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## Work moved to May

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Portland Board of Aviation on Wednesday got an update on projects ranging from the completion of Portland Municipal Airport's runway extension this year to those planned for several years in the future.

The board also gave a new business permission to operate commercially out of the airport.

Jason Clearwaters of engineering firm Butler, Fairman and Seufert informed the board that HIS Constructors of Indianapolis has updated its timeline to complete the first phase of the runway extension — grading and drainage — that started last June. The firm had previously said it would begin work April 1. That date has now been pushed back to May 2 in hopes of having dryer conditions, with the work to be

completed by the end of that month.

HIS will also be letting Butler, Fairman and Seufert know where it plans to get its additional fill dirt to complete the grading work for the project. The engineering firm will then test a sample of the soil to ensure it is the proper type for the project.

Clearwaters said his firm will inform Milestone Contractors, which is handling paving and lighting — the second phase of the project — about the changed timeline.

The extension, which will

take the runway to 5,500 feet from the current 4,000, is expected to be complete and open by late fall.

Clearwaters also reported to the board that its five-year capital improvement plan has been updated to indicate how the city hopes to use the additional \$110,000 per year over the next five years that was allocated through the recent federal infrastructure bill. The updated plan calls for T-hangar design in 2022 and construction in 2023, followed by pavement rehabilitation design in 2024 and construction in 2025. He

noted that the plans do not lock the board into anything and the money could be allocated to other projects if priorities change.

Board members Mitch Sutton, Faron Parr, Clyde Bray and John Ferguson also approved a 2022 grant application to cover the cost of a wildlife hazard assessment, wildlife management plan and terminal apron extension environmental assessment and design. Those projects together are expected to cost \$206,356.

Clearwaters noted that the total exceeds the \$166,666 expected to be

available through standard Federal Aviation Administration funding (and state and local matches) this year. He said the board will need to consider whether it wants to wait on one of the projects until next year or cover the additional cost that would be required. (The board is expected to consider those options at its next meeting.)

Board members also heard from Wade Lewellen, who is partnering with Andy Landon to form crop spraying company AeroAg LLC.

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*Re-start of Portland airport runway extension work pushed back from original planned date of April 1*

## Jay County rate blue as cases plummet

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Jay County stayed blue for the third week in a row.

Most of the state has joined it.

In Indiana State Department of Health's update Wednesday, Jay County was rated "blue" (low risk for the spread of coronavirus) for the third consecutive week. More than 80% of the state's counties were at the lowest risk level.

New cases of COVID-19 have become nearly nonexistent this month in Jay County. It has had just six new cases in the first half of the month, including no new cases reported Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. The steep drop in cases

in March — the county is averaging less than one case per day compared to 7.7 cases per day last month — has resulted in dropping to the blue rating after having been rated "orange" (high risk) or "red" (severe risk) every week since mid-August.

In the metrics the state department of health uses to measure coronavirus risk, Jay County had just

19 cases per 100,000 residents. That's down from 29 last week and more than 1,300 in early February.

Its seven-day positivity rate slipped to 1.4%, down from 3.6% last week. That number had been as high as 30%.

Seventy-eight of the state's 92 counties were rated blue this week, with Adams, Wells, and Randolph counties joining Jay

County at that level. Delaware and Blackford counties were rated "yellow" (moderate risk).

The number of patients hospitalized for COVID-19 in District 6, which includes Jay County, has also dropped. It is hovering around 50 this week after coming in at around 70 last week. (The peak was 380 in mid-December.)

The Centers for Disease

Control and Prevention continues to indicate that vaccination is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Boosters are recommended for everyone 12 and older. (The CDC also recommends that masks be worn indoors in areas of "substantial or high transmission.")

Walk-in vaccinations are available at Jay County Health Department from 9 a.m. to 11:40 a.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursdays.

At-home COVID-19 tests are available for free from the federal government. They can be ordered at covidtests.gov. (Those who have already received at-home tests from the government are now eligible to order again.)

Jay County continues to rank sixth-lowest in vaccination rate among Indiana's 92 counties. Its rate is just under 40.1%.

Marion County is highest in the state at 79.2%.

Coronavirus is mainly spread through droplets or particles from an infected person coughing, sneezing, talking or breathing.

The virus causes a range of symptoms, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea, which can appear two to 14 days after exposure.

*There have been just six new cases of COVID-19 so far in March*

## Governor signs gradual tax cut

*Legislation will reduce rate in steps*

By TOM DAVIES  
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A plan for gradually cutting Indiana's individual income tax rate over the next seven years has been signed into law by Gov. Eric Holcomb, the governor's office announced Wednesday.

The bill approved by legislators last week will reduce Indiana's current income tax rate of 3.23% to 2.9% in small steps until its planned full implementation in 2029. It comes as both Republican- and Democratic-led states across the country are looking at tax cuts amid soaring tax revenue and billions in COVID-19 aid from the federal government.

The Indiana plan will cut the tax rate to 3.15% for 2023, which would amount to \$40 savings for individuals or families with

\$50,000 in taxable income. Further reductions in 2025, 2027 and 2029, reaching a total annual reduction of \$165 at that income level, would occur if state tax revenue grows by at least 2% in the previous budget year.

Holcomb and state Senate Republican leaders for months resisted backing significant tax cuts sought by House Republicans, citing concerns about inflation and a possible slowdown in the state's booming tax collections with the end of federal COVID-19 relief funding.

But that hesitancy faded away in the final weeks of the legislative session, with Holcomb saying ongoing strong tax revenue made him confident the state could afford the tax cuts.

"Because we can, we should," the Republican governor said in announcing his support.

While the final package did not include some sizeable business tax cuts that House Republicans sought, the plan would reduce total income taxes charged to individuals by about \$180 million during 2023, according to Republican legislative staff estimates. That would grow to about \$950 million a year in 2029 if the rate cuts are fully implemented.



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### Smith sings

Fort Recovery High School sophomore Olivia Smith performs "Reflection" with Karlie Niekamp (not pictured) Sunday during the Fort Recovery Cabaret concert.

### Deaths

Dorothy High, 91, Portland  
Jessica Cruz, 37, Portland  
Ruth Gar, 87, Marion  
Jean Stanfill, 66, Portland  
Details on page 2.

### Weather

Jay County's high temperature reached 70 degrees Wednesday. The low was 37.

Tonight's low is expected to be in the upper 40s. Expect a high of 62 Friday with rain and thunderstorms possible in the evening with winds gusting to 20 miles per hour.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

### In review

Need to fill out a birth announcement, engagement or wedding form to have your special event announced in the newspaper? They're now available electronically. Just go to thecr.com, hover over "Forms" and select the form you'd like to fill out.

### Coming up

Friday — Coverage of tonight's Redkey Town Council meeting.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.





# Know the signs for early diagnosis

By COLIN GOOD

Colorectal Cancer is one of the most common cancers diagnosed in both men and women. Over the past few years, the death rate has been dropping for various reasons — one being treatment for colorectal cancer — and has improved over the last few decades. Also, an increase in screenings has led to the detection and removal of colorectal polyps earlier.

**What is colorectal cancer?**

## Your Health Matters



Colorectal cancer is cancer that forms in the colon or rectum. Most colorectal cancer begins with a growth (or polyp) on the inner lining of the colon or rectum. These polyps can change over time (often many years

and become cancerous. If a polyp becomes cancerous, it can grow into the wall of the colon or rectum and spread to other areas of the body. The stage of the cancer depends on how deeply it has grown into the wall and if it has spread, and the extent of the spread.

**What are some risk factors of colorectal cancer?**

Colorectal cancer is typically associated with the elderly, however, the occurrence in adults

younger than 50 years old is on the rise. While some factors can't be controlled, like getting older, some are lifestyle factors which can be addressed. Some risk factors include having an inflammatory bowel disease, a family history of colorectal cancer, or a genetic syndrome such as Lynch syndrome. Some lifestyle factors include a lack of physical activity, a diet low in fruit, vegetables and whole grains, a diet high in red meat or processed meat, being

overweight or obese, excessive alcohol consumption or smoking.

**What are symptoms of colorectal cancer?**

Some symptoms of colorectal cancer include change in bowel habits, continuous feeling the need of a bowel movement, rectal bleeding with bright red blood, blood in the stool, cramping or abdominal pain that doesn't go away, weakness and fatigue, and unintended weight loss.

Many of these symptoms can be related to other healthcare conditions so it's important to check with your healthcare provider and get screened regularly.

The survival rate for colorectal cancer found in an early stage is about 90%, according to the American Cancer Society.

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*Dr. Colin Good is a family physician at IU Health Jay Family First. To schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-2313.*

## Wife split between choices

DEAR ABBY: I have a girlfriend, "Dawn," who is one of my oldest friends. She's my only friend who stuck with me through the growing pains and different stages in my life. I married a man who I think is the love of my life. He's very macho and proud. We have built a life together, and through stepchildren, exes and family — through thick and thin — our love has endured.

Well, my husband is also possessive. Dawn recently asked me to be the godmother of her second child, her son. My husband is offended that I was asked and he wasn't. He has never made an effort to have a friendship with Dawn and her husband, or even met her son since his birth many months ago. He wants no part in the process, which I am very upset about.

What do I do? Should I ignore my husband's feelings, be a good friend and godmother to Dawn's baby and deal with the aftermath with my husband? — POTENTIAL GODMOTHER IN ARIZONA

**DEAR POTENTIAL GODMOTHER:** Your husband

## Dear Abby



appears to be not only possessive, but also somewhat self-centered and controlling. It would be interesting to know why he's pouting, since he's not close to your friend nor particularly interested in her baby. Because one spouse is asked to be a godparent does NOT automatically mean the other must be. Some children have only one godparent; others have them in multiples. If you wish to be godmother to Dawn's baby boy, do it — and do not feel you have to apologize for it.

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DEAR ABBY: An adopted family member tragically lost a close member of her biological family a while ago. Her grief has been

intense, and she continues to air it on social media. The rest of us have been drenched in her tears long enough. She needs to get on with her life, which includes a husband, two kids and an adoptive family that has loved and supported her through her time of grief. What would be a kind and tactful way to let her know she has overstayed her time on the pity potty? — ENOUGH ALREADY IN MONTANA

**DEAR ENOUGH ALREADY:** NO! Please don't do that. Everyone grieves differently. Some heal quickly; others never get over their loss. Because you can no longer cope with the poor woman's grief, quit reading her posts. The most helpful thing you could offer her would be to suggest she ask her doctor or her spiritual adviser about the various grief support groups in her area.

**TO MY READERS:** Today's the day for the wearing of the green! A very happy St. Patrick's Day to you all. — LOVE, ABBY

## Students invited to find solutions for sustainability

Students from around the world have been invited to submit innovative solutions to environmental challenges.

The 2022 Spellman High Voltage Electronics Clean Tech Competition is accepting project submissions focused on sustainability and protecting the natural world. More than 40 countries participate in the contest annually, according to a press release from Center for Science Teaching and Learning.

"As we enter the second decade of the Clean Tech Competition, our world is continuing to face growing challenges to which we must find solutions," said Spellman High Voltage President Loren Skeist. "The submissions from high school students around the world continue

to push boundaries and give us hope that we will overcome energy and environmental challenges we face today."

Registration is open through April 22. Students must submit their papers by April 29. Ten finalist teams will be announced online on June 9.

The first place winner will receive \$7,000, with second and third place winners receiving \$5,000 and \$3,500, respectively. Fourth through 10th place winners will be given \$1,000 each. More than \$22,000 in prize money will be awarded to the top student teams at competition finals Aug. 11.

For more information, visit [www.cstl.org/cleantech](http://www.cstl.org/cleantech) or contact the competition administrator at (516) 764-0045 or by email at [cleantech@cstl.org](mailto:cleantech@cstl.org).

## Sudoku

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

Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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.

## Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Community Calendar as space is available. To submit an item, email [news@thecr.com](mailto:news@thecr.com).

### Today

**JAY COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY** — Will meet at 5:30 p.m. the third Thursday of each month at Jay County Public Library. The public is welcome.

**PTSD SUPPORT GROUP** — Meets at 6 p.m. every Thursday at the Portland American Legion Post, 211 W. Walnut St., Portland.

**PORTLAND LIONS CLUB** — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. the third Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday 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.

**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 Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

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

### Friday

**DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY** — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

### CINCINNATUS

**LEAGUE** — Will meet at noon Friday, March 18, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

### Saturday

**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.

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

**MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER** — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is [museumofthesoldier.com](http://museumofthesoldier.com).

### Monday

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

**BRYANT AREA COMMUNITY CENTER** — Walking from 9:30 to 10:30 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** — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., 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.

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# Time will reveal strength of dissent

To the editor:  
I agree with Nick Miller's letter to the editor for the most part.

## Letters to the Editor

Except for his unwarranted disparaging of President Joe Biden.

His ostensible naivete in regards to the world of politics and diplomacy was, to me, apparent. His "stand-up to the bully on the playground" rhetoric is both uninformed and unrealistic in today's world.

We live in a world where in "mutually assured destruction" limits our response.

I agree that Putin is a lit-

tle tyrant. But he is a little tyrant with nuclear weapons capable of wiping America off the map.

Most of the world powers have voiced dissent over Putin's revanchism.

Time will reveal just how strong that dissent really is.

Michael Kinser  
Portland

# Lawmakers can manage to do more

The Washington Post

A bevy of proposals to constrain Big Tech are moving through the legislative process or have stalled out somewhere along the way. Many are bipartisan, yet none has earned the endorsement of the White House — until the State of the Union.

In that address, President Joe Biden gave his imprimatur to an agenda to, in his words, "hold social media platforms accountable for the national experiment they're conducting on our children for profit." Each of the policy items he outlined has a counterpart bill already introduced in Capitol Hill: boost privacy protections, ban targeted advertising, build safety into products' design. Taken together, the changes would be transformative. The ideas also have something in common: They've been discussed as methods for protecting everyone online, but in the face of congressional gridlock, they've gone next to nowhere.

If even the most modest tweaks to the status quo for all Americans have proved impossible to achieve, the thinking goes, why not make them more modest still — by focusing only on the most vulnerable (and most sympathetic) victims of Silicon Valley's overreaches? We can't fix things for the whole country, so let's fix things for kids.

The concept is attractive. In a fact sheet released ahead of the address, the administration put its efforts in the context of what it calls a mental health crisis for the country's youths. The science on the precise effect increased screen time has on children's well-being remains uncertain — but Facebook's own research

has shown, for instance, how Instagram can exacerbate body image issues by directing teens who consume harmful content to more of the same. More generally, the mass collection of hyper-specific information about who is looking at what content where on the Internet allows platforms to push users further toward addiction. It also allows advertisers to exploit this addiction to market products.

Sens. Richard Blumenthal, D-Connecticut, and Edward Markey, D-Massachusetts, have reintroduced the Kids Act to ban features such as autoplay, push alerts and like counts for consumers under 16; Markey and Sen. Bill Cassidy, R-Louisiana, have a proposal to update and bolster the Children's and Teens' Online Privacy Protection Act limiting how companies can collect, process and share data; Blumenthal and Sen. Marsha Blackburn, R-Tennessee, recently unveiled the sweeping Kids Online Safety Act.

All these proposals deserve consideration, and require some refinement. Certainly, lawmakers should be able to manage at least this much: chipping away at the worst excesses of the surveillance economy when it comes to the country's youths. But they should also be able to manage more. The White House, too, should view any efforts to protect kids on the Internet as merely the start of something bigger.

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## Guest Editorial

# With inflation, be flexible

By TERESA GHILARDUCCI  
Bloomberg Opinion

If your income is more than \$289,000 a year, the run-up in gas prices may be alarming — but it's unlikely to hammer your overall finances. After all, Americans at that level spend no more than 1% of their take-home pay on gas and oil, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

For those earning much less, it's a different story. Those at the median, with income of about \$50,000, spend more than 3% of it on gas and motor oil. Low-income households making between \$7,000 and \$19,000 spend about 9%. The latest inflation numbers show gas prices jumped 6.6% in February from a month earlier — even before President Joe Biden banned U.S. imports of Russian oil.

Economists say the overall share of income spent on gas is lower than it used to be, and despite the increases, prices are still relatively low by historical standards. That's true, but it offers little consolation these days for someone on the lower end of the income distribution who drives to work.

Food prices are also up, posting their biggest monthly increase since April 2020. There, too, those making less than \$19,000 spend much more of their income — almost 15% — compared with higher earners, whose total food spending is just 4% of their income. Households with income of about \$50,000 spend 8.5% of it on food.

The most recent barometer of consumer sentiment showed the highest-ever share of Americans expecting their finances to worsen in the coming year. About 54% think their incomes will lag behind inflation in the year ahead — a pretty high percentage historically.

I expect those most affected will adjust to inflation in the classic way by shifting away from relatively expensive items toward close substi-

Teresa Ghilarducci



tutes. Here are some ideas on how to reconfigure consumption and lessen the blow. But again, adjustment is hard for people without savings or choices.

First, you have to know your budget to control your budget. Budgeting takes effort, but it gives you power. And that power is even more important in inflationary times.

To deal with gas prices, it's worth reconsidering public transportation if it's an option where you live. Fares are up about 8% compared with 38% for gasoline. Now may even be the time to sell your car. It certainly isn't the time to buy a new or used one. Prices have stabilized a bit, but used-car prices are still up more than 40% from a year ago, and new ones are up 12%.

When it comes to food, don't be afraid to explore. Prices for animal-based food products will certainly increase. Ukraine and Russia supply a significant amount of corn and barley to the world market, mainly to feed livestock for human food. Meat prices have increased about 14% from February 2021 and will go up even more. Though your palate may not be used to it, tasty meat substitutes include vegetables (where prices are up a little over 4%, or lentils and beans, which are up about 9%). Plan to cut out the middle creature and consume plants directly. It's a more efficient, healthier and cheaper way to get calories.

And stay away from buying in bulk — you usually don't save any money

by buying more. Sure, there may be great deals, but most consumers wind up falling for the tricks that entice them to spend more — things like offering free samples, which often leads to impulse buying, or placing discounted big-ticket items near the entrance. If you absolutely must buy in bulk, try to do it with a friend, so you can split some of the costs and ensure everything gets eaten or used.

Aside from being more thoughtful about purchases, it's also prudent to think about unnecessary charges. So review your credit card to make sure there aren't any unwanted recurring ones.

If you're one of the many Americans who became a new pet owner during the pandemic, you might want to rethink those costly pet medical needs. It may sound harsh, but researchers actually don't recommend pet chemotherapy — which can cost up to \$10,000 — for ethical reasons.

Coping with inflation could mean drastic actions or small ones. There are lots of ways people can duck and dance around relative price changes. The Bureau of Labor Statistics found people in recessions hold off on buying cars, furniture and appliances. Though they don't cut back on travel, they do cut back on restaurants.

Try to be as flexible and creative as possible. Scientists tell us our brain plasticity will improve by trying novel things. There's an advantage to mixing up what you consume to cope with unusual price spikes: You become more resilient as you create a locus of control and interrogate your habits.

Ghilarducci is the Schwartz Professor of Economics at the New School for Social Research. She's a member of the board of directors of the Economic Policy Institute.

# America's gender wage gap continues to persist

By MORTON J. MARCUS

March is Women's History Month and March 24 is Equal Pay Day according to the U.S. Census Bureau. That is the day working women finally make up the difference between what they earned last year and what men earned last year.

That's more drama than one expects from the Census Bureau. Other groups have later dates, but there's no need to quibble over a publicity stunt meant to highlight a social and statistical reality.

How big is the gap between the median earnings of men and of women? For all women workers compared with all men workers, the Census Bureau reports the gap in 2020 was

## Eye on the Pie



time, year-round workers was 40.6% (\$21,732 in 2020 dollars).

That's a 48.0% reduction in the gap for both all women and for those working full-time, year-round. In terms of buying power, adjusted for inflation, all women saw an increase of \$12,829 while the full-time, year-round workers benefited by \$11,297.

But the women of today are not the women of 1970. The economy of today is unlike that of half a century ago. The gap, reduced, still remains.

Part of the reason for the gap is that men and women do not hold the same types of jobs; their occupation profiles are different. Many reasons exist for this discrepancy. The education

of women for careers remains different from that of men. It's not like it was in the '70s, but it is still differentiated. Call it "discrimination" or "custom" or "natural proclivities," but it manifests as disparities.

Topping a list of 125 occupations for which we have comparable 2021 wage data, are compliance officers, 50% of whom are women, who have a 6.9% greater median earnings figure than men.

Among pharmacists, 54.3% are women with a 3.8% edge in median earnings. In the field of physical therapy, 63.5% are women but they earn 4.7% less than men.

Then consider personal financial advisors where only 39.6%

are women who earn only 34.8% of men in that occupation. Those "exemplary" women who are chief executive officers are 30.2% of all such business leaders yet earn 30% less than their male counterparts.

These raw data don't tell the story in full. Some say, you must factor in experience, age, education and other attributes of the individuals. Others would add the size of the firm, its ownership, and the industry in which it functions.

Maybe what we really need is to just look at performance relative to resources/opportunity.

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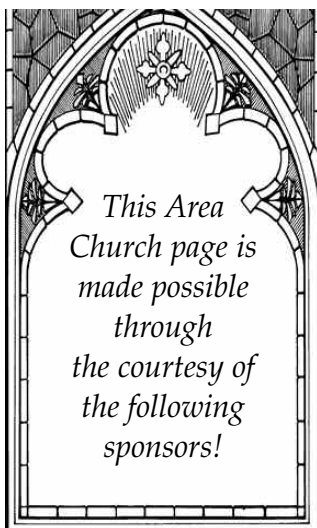
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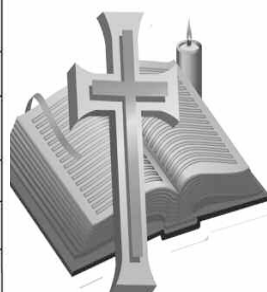
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### Bethel United Methodist

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### Bluff Point Friends

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209 S. Hendricks St.  
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bryantwesleyanchurch.com

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301 N. Main St., Dunkirk  
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susan.duroveyantrim@in  
umc.org

### Christ Chapel

105 S. Elm St., Fort Recov-  
ery  
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christchapelfr.com

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p.m.

### Church of the Living God (Miracle Missions)

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Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

### Church of God of Prophecy

797 N. Creagor Ave., Port-  
land  
Nanette Weesner  
(260) 766-9334  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
nanybell@yahoo.com

### Church of the Brethren

Floral and Chicago  
avenues, Portland  
Kevin McClung  
(260) 729-7295  
Services: 10 a.m.

### Church of the Living God

South Broad Street,  
Dunkirk  
Services: 7 p.m., 7 p.m. Fri-  
day

### Collett Nazarene

450 South, 1 mile west of  
U.S. 27  
Billy Stanton  
(260) 251-2403  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

### Cornerstone Baptist

211 E. Main St., Portland  
Wayne Ward  
(260) 726-7714  
Services: 10 a.m.

### Dunkirk Nazarene

226 E. Center St., Dunkirk  
Tom Fett  
(765) 768-6199  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

### Evangelical Methodist

930 W. Main St., Portland  
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### Fairview United Methodist/Jay County

2875 E. 200 South  
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(260) 726-9184  
Services: 10:15 a.m.

### Faith Community

9560 W. 200 South, Dunkirk  
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Services: 10 a.m.

### Family Worship Center

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Ronald Willis  
(260) 726-4844  
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### Fellowship Baptist

289 S. 200 West  
Hugh Kelly  
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pastorkelly@fbc-port-  
land.com

### First American Baptist

427 S. Main St., Dunkirk  
Dan Coffman  
(765) 768-7157  
Services: 10:40 a.m., 5  
p.m.

### First Church of Christ

1049 Union City Road,  
Fort Recovery  
David J. Nicholson  
(419) 375-2860  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
fccfcrecovery.org

### First Community Baptist

341 S. Meridian St., Red-  
key  
Everett Bilbrey Jr.  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

### First Free Will Baptist

12369 W. 600 South,  
Dunkirk  
Marion Donathan  
Sunday school: 10 a.m.  
Services: 10:50 a.m., 6  
p.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday

### First Presbyterian

402 N. Ship St., Portland  
Rev. M. Rex Espiritu  
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Services: 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 10:15 a.m.  
firstpcportland.org

### Fort Recovery Church of the Nazarene

401 E. Boundary St., Fort  
Recovery  
Revs. Brad and Kate  
Ratliff  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.  
frnaz@frontier.com

### Fort Recovery United Methodist

309 E. Boundary St., Fort  
Recovery  
Rev. David Porath  
Rev. James Stilwell  
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Services: 9 a.m.

### Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle

468 E. Washington St.,  
Dunkirk  
Robert Thomas  
(765) 348-4620  
Services: 9:30 a.m., 6:30  
p.m., 6:30 p.m. Thursday

### Geneva First United Methodist

100 W. Line St., Geneva  
Barry McCune  
(260) 368-7655  
Services: 9:30 a.m.

### Geneva Nazarene

225 Decatur St., Geneva  
(260) 525-8609  
Services: 10 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Sunday school: 9 a.m.  
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### Gilead Church

County road 650 North,  
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Services: 10:30 a.m.

### Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren

Indiana 1 and Indiana 26  
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(260) 731-4477  
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### High Street United Methodist

435 High St., Geneva  
Rev. Joseph Hampton  
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Services: 9 a.m.

### Holy Trinity Catholic

7321 E. Indiana 67, Bryant  
Fr. Peter Logsdon  
Services: 8:30 a.m., 4:30  
p.m. Saturday  
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nity.com

### Hopewell of Life Ministries

County road 200 South, 2  
miles east of Indiana 1  
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### Mount Zion United Methodist

County roads 600 East  
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### New Beginnings Holiness Church of Blaine

4017 W. 200 South  
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nbholiness.com

### New Covenant Fellowship

1238 W. 450 South  
Chuck Myers  
(260) 251-0063  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### New Life Ministries

415 S. Helen St., Port-  
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(260) 755-6354  
Services: 4 p.m.  
drkayfairchild.com

### New Mt. Pleasant United Methodist

5905 S. Como Road  
Tim Wallace  
(765) 499-7838  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### Noble Congregational Christian

1964 N. 800 East  
Aaron Huey  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### Oak Grove United Methodist

829 S. Indiana 1  
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Services: 10:45 a.m.

### Pennville United Methodist

190 W. Main St., Pennvil-  
le  
Gary Newton  
(765) 669-1070  
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### Pleasant Hill

9945 N. 800 East, Union  
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Services: 9 a.m., 6 p.m.  
mypleasanthillchurch.org

### Portland First Church of Nazarene

920 S. Shank St., Port-  
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Steve Cecil  
(260) 726-8040  
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### Portland Friends

226 E. Main St., Port-  
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Herb Hummel  
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### Praise Chapel Church of God

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### Redeemer Lutheran

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Bryant  
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### Redkey Faith Ministries

9811 W. Indiana 67,  
southwest of Redkey  
Rev. Craig and Robin  
Cotherman  
(765) 369-2920  
Services: 10 a.m.  
RedkeyFaith.org

### Redkey First Christian

Union and Malin streets,  
Redkey  
Jeff Hammers  
(765) 468-6172  
Services: 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday school: 9:30 a.m.

### Redkey United Methodist

122 W. Main St., Redkey  
Lori McIntosh  
(765) 369-2085  
Services: 10:30 a.m.

### Redkey Church of the Nazarene

801 W. High St.  
Chuck Hollandbeck  
(765) 369-2676  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6  
p.m., 6:30 p.m. Wednesday

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722 W. Main St., Portland  
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matt@therockjc.org

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Bruce Phillips  
(260) 335-2017  
Services: 9 a.m.

### Second Chance at Life Ministries

228 S. Meridian St., Port-  
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Mike Eads (260) 703-0733  
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### St. James Lutheran

County road 600 East,  
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South  
Robin Owen  
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pastorrobino@gmail.com

### St. Joseph Catholic

1689 St. Joe Road, Fort  
Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
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Rev. Kevin Hurley  
Services: 5 p.m. Saturday,  
5:30 p.m. Thursday

### St. Paul Catholic

517 Meiring Road, Fort  
Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 8:30 a.m. Sunday

### St. Peter Catholic

1477 Philothea Road, Fort  
Recovery  
Rev. Ned Brown  
Services: 10 a.m. Sunday

### Sugar Grove Nazarene

County roads 400 North  
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Rev. Mike Heckman  
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County roads 600 South  
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### Temple Baptist

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Services: 11 a.m. and 6  
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### Trinity Lutheran

301 N. Wayne St., Fort  
Recovery  
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### Trinity United Methodist

323 S. Meridian St., Port-  
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Joe Boggs  
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Sunday school: 10:30 a.m.  
portlandtrinity.com

### Union Chapel

6200 N. 375 West, Bryant  
Services: 10:20 a.m., 6 p.m.

### Union Chapel Church of the Nazarene

County road 900 North  
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Fred Stevens  
Services: 10:30 a.m., 6 p.m.

### Walnut Corner

County roads 200 North  
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### Westchester United Methodist

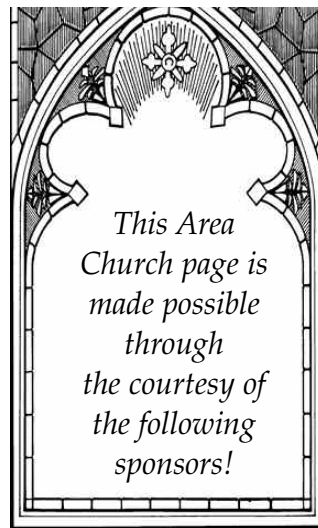
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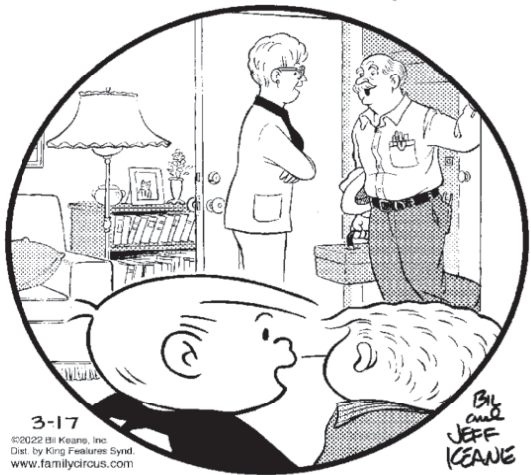
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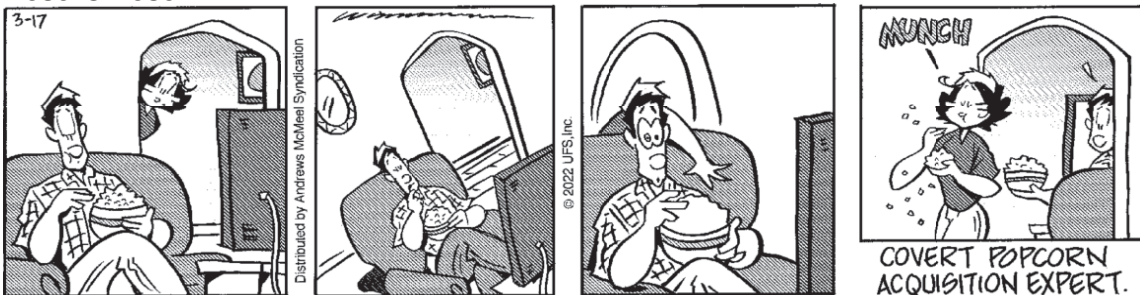
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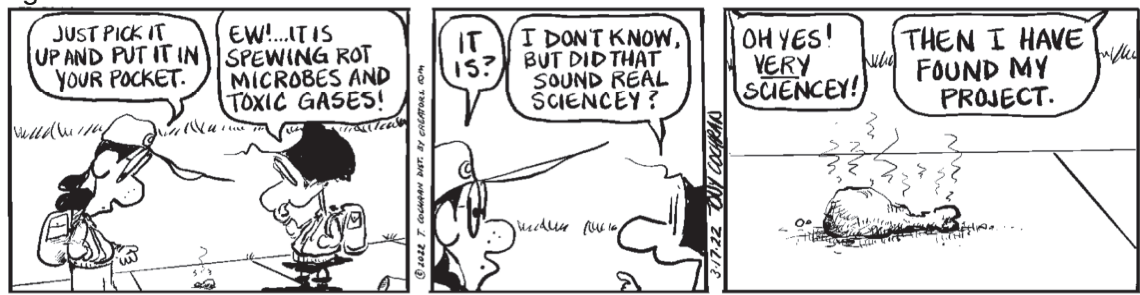
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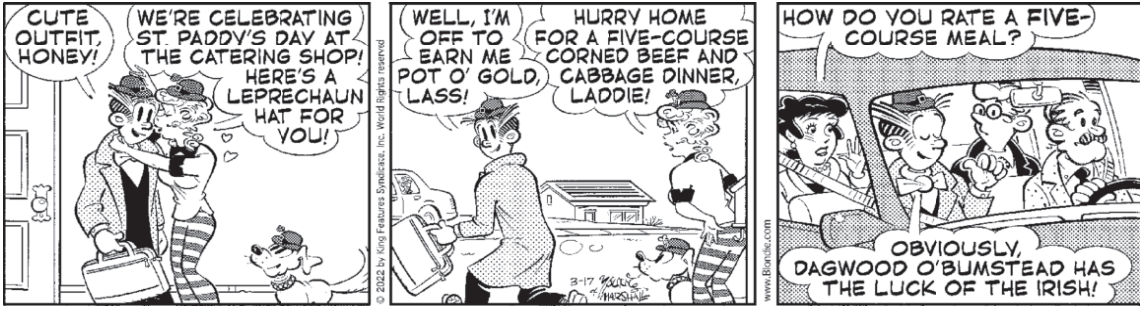
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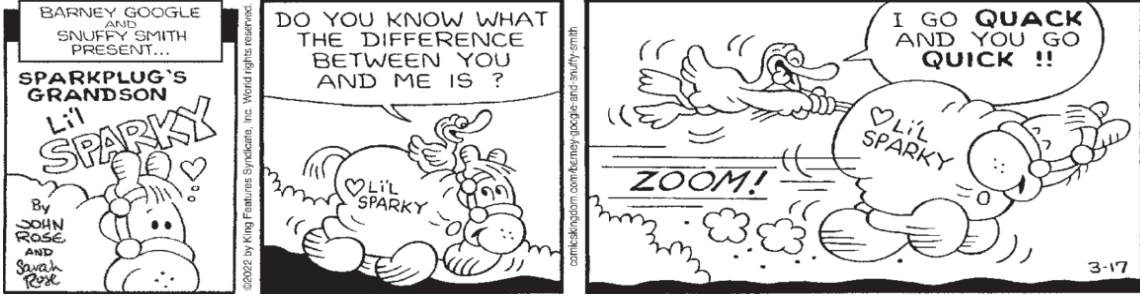
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**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Ultrasane insanity**

South dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.  
**NORTH**  
♠ K 8 7 2  
♥ A K Q 10 9 3  
♦ 10 7 4  
♣ 10 7 4  
**EAST**  
♠ A J 8 5 3  
♥ 10  
♦ 7 4  
♣ K 9 8 6 5

**SOUTH**  
♠ 9 7 4  
♥ A Q J 5 3  
♦ J 6  
♣ A J 2

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1♥ Pass 3♣(?) Pass  
4♣ Pass 5NT(!) Pass  
7♥

Opening lead — king of spades.  
Without an explanation, the bidding by North on this deal suggests that he may have taken leave of his senses, but nobody would criticize the final contract, which is lay-down. It just goes to show that crazy-looking bids can be very successful, even though they don't mean what they seem to say.

A number of years ago, some genius (according to the Official Encyclopedia of Bridge, it was Dorothy Hayden Truscott) came up with the idea that a jump-shift response one level higher than necessary indicates a void or a singleton in the suit bid, adequate support for partner's last-bid suit and sufficient values for at least a game, with a potential for slam opposite a fitting hand. That accounts for North's three-spade bid, commonly called a "splinter bid."

Certainly the North hand is ideally suited for such a convention. The moment partner opens one heart, North should start thinking in terms of a slam. From North's viewpoint, the key to the slam is South's holding in spades and clubs. South could have spade strength and three club losers, or, ideally, club strength and three spade losers.

The three-spade bid thus encourages South, who has no wasted values in spades, to cooperate by cuebidding the ace of clubs. North is delighted to hear this bid, leaving South's trump holding the only question remaining to be resolved. Accordingly, North next invokes the "grand slam force" convention by leaping to five notrump. This commands South to bid seven hearts if he holds two of the top three trump honors.

So South dutifully bids the grand slam, with full confidence that North has not gone completely berserk.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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**3-17 CRYPTOQUIP**

MV NVZ UZFFVUD HGLH JGDW  
XLRL XDXKDTU JLWH UVZF,  
HGDN LTD PZRH EVWM VE  
XVKUHT KRUPZD?

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT WERE SOME LAWS HANDED DOWN TO MOSES FOR ADOLESCENTS TO FOLLOW? THE TEEN COMMANDMENTS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals Y

**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>38</b> Synthetic fabric measure	<b>40</b> "Side-ways" actress	<b>9</b> Saigon	<b>41</b> Israeli soup	<b>43</b> Legal expert	<b>47</b> Central fort	<b>48</b> "Kubla Khan" poet	<b>51</b> Texter's "Wow!"	<b>52</b> Tackled weeds	<b>53</b> Transcending (Pref.)	<b>54</b> Away from	<b>55</b> Singer Braxton	<b>56</b> Go by acronym							
<b>DOWN</b>	<b>22</b> Gussy up	<b>23</b> Coup d'—	<b>24</b> Adobe file format	<b>25</b> — polloi	<b>26</b> "Soul On Ice" author	<b>27</b> Re-garding	<b>29</b> Part of DJIA	<b>30</b> Sean, to Yoko	<b>35</b> Klutz	<b>37</b> Seafood order	<b>39</b> Marina boat	<b>40</b> Sharing word	<b>41</b> Med. plan options	<b>42</b> Goals	<b>43</b> "Star Wars" knight	<b>44</b> Concept	<b>45</b> Boot camp VIPs	<b>46</b> Brewed drinks	<b>49</b> Tic-tac-toe win	<b>50</b> Novelist Deighton

**Solution time: 24 mins.**

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SLOOPS	ELYSEE	
RIC	TALC	
TAB	NOD	PEONY
ITEM	SOB	SURE
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# Freeman agrees to 6-year deal with Dodgers

By BETH HARRIS  
AP Sports Writer

Freddie Freeman is headed home to Southern California and the Los Angeles Dodgers. The first-time free agent and the Dodgers have agreed to a \$162 million, six-year contract, according to a person familiar with the deal. The person spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity late Wednesday night because the move had not yet been announced by the team. Freeman was the 2020 National League MVP. The first baseman helped the Atlanta Braves

to their fourth straight NL East title last season and their first World Series championship since 1995. It was assumed that Atlanta would try to lock up Freeman, who had never played for another club. But a deal didn't get done before the labor lockout began in early December and then the Braves traded for All-Star first baseman Matt Olson from Oakland and signed him to a \$168 million, eight-year deal this week, signaling the end of Freeman's long tenure in Atlanta. Now the 32-year-old five-time All-Star will be playing not far

from where he grew up in Orange County. He already lives in the area in the offseason. Freeman is from Fountain Valley, where he rooted for the Los Angeles Angels as a kid. Adding Freeman gives the Dodgers an even more imposing lineup. He'll join former MVPs Mookie Betts and Cody Bellinger, along with Trea Turner, Max Muncy and Justin Turner. The lineup already was among the National League's best last year with 237 home runs and 5.12 runs per game to go with 612 walks and an OPS of .759. Freeman gives the Dodgers a

left-handed bat in the middle of the order to replace Corey Seager, who signed with the Texas Rangers as a free agent. Muncy, a left-handed-hitting first baseman, can move to second base or serve as the designated hitter, which becomes permanent in the NL this season. Muncy was sidelined for the entire postseason last year after sustaining an elbow injury in a collision at first on the last day of the regular season. Manager Dave Roberts has said Muncy should be available for opening day on April 8, but he's unsure whether Muncy will be ready to

start at first. A career .295 hitter, Freeman has surpassed 20 homers eight times with a career-high 38 in 2019. He has a pair of 100-RBI seasons on his resume, and three other years when he drove in more than 90 runs. He has three Silver Slugger awards and a Gold Glove for his defensive work. Freeman was a second-round draft pick by Atlanta in 2007 and quickly worked his way through the farm system. He was a September call-up in 2010, making his big league debut less than two weeks before his 21st birthday.

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Notable such games are the 2017 Super Bowl, when James White ran 2 yards for a touchdown about four minutes into OT and New England came back from 25 points down for a 34-28 win over Atlanta, and the 2019 AFC championship game, when the Patriots marched down the field on a 13-play drive that concluded with Rex Burkhead's 2-yard TD run to give New England a 37-31 victory over the Chiefs. "I'm a 50/50 shooter," Chiefs coach Andy Reid said at the scouting combine. "Listen, that's about what it is in the league right now. I've gone the opposite way when we played the Patriots and lost in overtime. You feel like you need a shot at it, but the defensive guys say we should stop them, so that's the part of it. When you look at it, it's 50/50 across the board, really, whether you win or lose. "We had an opportunity and didn't take advantage of it; another we did take

advantage of (against Buffalo in January). I think it's not going to be perfect no matter what. There's just no perfect remedy to this thing." Under the Tennessee proposal, a team would not be required to go for the 2-point conversion after scoring a TD on the opening series of OT. But going for it and being successful would win the game. Since the current overtime rule was instituted for the regular season in 2012, the team that wins the coin toss has won the game half of the time (76 of 152 games). However, both teams have had at least one possession in 82% of the games (124 of 152). Those numbers change a bit in the postseason. Since 2010, when the current rule was instituted for the playoffs, seven of the 12 overtime games have been won on an opening possession touchdown, and 10 of 12 have been won by the team that won the coin toss.



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## Schwieterman at short

Renna Schwieterman, a Jay County High School junior, makes a play on a line drive during practice Wednesday afternoon. The Patriot softball team will open its season on the road April 4 against the Blackford Bruins.

## Wins ...

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Ron Harper Jr. had tied it with a long 3-pointer for Rutgers with 22 seconds left in the second OT before Atkinson won the scrum under the basket and put up the winner. "They were one possession better," Rutgers coach Steve Pikiell said. Nate Laszewski had 18 and Cormac Ryan 16 for the Irish (23-10). "I haven't felt like this in a long time," Atkinson said. "It's amazing. Bunch of cameras on you. Big spotlight, last game of the night. Definitely got my teammates to cheer with.

It's just awesome. Got family up in the stands. Couldn't ask for anything better." Caleb McConnell, the Big Ten Defensive Player of the Year, had a career-high 23 points and Harper had 22 for the Scarlet Knights (18-11), who had knocked off five ranked teams on their conference schedule. Both teams shot a respectable 51% for the game. McConnell scored 18 points on 8-of-9 shooting from the floor as Rutgers built a 41-36 lead at the half.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

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2:45 p.m. — Men's college basket-

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6:50 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — New Mexico State vs. UConn (TNT)  
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7:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Saint Peter's vs. Kentucky (CBS)  
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9:20 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Vermont vs. Arkansas (TNT)  
9:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — San Francisco vs. Murray State (CBS)  
9:50 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Akron vs. UCLA (TBS)  
9:57 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Texas Southern vs. Kansas (TruTV)  
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11:30 a.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — South Florida vs. Miami (ESPN2)  
12:15 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Loyola Chicago vs. Ohio State (CBS)  
12:40 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Jacksonville

State vs Auburn (TruTV)  
1:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — South Dakota vs. Ole Miss (ESPN2)  
1:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Montana State vs. Texas Tech (TNT)  
2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Yale vs. Purdue (TBS)  
2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Howard vs. South Carolina (ESPN)  
2:45 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Delaware vs. Villanova (CBS)  
3 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Camping World Truck Series — Fr8Auctions 200 practice (FS1)  
3:10 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Miami vs. USC (TruTV)  
4 p.m. — NASCAR Racing: Xfinity Series — Nalley Cars 250 Practice  
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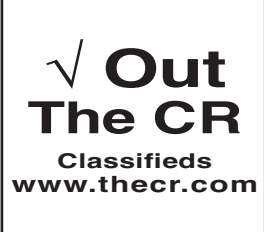
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# Sports



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## Clayton signs

Jay County High School senior Haleigh Clayton signed Wednesday to continue her softball career at Lincoln Trail Community College. Pictured with Clayton, from left, are Lincoln Trail coach Erica Arnold, JCHS coach Trisha Green and Clayton's parents Bambi and Brad.

## Haines named CCAC golfer of the week

Collin Haines made history for the Titans.

Haines, a 2018 Jay County High School graduate, was named Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference golfer of the week on Tuesday based on his performance for the Indiana University-South Bend men's golf team during the Lawrence Tech Spring Break Invitational on Friday and Saturday at RTJ Grand National in Opelika, Alabama.

### Collegiate Check-up

on 7-of-12 shooting, including a 2-of-3 effort from the 3-point line. She also had seven rebounds, another career high, and registered three assists.

### Max Moser Jay County - 2018

Played for the Huntington University baseball team as it split a doubleheader at Taylor on Monday.

The graduate student was 1-for-2 with a run and a walk in the first game, a 20-10 win. He then went 1-for-1 in a 5-0 loss in game two.

On March 10, Moser knocked in a run as the Foresters beat Taylor 8-7 to salvage a doubleheader split with the Trojans.

### Noah Arbuckle Jay County - 2020

Threw for the Huntington University baseball team in a 20-10 victory against the Taylor Trojans in the first game of a doubleheader Monday.

The sophomore started for the Foresters and lasted three innings, allowing six earned runs, including three home runs, on six hits. He also walked two and struck out a pair.

Arbuckle has a 7.08 ERA in five appearances. He's struck out 16, walked nine in 20 1/3 innings.

### Wyatt Geesaman Jay County - 2019

Fell to 2-2 on the season pitching for the Lincoln Trail Community College baseball team in an 11-6 loss to Olney Central College on Saturday.

The right-hander threw 2 1/3 innings of relief, allowing six runs — four earned — on one hit. He struck out three and walked five.

Geesaman has a 6.61 ERA in 16 1/3 innings. He's struck out 23 and walked 17 in five appearances.

It marks the first time in program history the Titans have had a weekly award recipient.

Haines earned a top-25 finish in the team's spring season opener. He finished with a score of 12-over-par 156, which put him in a three-way tie for 25th. Haines shot 79 on the first day and recorded a team-best 77 on day two.

The Titans totaled 652 for the tournament to place last out of eight teams. William Carey shot 572 for the team title, while Marc Gerst of Aquinas was the individual champion with his score of 5-under 139.

### Nick Hayden Jay County - 2017

Also competed for the IU-South Bend men's golf team Friday and Saturday in the Lawrence Tech Spring Break Invitational.

The senior shot 80 on Friday and 87 on Saturday to finish the tournament with a score of 167. He placed 43rd out of 52 golfers.

### Kierra Wendel Fort Recovery - 2022

Had a career game but it wasn't enough as the Edison State women's basketball team suffered an 85-67 loss to No. 5 seed Bryant and Stratton College in the opening round of the NJCAA Division II National Championship tournament Wednesday.

It was the first loss of the season for the No. 12 seed Chargers (29-1), who now play in the consolation tournament.

Wendel came off the bench to score 16 points

## NFL teams propose OT changes

By BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

Proposals to change the rules for overtime have been submitted by three NFL teams, with Tennessee seeking to include 2-point conversions as part of the process of deciding the winner, the league announced Wednesday.

The Titans have recommended that both teams possess the ball in overtime unless the team receiving the kickoff scores a touchdown and a 2-point conversion. That would end the game.

Indianapolis and Philadelphia have proposed that both teams must have an opportunity to possess the ball in overtime.

Under current rules, the 10-minute overtime in the regular season ends if the team getting the first possession scores a touchdown, even though the team kicking off never has the ball. Should the side receiving the kickoff make a field goal, the team that first played defense gets a possession in which it can score a touchdown and win, or kick a field goal

and play would continue — if time allows.

In the postseason, the rules are the same, except that overtimes continue until someone has more points.

All overtimes would end if the team that kicks off earns a safety on the opening possession. Games in recent years when overtime contests ended after one series have sparked debate whether the current rules are fair to both teams.

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## ND wins in 2OT to cap First Four

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Atkinson rebounded a missed shot by Blake Wesley and put back a layup with 1.4 seconds left to give the Irish an 89-87 win in a wild First Four game and put them into a first-round West Region contest on Friday in San Diego.

"Well, let me start by saying Happy St. Patrick's Day to everyone here," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "And you notice

that Paul's shot went in at 12:02 (EDT) on St. Patrick's Day, so maybe there was a little bit of karma there."

Atkinson, a graduate transfer from Yale and former Ivy League Player of the Year, capped his finest game of the season, leading the Irish with 26 points and six rebounds.

"Blake, I saw him driving to the rim," Atkinson said. "I knew he was going to go hard, either get a foul or make a bucket. I just wanted to follow up if it was a miss and no call. I just wanted to chase after the ball. Got it up and got a good bucket."

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