access to northwestern Boone County and southeastern Tippecanoe County. It expects to offer speeds up to 100 gigabits per second.

"Access to high quality internet service is essential in today's world. Comcast is making a significant investment to better serve the residents and businesses of Thorntown with the most current broadband technology," Sen. Brian Buchanan (R-Lebanon) told Inside Indiana Business.

### Lilly providing

Eli Lilly announced Tuesday that it would supply its COVID-19 treatment to India, which is in the midst of a severe surge of the disease.

Lilly plans to supply the Indian government with 400,000 of its tablets, Reuters reported. They are to be used with the drug remdesivir.

The company is also donating its rheumatoid arthritis drug baricitinib.

### Solar online

NextEra Energy, in partnership with Tucson Electric Power Co., has brought solar farm Wilmot Energy Center online.

The project, owned and built by NextEra, is on the city's south side. The 100-

megawatt facility on 1,130 acres and Tucson Electric Power has a 20-year contract to purchase the electricity.

The power company is also planning to take its Oso Grande Wind Project online this month.

"These systems more than double our large-scale renewable energy resources and represent a big step toward the cleaner, greener grid we're building for our community," Tucson Electric Power president and CEO Susan Gray told tucson.com. "We're taking decisive action on behalf of our community to protect our climate."

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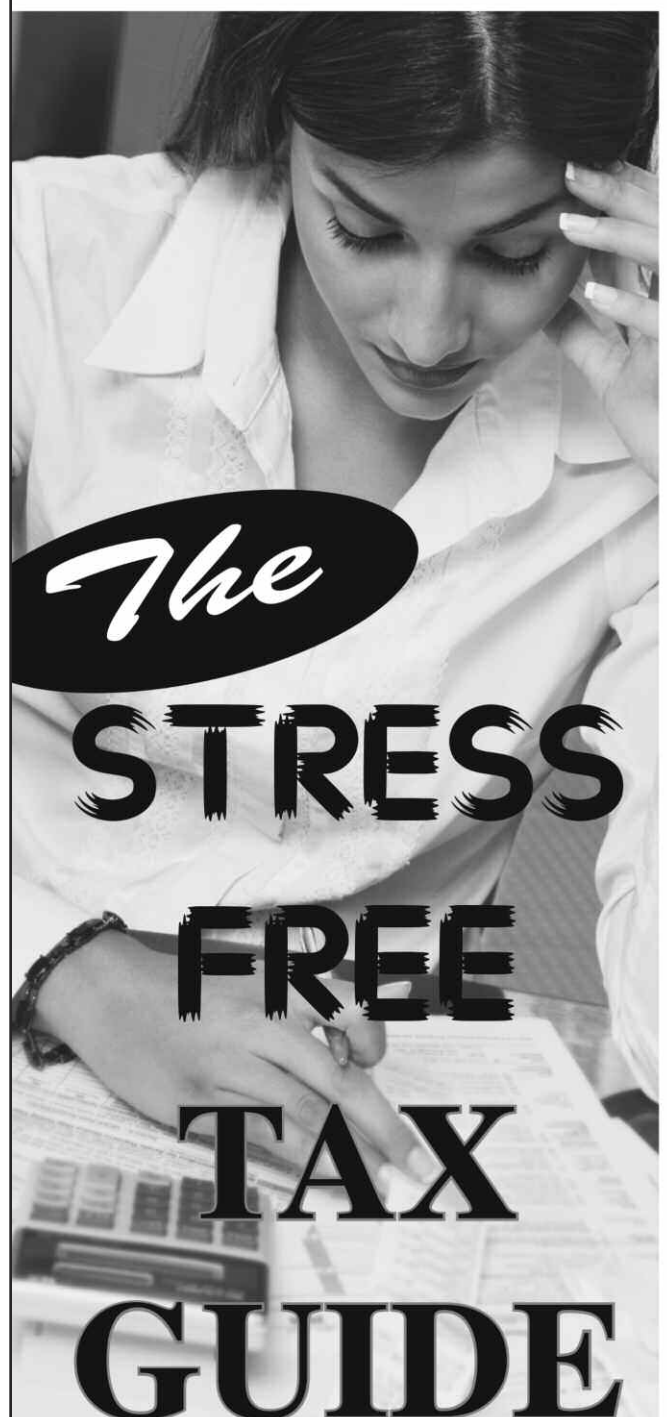
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May 10-14**

<b>Monday:</b> Main Entrees: Walking beef taco Alternate Entrees: PB&J Fun Lunch, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, Light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Mexican Style refried beans
<b>Tuesday:</b> Main Entrees: Chicken Nuggets Alternate Entrees: Strawberry parfait with granola, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Baked crinkle fries
<b>Wednesday:</b> Main Entrees: Classic American cheeseburger Alternate Entrees: PB&J Fun Lunch, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, Light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Tater tots
<b>Thursday:</b> Main Entrees: Beef hot dog on whole wheat Alternate Entrees: Strawberry parfait with granola, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Oven baked curly fries
<b>Friday:</b> Main Entrees: Classic cheese pizza Alternate Entrees: PB&J Fun Lunch, Ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, Light ranch dressing Sides for all meals: Savory green beans

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NKGXGYNYRAUZ ATTQ XHGNTRMU

EGMYRHG: AZB DMGGHZ.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS SAY WHEN CASUALLY GREETING ONE ANOTHER? "HOW'S IT GLOWING?"

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals L

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to police. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 18 = E)

POLICE JARGON WORD SEARCH

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

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

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to police.

EGALL
[ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ] [ ]

Guess Who?

I am an actor and wrestler born in California on May 2, 1972. I initially gained fame through wrestling in both the WWF and WWE — you could say I was a rock. I then became a wildly popular actor. I set an all-time world record when I earned the highest income for a first-time starring role.

WORDS

- ACCESSORY
AGGRAVATION
ALIAS
ARREST
BURGLARY
CAUSE
CITATION
COMPLAINT
COUNTY
COURT
DISORDERLY
LAWS
MISDEMEANOR
MUNICIPAL
NEGLIGENCE
NEIGHBORHOOD
POLICE
POSSESSION
RADAR
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5-10 CRYPTOQUIP

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W D A O M D W N M T X W W M Z F E C A F M E
S G S U S Q L O M A O Q G X W W A C F M E

HWWT: STSX GSMTOQ.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: WELL-KNOWN COMEDIAN WHO WORKS ON THE SIDE AS A SURPRISINGLY GOOD PERSONAL TRAINER: GYM CARREY.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals C



THIS CHILDREN'S BOOK AUTHOR HAS WRITTEN ABOUT A PIGEON WHO WANTS TO DRIVE A BUS AND NEEDS A BATH.

How they say that in...
ENGLISH: Child
SPANISH: Niño
ITALIAN: Bambino
FRENCH: Enfant
GERMAN: Kind

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10. The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right. The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

Grid for Math Blocks with numbers 6, 4, 8, 10, 1 and row totals 11, 12, 18. Column totals 13, 16, 12.

Solution grid for Math Blocks

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

SELDNH CIR OKBO

Answer: Children's book

THIS DAY IN... HISTORY
MAY 6
1937: THE GERMAN AIRSHIP HINDENBURG BURSTS INTO FLAMES OVER LAKEHURST, N.J.
1940: JOHN STEINBECK IS AWARDED THE PULITZER PRIZE FOR "THE GRAPES OF WRATH."
1994: THE CHANNEL TUNNEL BETWEEN ENGLAND AND FRANCE OFFICIALLY OPENS.

New Word
CHAPTER
the main division of a book

Did You Know?
THE EARLIER CHILDREN ARE INTRODUCED TO READING, THE SOONER THEY CAN DEVELOP THEIR VOCABULARIES AND OTHER HELPFUL SKILLS.

GET THE PICTURE?
Can you guess what the bigger picture is?
ANSWER: BOOK

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Greedy person's demand
6 Vice —
11 Artillery soldier
12 Niche
14 Kidman of "The Hours"
15 London's river
16 "People of Earth" actress Gasteyer
17 652, in letters
19 Gallery display
20 Tear
22 Tic — -toe
23 Differently
24 Performs high-tech surgery
26 Trick-or-treaters' booty
28 Rug cleaner, briefly
30 Eggy quaff
31 Louisiana bird

Solution time: 26 mins.

Grid for crossword puzzle

Yesterday's answer 5-8

Grid for crossword puzzle

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A fatal slip

North dealer. North-South vulnerable.
WEST: ♠Q 7 2, ♥J 9 7 4, ♦10 9 8, ♣9 4 3
EAST: ♠J 9 6 5 3, ♥—, ♦Q J 6 4 3, ♣Q 10 5
SOUTH: ♠K 10 4, ♥A Q 10 8 3, ♦5, ♣J 8 6 2
The bidding: North 2NT, East Pass, South 3♥, West Pass, North 4♥, East Pass, South 4NT, West Pass, North 5♠, East Pass, South 6♥.
Opening lead — ten of diamonds.
Declarer sometimes finds that what at first seems to be an easy assignment suddenly changes its complexion due to an unlucky lie of the opposing cards. In many such deals, declarer may be helpless, but in some he can overcome the bad luck in one way or another.
South managed to do just that in today's deal after he ran into a 4-0 trump break. This division should have proven fatal, but he made the slam with the aid of a magnanimous partner?
Declarer won the diamond lead with the king and cashed the king of hearts, on which East showed out. Prospects were now rather poor, since the opponents had a sure trump trick plus a probable club trick.
But South, undaunted, cashed the A-K of spades, ruffed a spade, discarded a club on the diamond ace, ruffed a diamond and cashed the A-K of clubs, producing this position:
North: ♠6 5, ♥7, ♦7, ♣7
West: ♥J 9 7, ♠9
East: ♠J, ♥Q J, ♦Q
South: ♥A Q 10, ♠J
Declarer now led the seven of diamonds and ruffed it with the queen, on which West discarded his remaining club — a fatal mistake. South thereupon exited with a club, forcing West to ruff and return a trump into the A-10.
Had West been more alert, he would have underuffed the queen of hearts in order to allow his partner to win the club at trick 11. This unusual play would have assured West of a trump trick and so set the contract.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.
WEST: ♠K 6 4, ♥A 10 8 6, ♦J 10 7 4, ♣6 2
EAST: ♠J 8 7 2, ♥J 4 3, ♦8 6 2, ♣Q 10 8
SOUTH: ♠Q 9 5, ♥5 2, ♦5 3, ♣A K J 9 7 3
The bidding: South 1♠, West Pass, North 2♥, East Pass, South 3♣, West Pass, North 3NT, East Pass, South 5♠, West Pass, North 6♣.
Opening lead — four of diamonds.
Everyone is occasionally guilty of becoming enamored of a particular hand and overestimating its value. All players should, of course, strive to keep such excesses to a minimum, as steady overbidding is a serious fault in anyone's game. The best policy in bridge is to try to bid your hands as accurately as possible — neither overbidding nor underbidding them — but this is not always easy to do.
Consider this deal from the Italy-U.S. match in 1951. Howard Schenken was South for the American team and, at favorable vulnerability, decided to open one club.
He found his partner with a huge hand, and North never did stop bidding until a small slam was reached. Schenken did everything he could to slow his partner down, but North had the bit firmly in his teeth and refused to let go.
The Americans were exceptionally lucky on the deal because, as the cards were divided, the slam could not be stopped. West led a diamond. Schenken won the trick with dummy's queen, finessed the jack of clubs, led a heart to the queen and cashed the A-K of trump. When he next led another heart, West took the ace, and that was that. Declarer had 12 ice-cold tricks.
Schenken would have gone down had West held the queen of clubs or had East held the Q-10-x-x of trump, or had East held the ace of hearts, or if West had led a spade initially and East had the king.
North was extremely pleased by the favorable outcome, which was attributable for the most part to his optimistic series of bids. But he knew he had dodged a bullet, and no doubt vowed not to press his luck quite as much in the future.
Tomorrow: Things are not what they seem.
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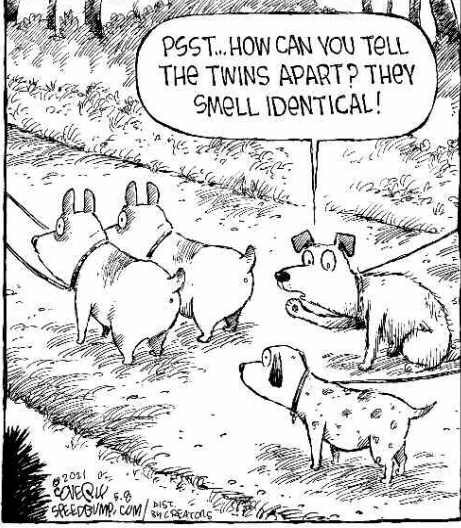
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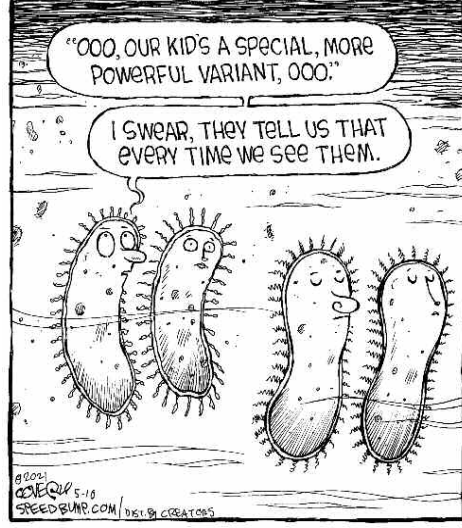
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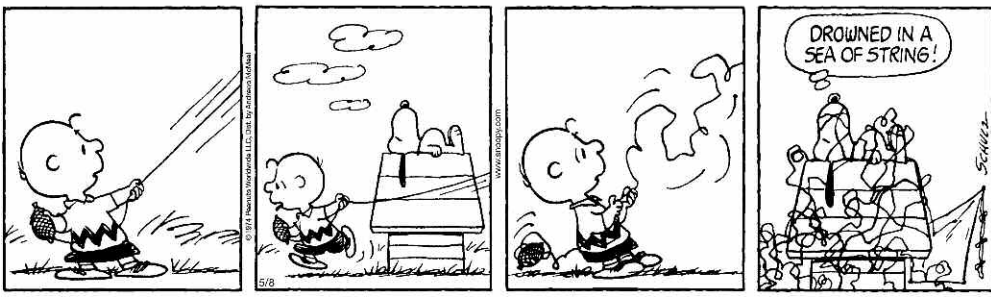
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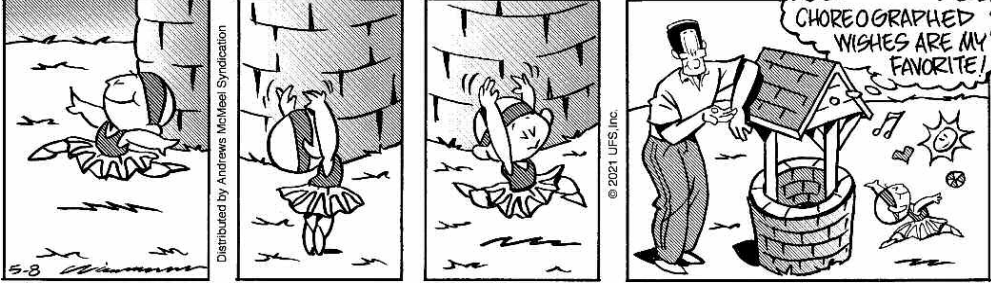
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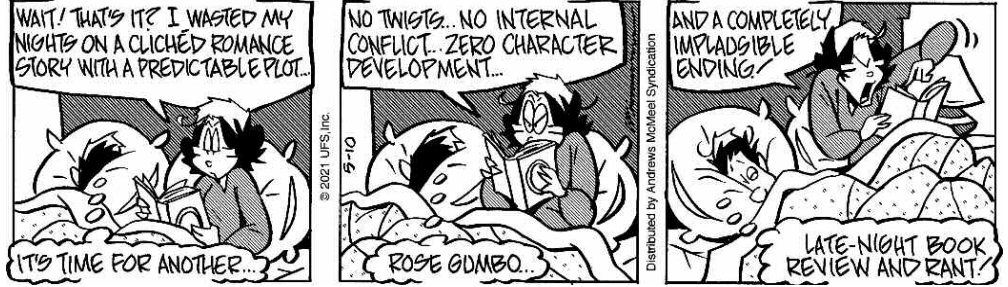
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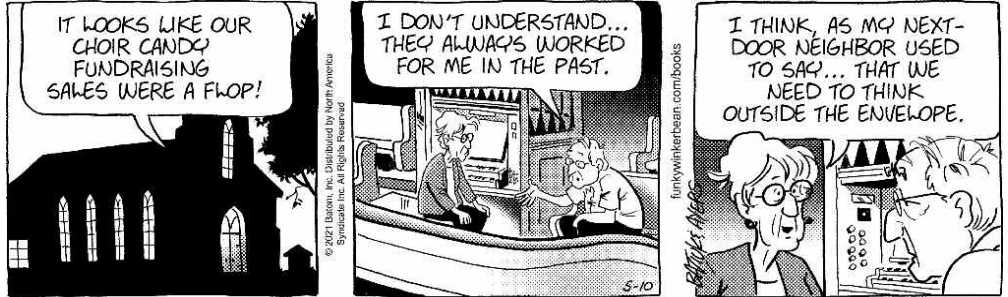
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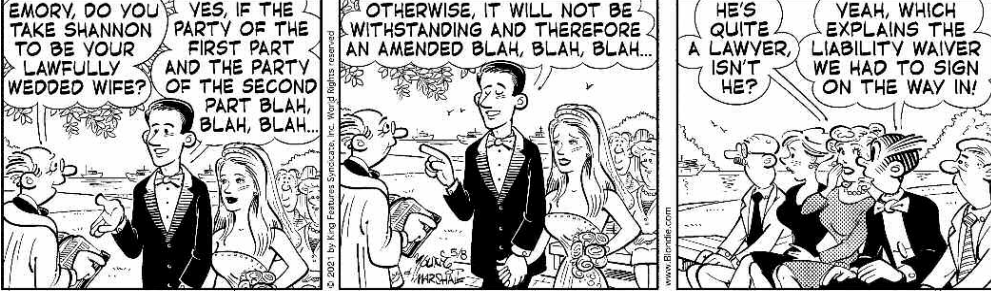
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# Laughter



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.







## Brewster's bomb grounds Jets

*Jay Co. senior hits go-ahead, two-run blast in 4-2 win*

By CHRIS SCHANZ

The Commercial Review

The Jets had been flying high. Winners of their last 13, they flew into Portland on a hot streak.

Rielew Brewster brought them back down to the ground.

Brewster hit a two-run home run to give the Patriots a lead they never gave up and Haleigh Clayton battled through pouring rain in the final inning as the Jay County High School softball team upended the Adams Central Jets 4-2 on Friday evening.

"This is a huge win," said JCHS coach Trisha Green, whose team moves to 9-4 (2-1 Allen County Athletic Conference) and is now tied for second in the league standings with the Jets (13-2, 2-1 ACAC). "We're right there in it. This is huge for the girls."



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Rielew Brewster, a Jay County High School senior, fires to first base from third during the top of the fourth inning against the Adams Central Jets on Friday at JCHS. Brewster had a go-ahead, two-run home run, propelling the Patriots to a 4-2 lead against the Class 2A No. 19 Jets.

Woodlan leads the conference with its 3-1 record.

Jay County, which travels to Elwood for a pair of games today, had trouble figuring out

the changeup from Adams Central lefty Maddy Hill.

In the bottom of the third inning, Hill threw Aubrie Schwieterman a 1-0 changeup

on the outside of the plate that Schwieterman threw her bat at and blooped a single into shallow left field.

See **Grounds** page 9

## Sixth inning lifts Tribe

MARIA STEIN, Ohio — The Indians already had a lead.

They put the game out of reach in the sixth.

Fort Recovery High School's softball team scored six insurance runs in the top of the sixth inning Friday in a 10-1 win over the host Marion Local Flyers.

The Indians improve to 14-9 on the year and 3-2 in Midwest Athletic Conference play.

Fort Recovery led 2-1 after the first inning before adding a run in each of the second and fifth frames.

The Tribe hit four singles and a double, walked twice and benefitted from one Flyer error in plating a half dozen runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Brenna Homan led the FRHS offense with a double and a single, while Chloey Grisez had two singles and an RBI. Sophie Pearson knocked in two runs on two hits.

See **Lifts** page 9



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