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## Ticket to state

### JCHS takes circus-themed show to finals

By RAY COONEY  
The Commercial Review

Since a format change in 2017, the story for the Patriots had always been the same.

They were regular semifinalists. But they were never able to clear that final barrier.

That trend is over.

The Jay County High School Winter Guard broke through with an eighth-place finish in the semifinals and will compete in the Indiana High School Color Guard Association State Finals today at Center Grove.

“We were pretty confident with our show,” said Ralyn Chaffins, the group’s lone senior. “We felt really good with it.”

And they felt they put on a strong performance at the semifinals. Still, there was no certainty until they were announced as a state finalist.

“It was a great time when we found out we actually made it,” Chaffins added.

The IHSCGA’s format change revamped both the divisions and the format, creating a large Regional A Class. That group competes in a three-leg state series, with the top 32 advancing from preliminaries to the semifinals and then the top 16 advancing to the finals.

Until last weekend, Jay County had never made that final leap to state.

The Patriots had a senior-laden group that had its eyes on state in 2020 — it had finished 14th in the preliminaries — but that season was cut short because of the coronavirus pandemic. (Last season’s format was also modified because of COVID-19 concerns.)

On March 19, though, JCHS made it clear it belonged on the biggest stage. It posted a score of 77.22 to finish fourth in its



Photo provided

The Jay County High School Winter Guard — in front right is senior Ralyn Chaffins and middle center is junior Isaiah Weekley — competes March 19 at the state semifinals at Plainfield. The group placed eighth in the semifinals to earn a place in today’s Indiana High School Color Guard Association Station Finals at Center Grove.

round and eighth overall, easily securing a state finals berth.

“This group is fierce,” said winter guard director Emilie Garringer, whose group performs at 12:05 p.m. today. (Awards are scheduled for about 4:30 p.m.) “This summer, I kind of got a glimpse of it ... They were tough. ‘Just tell me what to do and I’ll do it.’ ...

“They’ve just been open and working hard.”

With the coronavirus pandemic and supply chain issues impacting the ability to get uniforms and flags in a timely fashion, Garringer decided to use the Marching Patriots’ closet to her advantage. She pulled out the uniforms from 2018’s “Sideshow,” found the song Neri-

na Pallot song “Circus” from the Amazon series “Modern Love” and built another show with a circus theme — a girl remembering falling in love with a performer and the good times they had before he left for the next town.

Using a grassy tarp and big-top backgrounds, Jay County’s performers — junior Isaiah Weekley,

sophomores Chloe Ruiz, Audrey Hummer, Skylynn Powell and Allie Jellison, freshman Madi Schweigel, eighth graders Avery Wentz and Sophia Hoevel, and Chaffins — start looking up toward a starry night sky. There’s an opening section of dance as the tune begins, and then the sabres take over center stage.

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## Retrospect

### Family advocated for JEMS

Thirty-five years ago this week, a local woman and her mother were advocating for expanding Jay Emergency Medical Service.

The March 28, 1987, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about Mellissa Hutson sharing the story of her accident and recovery in an effort to illustrate the importance of quick and effective medical attention in emergency situations.

Mellissa was injured Aug. 8, 1986, when the vehicle she was driving collided with another in rural Jay County. She was thrown around her car and ended up hanging over the passenger side door with her foot caught in the dashboard. Her injuries included a damaged vertebra, fractured skull, severe cuts and a broken pelvic bone.

When emergency responders arrived, Mellissa’s waist-length hair was saturated with blood.

Doctors initially told Mellissa she would not walk again. She proved them wrong, and she and her mother, Harriett, credited the initial med-

ical attention she received with saving her life and making her full recovery possible.

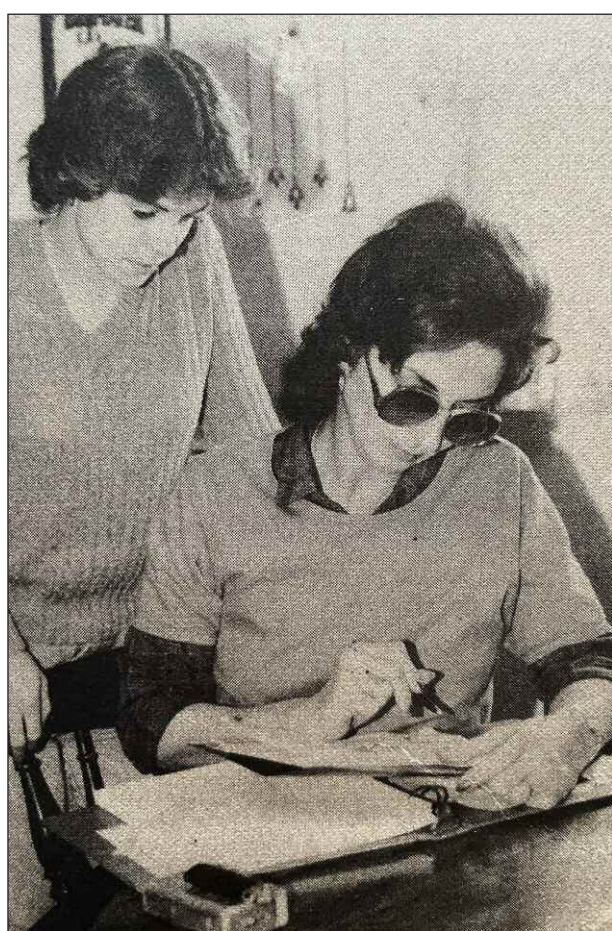
Harriett said she and her husband, Gordon, were told by neurosurgeons: “You owe a lot to those three EMTs,” in reference to Jay Emergency Medical Service director Tom Borders, Leroy Snyder and Colleen Bicknell. “It was their careful handling of her that had got her this far.”

Mellissa was initially expected to be a quadriplegic. At one point following her injuries, her brain function was greatly reduced and resulted in seizures and other setbacks.

But she bounced back, slowly, wearing a traction halo to immobilize her head for 12 weeks.

Seven months after the accident, Mellissa was walking again and working with her mother to advocate for additional training for local emergency medical responders.

“We want everyone to have a chance to recover like Mellissa did,” Harriett said. “We want them to have the same chances.”



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Mellissa Hutson and her mother Harriett review their calendar in March 1987 to keep up with their busy schedule of appearances in their effort to upgrade training for Jay Emergency Medical Service.

## Biden sees refugee crisis

### President made visit to Poland on Friday

By CHRIS MEGERIAN  
and DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

RZESZOW, Poland — Just 60 miles from Ukraine, President Joe Biden saluted Poland on Friday for welcoming more than 2 million refugees who have fled Russia’s invasion. Then he met with humanitarian experts on the ground about what will be needed to mitigate the growing suffering.

Biden said he had hoped to get even closer to the border but was prevented because of security concerns. Still, he said he wanted to visit Poland to underscore that the assistance it is providing is of “enormous consequence” as Europe experiences the biggest refugee crisis since World War II.

“It’s not stopping,” Biden said of the devasta-

tion in Ukraine. “It’s like something out of a science fiction movie.”

Biden also visited with some of the thousands of U.S. troops who have been sent near Poland’s border to assist with the humanitarian emergency and to bolster the U.S. military presence on the eastern flank of NATO. More than 3.5 million Ukrainians have fled the country since the Feb. 24 invasion, including about 2.2 million to Poland, according to the United Nations.

Within a few days, the number of refugees displaced from Ukraine since last month will exceed the number of Syrians routed from their homes over years of conflict after a 2011 uprising turned into a full-scale war, said Samantha Power, the U.S. Agency for International Development administrator.

The American military commitment in Poland was apparent as soon as Air Force One touched down, rolling past Patriot missile batteries. More hardware, including heavy trucks and other equipment painted with dark green and brown camouflage, was present at the airport. A nearby convention center serves as a base for the U.S. Army’s 82nd Airborne Division.

#### Deaths

**Teresa Squier**, 60, Pennville  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

Jay County’s high temperature topped out at 45 degrees Friday.

There is a chance of snow showers today with a high of 35 and winds gusting to 30 miles per hour. Tonight’s low will be in the mid 20s, followed by a high of 35 again Sunday.

See page 2 for an extended forecast.

#### In review

Auditions for Jay County Civic Theatre’s production of “Moana Jr.” will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. They are open to anyone 18 and younger.

For more information about auditions, visit jaycountycivic.com.

#### Coming up

**Tuesday** — Coverage of Monday’s Jay County Commissioners meeting.

**Thursday** — Stories looking at candidates for the May primary election.



# State ...

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The next section brings out red and yellow ticket flags, also from "Sideshow," which eventually give way to a group performing with rifles. The show closes with the performers lying on the tarp surrounding Weekley for a final solo moment.  
Garringer and her most senior performers agree that one of their favorite aspects of the show is the way their bright flags and

bold movements contrast with the soft, melodic music.  
"I like that the props and the way that we look doesn't really fit the way that the music goes," said Weekley. "It's not what you would expect."  
"I think that's super interesting."  
So far, the show has served them well.  
The trip to state will cap what had already been a strong season

for Jay County, despite getting a late start to the year because snow forced the cancellation of its planned season-opening competition at Anderson.  
When they were able to get going, the Patriots did so in style by winning the Regional A Class on Feb. 12 at Bishop Dwenger with a score of 72.09. They blew away the field, as Snider finished in the runner-up spot at 64.98. JCHS finished third overall

two weeks later at Carroll, third again March 5 at Hamilton Southeastern and then 13th in the state preliminaries March 12 at Plainfield.  
After their breakthrough last weekend at state semifinals, today's performance is a celebration.  
"Last weekend was the crunch weekend," Garringer said. "(Finals) are just going to be fun. It's going to be relaxed.

Whatever happens, we're there. No one can take that from us. If we jump a couple places, that would be fantastic. If we drop a couple places, that's OK. We are just there enjoying the experience and having fun tomorrow."  
"Just do your best," added Chaffins. "Leave everything you have on the trap. You should be walking off with no regrets."

## CR almanac

Sunday 3/26	Monday 3/27	Tuesday 3/28	Wednesday 3/29	Thursday 3/30
<b>35/20</b>	<b>41/27</b>	<b>45/39</b>	<b>71/51</b>	<b>62/35</b>
Wind gusts may reach as high as 25 mph Sunday under partly sunny skies.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Monday with lows dipping into the upper 20s.	There's a chance of rain Tuesday after 2 p.m., with a higher chance of showers at night.	Rain may continue into Wednesday under mostly cloudy skies. The high will be near 71.	More rain is in the forecast for Thursday with an 80% chance of showers.

## Lotteries

<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 0-7-6 Daily Four: 9-6-1-4 Quick Draw: 1-2-3-6-8-15-17-20-27-35-36-43-48-49-54-56-57-61-68	Pick 4: 4-8-9-0 Pick 5: 2-6-0-0-3 Rolling Cash 5: 1-4-7-15-19 Estimated jackpot: \$130,000
<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 3-5-4 Pick 4: 1-2-7-9 Pick 5: 2-3-3-7-6 Evening Pick 3: 1-4-5	<b>Powerball</b> Estimated jackpot: \$181 million  <b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$50 million

## Markets

<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.30 April corn.....7.35 Wheat.....8.93	Wheat.....10.07 April wheat.....10.07
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.40 April corn.....7.40 May corn.....7.45	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.19 April corn.....7.19 Beans.....16.83 April beans.....16.83 Wheat.....9.98
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.04 April corn.....7.04 Beans.....16.85 April beans.....16.85	<b>Sunrise St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.15 April corn.....7.15 Beans.....16.48 April beans.....16.48 Wheat.....9.87

## Today in history

**On March 26, 2010,** the U.S. and Russia sealed the first major nuclear weapons treaty in nearly two decades, agreeing to slash the former Cold War rivals' warhead arsenals by nearly one-third.  
**In 1812,** an earthquake devastated Caracas, Venezuela, causing an estimated 26,000 deaths, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.  
**In 1827,** composer Ludwig van Beethoven died in Vienna.  
**In 1945,** during World War II, Iwo Jima was fully secured by U.S. forces following a final, desperate attack by Japanese soldiers.  
**In 1962,** the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Baker v. Carr*, gave federal courts the power to order reapportionment of states' legislative districts.  
**In 1973,** the soap opera "The Young and the Restless" premiered on CBS-TV.  
**In 1979,** a peace treaty was signed by Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat and witnessed by President Jimmy Carter at the White House.  
**In 1982,** groundbreaking ceremonies took place in Washington, D.C., for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.  
**In 1988,** Jesse Jackson stunned fellow Democrats by soundly defeating Michael S. Dukakis in Michigan's Democratic presidential caucuses.  
**In 1992,** a judge in Indianapolis sentenced former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson to six years in prison for raping a Miss Black America contestant. (Tyson ended up serving three years.)  
**In 1997,** the bodies of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate technological cult who committed suicide were found inside a rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California.  
**In 2012,** the Fort Recovery High School softball team dominated its season opener 10-0 over visiting Franklin Monroe. Beca Tobe and Ashley Homan combined on a two-hit shutout.  
—AP and The CR

## Citizen's calendar

<b>Monday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District, 5948 W. Indiana 67, 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.
<b>Tuesday</b> 5 p.m. — Dunkirk Park Board, city building, 131 S. Main St.	

## Obituaries

### Teresa Squier

Feb. 24, 1962-March 24, 2022  
Teresa Samantha Squier, age 60, of Pennville passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2022, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.  
She was born in Portland on Feb. 24, 1962, the daughter of John Junior McClain and Sharon Lee Frogge. Teresa had worked in receiving at Walmart and was Pennville clerk-treasurer for 17 years. She was a 1980 Jay County High School graduate.

Surviving are two sons, Benjamin Squier (wife: Chantelle) of Albany and Parker Squier of Montpelier; one brother, Charles McClain (wife: Rhonda) of Bryant; one sister Zona Shoopman (husband: Rick) of Parker City; and five grandchildren.  
Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 29, 2022, at 6 p.m. in the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home with



Pastor Hugh Taylor presiding. Visitation will be Wednesday from 2 to 6 p.m.  
Memorials can be made to the Jay County Cancer Society.  
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*The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.*  
*There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.*

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## Bruns at St. Baldrick's

Six-year-old Luke Bruns gets his hair shaved off Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Fort Recovery. Bruns' family and others in the community donated to the event for St. Baldrick's, a non-profit organization aimed at raising funds for research on children with cancer. The local group has a goal of reaching \$10,000 from the event each year.

## Felony arrests

**Failed to appear**  
A Silver Lake man was arrested Thursday for failing to appear in court.  
Trey M. Burbank, 28, 11144 S. County Farm Road, has an original Level 6 felony charge for possession of methamphetamine and a Class C mis-

demeanor for possession of paraphernalia.  
He's being held without bond in Jay County Jail.  
**Theft**  
A Dunkirk man was arrested Thursday for theft.

Jason L. Newman, 47, 333 S. Indiana St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony, along with two Class B misdemeanors for criminal mischief and possession of paraphernalia.  
He's being held on a \$4,500 bond in Jay County Jail.

## Capsule Reports

**Recycling set**  
Jay County Solid Waste Management District will have recycling trailers available today. Trailers will be open from 9 a.m. to noon in the shopping center at 220 Lincoln St., Portland, and Dunkirk City Park.

causing the vehicle she was driving to spin out of control and go into a ditch on the north side of the road. The vehicle Jordan was driving is registered to Dean L. Burgess of Pennville, and it was towed. Damage is estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

**Deer hit**  
Deer caused two accidents near U.S. 27 in Jay County recently.  
Kylee J. Simmons, 38, Decatur, was driving west on county road 400 North just east of U.S. 27 about 7:55 p.m. Thursday when a deer ran in front of the 2014 Chevrolet Equinox she was driving. She wasn't able to avoid a collision with the animal, causing between \$2,500 and \$5,000 in estimated damage.

**Turning collision**  
A Portland woman's van struck a Lynn man's truck while attempting to turn onto Meridian Street from Arch Street about 4:15 a.m. Thursday.

Sondra J. Jordan, 47, Portland, was driving her 2006 Chevrolet Silverado east on county road 500 North just west of U.S. 27 about 3:40 a.m. Friday when a deer ran in front of her path. Jordan wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal,

Stephany M. Fontanini, 28, Portland, was attempting to turn her 2006 Chrysler Pacifica north onto Meridian Street from Arch Street. She told Portland Police a semi driver sitting at the light waved for her to go. She began turning and didn't see the southbound 2012 Chevrolet Silverado, driven by 49-year-old Acie Gambrel of Lynn, on the other side of the semi. Fontanini's van hit Gambrel's truck.  
Damage is estimated between \$2,500 and \$5,000.

## SERVICES

Tuesday

**Muhlenkamp, Linda:** 10 a.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

**Squier, Teresa:** 6 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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# Secret is in the sauce

By KATE KRADER

Bloomberg

Chicken wings have an indelible association with the Super Bowl. This year, Americans consumed a reported 1.42 billion wings for the big game, even as prices rose. (The wholesale price was \$2.61 per pound ahead of the big game, compared to an average five-year pre-pandemic price of \$1.76.)

But for some restaurateurs, the Super Bowl is just the start of chicken wing season. Erin Smith, chef, owner, and general partner at Feges BBQ in Houston, held off on selling wings at the start of 2022 because the price was so high.

They were so popular as a Super Bowl special, however, that she put them on the menu in preparation for March Madness, the NCAA Basketball tournament. The women's championship game is April 3; the men's is April 4 and, allegedly, there are no perfect brackets left.

Immediately, Smith began selling 100 pounds of wings a week. The most intriguing sauce is a high-intensity concoction that evokes the childhood favorite: peanut butter and jelly.

Smith's background does not suggest chicken wing chops. The Houston native started her career at fine-dining spots such as Per Se and Babbo in New York. She had no serious background in barbecue (or wings) before she and her husband Patrick Feges opened Feges BBQ in 2018.

Three years later, Feges landed a spot on Texas Monthly's Top 50 Texas BBQ Joints with their second outpost. Its menu features whole hog cooked over post-oak, as well as not-so-standard dishes such as charred cole slaw and a barbecue sauce that uses the Korean chile paste gochujang. "We incorporate smoke into a lot of our food, but it's not always straight barbecue. We do chef-driven dishes that incorporate the use of our smokers," says Smith.

She got the idea for PB&J wings at a pool party with fellow chefs about a decade ago, when they were in need of a sauce. "I ran back to my apartment and came back with peanut butter and orange marmalade — which is also good with the wings," she says. "We thought it would be the stupidest thing we ever did. We couldn't believe it was so deli-



Bloomberg/Kate Krader

Pictured are chicken wings coated in a peanut buttery and jelly sauce.

cious." Smith has since updated the recipe with a more traditional peanut butter accompaniment: grape jelly.

Make the wings and you'll see. The thick, sticky, mahogany-colored sauce is ridiculously simple and well suited to wings, and begs the question: Why don't more people mix peanut butter and jelly into a sauce? Key to the dish is in the ratio of ingredients. Peanut butter is the driving force and suggests the popular Thai sauce, while the sriracha contributes heat. The grape jelly sweetens it up and adds a satisfying stickiness. Then it's just a matter of roasting the wings. Use an air fryer if you've got one - or even better, smoke the wings as Smith does to add a toasty accent to the meat.

Although Smith makes a point of saying Feges isn't a sports bar — "we show black-and-white Westerns" — the NCAA basketball games will air, and she expects wing sales to keep climbing. She also sees the PB&J snack as good for Oscar parties; she'll be watching with a plate of wings. "Every time someone thanks the Academy, I'll eat a wing."

Tester's note: Smith says the sauce is best made the day before an event to allow the flavors to meld. Leftover sauce can be refrigerated for three weeks.

You can also double the amount of chicken wings if you wish to serve more.

## PB&J Wings

Serves 6-8, with leftover sauce

### Ingredients

¾ cup (7 oz) creamy peanut butter  
17.5 oz jar grape jelly  
3 tbsp sriracha  
2 dozen chicken wings and drumettes (about 2 lb.)  
Salt and freshly ground pepper  
Vegetable oil, for cooking  
Toasted chopped peanuts, for garnish

### Directions

In a food processor, combine the peanut butter, jelly, and sriracha and mix until smooth. (There might be some lumps, depending on the type of jelly you use.)

Preheat the oven to 350F. Toss the chicken wings with vegetable oil and spread them on a rimmed baking sheet. Season well with salt and pepper. Bake for 20-25 minutes, until they're cooked through.

Alternatively: Cook the wings in an air fryer according to manufacturer's directions. Or you can smoke the wings until they're cooked through — about 1 ½ hours, depending on the size of the wings.

Let the wings cool slightly. In a shallow bowl, toss the wings with half the sauce, and transfer to a platter.

Sprinkle with the chopped peanuts and serve with a little more sauce.

# Bride wonders if she's being selfish

DEAR ABBY: I am being married to the love of my life. Aside from my soon-to-be husband, the most important participant in our wedding will be my 70-year-old father, whom I adore. Dad has been dating a woman, "Mary," on and off since my parents' divorce 25 years ago. Mary has always had health issues (lupus, kidney disease, alcoholism, etc.), so she rarely attends family functions. Dad is in excellent health, enjoys the outdoors and is very involved in his children's and grandchildren's lives.

Recently, Dad has been spending the majority of his time taking care of sickly Mary, including spending six weeks in a distant city while she underwent surgery and recovery. My siblings and I feel Dad deserves someone who can enjoy life and participate in similar activities, but we acknowledge this is the person he has chosen to be with.

Mary will be attending my wedding as my father's guest. If she's feeling ill, tired, or too weak to withstand the festivities, I am terrified Dad will make an early exit to take her back to the hotel. I would be devastated if he missed out on celebrating the most important day of my life. I also do not want her in the wed-

Dear Abby



ding photos, which is a whole other issue. Am I being a selfish Bridezilla, or should I voice my concerns to my father prior to the big day? — APPREHENSIVE DADDY'S GIRL

DEAR DADDY'S GIRL: Have you not learned by now that you cannot control what another person does? I'm sure your father would love to spend every moment of your special day with you, but there are other priorities to consider. Mary, whose health is poor, is making every effort to be there to honor you. If it becomes too much for her, what would you have your father do — call 911 and let the paramedics haul her off? In the interest of family harmony, PLEASE grow up and stop obsessing because, to say the least, it is unbecoming. As to the wedding photos, if you don't want her in the pictures, pose her on the END, so you can crop her out of them if you wish.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

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

## 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 appoint-

ment, 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.

## Tuesday

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

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

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m.

at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

**NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS** — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

## Wednesday

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

## WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

### For Jay County Schools March 28 - April 1


**Monday: Main Entrees:** Walking beef taco **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Mexican style refried beans

**Tuesday: Main Entrees:** Chicken nuggets **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Baked crinkle fries

**Wednesday: Main Entrees:** Classic American cheeseburger **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Tater tots

**Thursday: Main Entrees:** Beef hot dog on whole wheat. **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish & yogurt fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Side for all meals:** Oven baked curly fries

**Friday: Main Entrees:** Classic cheese pizza **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lunch, ham and cheese chef salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Savory green beans



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Level: Advanced

## Friday's Solution

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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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# Radio stations far from obsolete

The Washington Post

Congress has approved a major injection of funds to Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty and to Radio Free Asia, which are dedicated to the broadcast of independent news and information to nations that need it, including Russia and China. After the Cold War ended, some thought the organizations were obsolete, but their mission now seems more urgent than ever — and they will need ingenuity to overcome hurdles to fulfilling it.

Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty dates to the 1950s, when, as separate organizations, they began broadcasting behind the Iron Curtain to Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. Radio Free Asia was founded in 1996 to reach China and other closed societies

## Guest Editorial

in Asia. Today, both are private, independent organizations that receive funding from the U.S. government through the U.S. Agency for Global Media.

More of their content is digital these days, although there is still some radio.

Radio Free Asia has cast light on the mistreatment of the Uyghur Muslim minority in China, reported on the anti-democratic coup in Myanmar, documented the crackdown on free-

dom in Cambodia and frequently examined the North Korean dictatorship. RFE/RL has been unceasing in its reporting on President Vladimir Putin's growing repression in Russia as well as the upheaval in Belarus after President Alexander Lukashenko stole the 2020 election and now the mayhem and cruelty of Putin's war against Ukraine. In the recent omnibus spending bill, Congress gave RFA a 30% increase lifting its annual budget to \$62.6 million and RFE/RL a 15% increase to \$145 million. This is a welcome vote of confidence, none too soon, given that both Russia and China, as well as many smaller nations, are slamming the door on independent news and information, imposing restrictions on digital and broad-

cast channels, demanding obedience of the news media, policing social media, and imprisoning journalists.

Beaming truth into these shut-in corners of the world is becoming more and more difficult. RFE/RL has been forced to suspend its operations in Russia after a years-long campaign against it by the government. But the outlet has vowed to carry on using "every platform possible," and its websites have seen soaring traffic in the first two weeks of the war against Ukraine, offering hope that it can continue to reach Russian audiences despite censorship and other hurdles. Both organizations plan expansion; RFE/RL is looking at more investigative reporting on Russia and opening bureaus in the

Baltics. RFA plans to expand its work in China with Mandarin, Tibetan, Uyghur and Cantonese services and to broaden its reach elsewhere, including Mandarin content for young people worldwide.

President Biden wisely nominated a Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Amanda Bennett, former director of Voice of America, to lead the U.S. Agency for Global Media in the aftermath of the destructive politicization wrought by the Trump administration. More work needs to be done to guard against a future president trying to manipulate these valuable organizations. They must be rigorously insulated from political interference. As it is, they have plenty of journalism to do in this darkening world.

## Ukraine has inspired Taiwan

By BI-KHIM HSIAO

Special To The Washington Post

In the days after Russia's unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, Taiwan's tallest skyscraper, Taipei 101, lit up with the colors of the Ukrainian flag. Rallies in support of Ukrainians have been ongoing in Taiwan. The thousands of miles between our countries have not stopped the Taiwanese people from expressing solidarity with Ukraine.

Many scholars and world leaders have drawn comparisons between the situation in Eastern Europe and the situation across the Taiwan Strait. Although there are distinct historical and geopolitical differences, one commonality stands out: Both Ukraine and Taiwan have long endured the perils of living next to a belligerent, authoritarian neighbor. There exists, therefore, a special degree of empathy and sympathy among the Taiwanese people for what Ukrainians are suffering. This is why Taiwan joined the United States and other partners in announcing sanctions toward Russia and why the Taiwanese people immediately answered the call to respond to the need for humanitarian assistance to Ukraine.

On Feb. 28, the Taiwan government sent a plane-load of medical supplies and financial aid via Poland and thereafter began accepting private donations of other needed goods. The Taiwan government has set up a special account through which more than 110,000 Taiwanese citizens have donated to help Ukrainian refugees in Eastern Europe. So far \$30 million has been raised, part of which has already been disbursed to refugee centers across Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Lithuania and the Czech Republic. More help is on the way.

The war in Ukraine has made it clear to the world how important it is for democracies to stand shoulder to shoulder against authoritarian aggression. As more and more countries are realizing, appeasement is not the path to peace. Taiwan will continue its efforts with the United States and like-minded democracies everywhere to support Ukraine, so that freedom and democracy prevail.

For decades, Taiwan has stood on the front line of democracy's struggle against authoritarianism, fighting to maintain our hard-earned freedoms. We have learned that only

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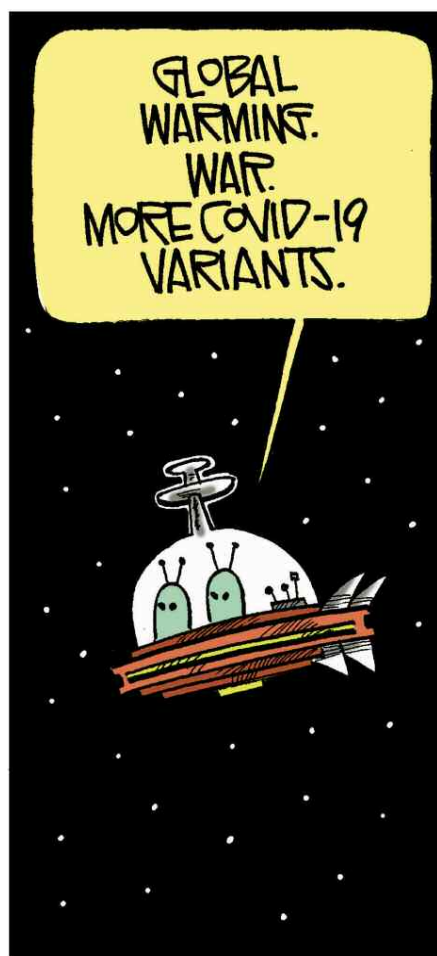
cooperation among like-minded partners can guarantee the endurance of our shared values for future generations. To that end, we thank the Biden administration for sending a delegation of senior security experts this month to emphasize the rock-solid U.S. commitment to Taiwan amid the Ukraine crisis. We appreciate that support for Taiwan in Washington is bipartisan and consistent. And the administration's efforts to reach out to other Indo-Pacific stakeholders to underscore the importance of peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait, opposing the use of force to change the status quo, are especially important.

The determination and resilience that the Ukrainian people have shown in the wake of Russia's invasion have inspired Taiwan, reinforcing our commitment to defend our freedom. In recent years, we have undertaken a complete review of our self-defense capabilities, restructuring our training procedures, reserve forces and defense budgets to better prioritize asymmetric capabilities and to deter the People's Republic of China from making the wrong calculation, as Russia did. Recent polls and surveys demonstrate increasing support among Taiwanese people for bolstering our self-defense. The will to defend our homeland and democratic way of life is also stronger than ever.

Whatever claims and threats the Chinese authorities make over Taiwan, the ironclad reality is that Taiwan has never been, at any point in time, a part of the PRC. The future of Taiwan must be determined peacefully and democratically. For all of the PRC's military might, any invasion attempt will fail to break the solidarity and resiliency of the Taiwanese people.

Democracy in Ukraine and Taiwan will prevail, and the arc of history will bend toward liberty in the global struggle against authoritarianism.

Hsiao is the Taiwan government's representative to the United States.



## Is it really a state that works?

By JOHN KRULL

TheStatehouseFile

INDIANAPOLIS — For years, elected officials here have touted Indiana as "a state that works."

They chose the word deliberately. For decades now, the focus — almost the entire focus — of the state's leaders was on economic development.

That context has defined almost every important discussion or debate in Indiana during the 21st century. Whether the argument was about education, the environment, marriage equality or public transit, the jousting focused on whether the policy question involved would attract jobs and investment in the state.

Growth was the point and little else mattered.

Until now, that is. As the just concluded session of the Indiana General Assembly and other recent incidents demonstrate, many — perhaps most — of the state's leaders now have a new set of priorities. They're more interested in fighting culture wars, settling old scores and finding ways to please narrow special interests.

Even the Indiana Chamber of Commerce indicated as much.

The chamber's session-end report said the organization's lobbyists spent more time and energy trying to knock down bad and growth-destroying ideas than they did advancing a jobs and development agenda.

The drama surrounding two high-profile bills illustrates the chamber's point.

Indiana's foot soldiers for the gun lobby worked tirelessly to push a measure through that would allow Hoosiers to carry firearms without securing permits.

The Indiana State Police and other law-enforcement officials opposed the bill. So, according to polling even in the districts of the lawmakers pushing the measure, did the public.

John Krull



But the gun merchants wanted it. That was enough for the gun lobby's pliant legislators, who maneuvered and finagled to resurrect the bill in the session's waning days.

Gov. Eric Holcomb, who is pondering a Republican primary contest in a U.S. Senate race two years from now, decided alienating the rabid gun wing of his party wasn't worth it. He ignored his own state police officers and signed the bill into law.

After that, Indiana Rep. Jim Lucas, R-Seymour — the chief water carrier for the gun lobby in the state — took to social media to gloat and demand coverage from journalists, including me, over having the bill become law.

Police officers around the state, please feel free to send thank-you notes to Rep. Lucas. It is clear he is desperate both for attention and acknowledgement of his determination to ignore you.

The governor vetoed another measure, one that would have banned transgender girls from participating in girls' sports. This particularly mean-spirited bill sought to appease ignorant bigots at the expense of people who already have suffered much more than their share.

Holcomb was right to reject it. As soon as he did, though, the legislative leaders announced they would bring the lawmakers back into session at the end of May to override the governor's veto.

That's the thing about bigotry and meanness.

They never rest.

While all this was going on, the state's public access counselor ruled that Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita must turn over requested records to conservative radio host, commentator and gadfly Abdul-Hakim Shabazz. Rokita has been engaged in a pointless and, at least to the taxpayers, expensive legal battle over whether he can ban Shabazz from press conferences.

The attorney general started this fight because Shabazz apparently hurt Rokita's feelings.

In kindergarten, such disputes are settled by imposing a timeout.

In Indiana politics these days, though, they are resolved by wasting time and money going to court.

As if all of this weren't bad enough, U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, R-Indiana, who apparently is as thick as petrified brick, opined on national television that it was a mistake for America to recognize interracial marriages.

After Braun's comments provoked criticism for being racist — because they were racist — the senator tried to back away from them with all the grace of a rhinoceros trying to slip into a tutu.

His clumsiness may have stemmed from the fact that he really didn't seem to see a problem with what he'd said.

All these episodes served small, narrow and even ugly agendas.

Not one of them will create a job or bring a single cent to Indiana.

None will move Indiana forward.

But that doesn't seem to be the point for Hoosier elected officials.

The state that works?  
Hardly.

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## 3-26 CRYPTOQUIP

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**Yesterday's Cryptoquip:** WHAT WOULD YOU CALL A BALL-CARRYING FOOTBALL PLAYER WHO LIKES PLAYS ON WORDS? A PUNNING BACK.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: N equals S

CRYPTO FUN  
Solve the code to discover words related to spring.  
Each number corresponds to a letter.  
(Hint: 26 = L)

**A. 12 11 16 5 24 22**  
Clue: One of the seasons

**B. 25 5 26 2**  
Clue: Not severe

**C. 10 26 18 1 14 16**  
Clue: Part of a plant

**D. 21 26 18 18 25 5 24 22**  
Clue: State of flowering

Answers: A. spring B. mild C. flower D. blooming

### WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to spring.

W F S L R O E

Answers: Flowers

### Guess Who?

I am a comedienne born in New York on March 21, 1962. In high school, I was homecoming and prom queen. I had a successful comedy career before becoming a film actress and television talk show host.

Answer: Rosie O'Donnell

## SPRING SEASON WORD SEARCH

L M A H B L I D O F F A D S F K I K K H  
S S B T Z P O S K E I Y R K C K C B B Y  
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Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

### WORDS

BIRTH  
BLOOM  
BREEZE  
BULBS  
BUNNY  
BUTTERFLY  
CHICK  
CROCUS  
DAFFODIL  
EGGS  
FLOWERS  
GREEN  
GROW  
HATCH  
HYACINTH  
LAMB  
MARCH  
NEST  
PUDDLES  
RAIN  
ROBIN  
SEASON  
SHOWERS  
SPRING

## 3-28 CRYPTOQUIP

GT JUKJXU QKN GMNK ZKRU  
RSVKA TGQDNZ BOND KXW  
DKXXOBKKW SLNKA VSLH, WGW  
NDUO ZNAGHU S JSXSMLU?  
**Saturday's Cryptoquip:** PARODIC SONG FULL OF GOOD-NATURED TEASING ABOUT THE AMERICAN FLAG: "THE STAR-SPANGLED BANTER."

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: J equals P

### What's the Difference?

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

**A**

**B**

Answers: 1. Bird on nest 2. Missing egg 3. Bird house in back 4. Extra blossoms bottom center

### THIS DAY IN... HISTORY

**1765:** THE BRITISH PARLIAMENT PASSES THE STAMP ACT, LEVYING A DIRECT TAX ON THE AMERICAN COLONIES.

**1894:** THE FIRST STANLEY CUP COMPETITION IS HELD IN MONTREAL, CANADA.

**1997:** COMET HALLEY-BOPP MAKES ITS CLOSEST APPROACH TO EARTH IN THE SKIES OVER THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE.

### New Word

**BLOSSOM**  
a flower or a mass of flowers

### Did You Know?

THE FLOWERING CHERRY TREE BLOOMS EARLY EACH SPRING.

### GET THE PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

ANSWER: BIRD

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Trip to Mecca  
5 En-grossed  
9 Dhabi preceder  
12 La Scala solo  
13 Belonging to us  
14 Petty peeve  
15 Minn. neighbor  
16 Let fall  
17 Compass dir.  
18 Bottle part  
19 "The Bells" monogram  
20 Binges  
21 Comedian Margaret  
23 Clean air org.  
25 Reduces to crumbs  
28 "The Silence of the Lambs" role  
32 Pale  
33 Emulate Lipinski  
34 Upbeat

**DOWN**

1 Actress Goldie  
2 Singer India.—  
3 Platter  
4 Monterey product  
5 Western shows  
6 Mystique  
7 Push forward  
8 Recipe abbr.  
9 Tolstoy's Karenina  
10 Cherry type  
11 Western tribe  
20 Concrete-cracking tool  
22 Artist Matisse  
24 Joe of "The Irishman"  
25 PC alternative  
26 Show to a seat, slangily  
27 "Thar — blows!"  
29 — chi  
30 UFO pilots  
31 Sleep phenom  
35 Showed boredom  
36 Use a sieve  
39 Tubular pasta  
40 It takes the cake  
41 Russian refusal  
43 Farm unit  
45 Tiny battery  
46 Sitarist Shankar  
47 Fed. agents  
49 Presidential nickname

**Solution time: 26 mins.**

PEI BODY ZACH  
UMS AREA ABRA  
BOATNECK GOUT  
B RAM FROZE  
STEELE DARE  
ARLO FIREBOAT  
AIL BOVID LSU  
BOATLOAD CITE  
HITS DAVIS  
SLURP PURE  
LIDO LIFEBOAT  
AROW ACCCT INA  
PANS HISS LAB

Yesterday's answer 3-26

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## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### How to make tricks without straw

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ K 8 6 3  
♥ J 9 2  
♦ A J 9 7 5  
♣ J

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

**EAST**  
♠ 7 4 2  
♥ K 8 5 4  
♦ 6  
♣ K 9 7 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A 5  
♥ Q 6  
♦ K Q 10 8 4 3  
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:  
South 1♦ West 1♠ North 1♠ East Pass  
2 NT Pass 4♦ Pass 6♦

Opening lead — queen of spades.

There was not much rhyme or reason for South's six-diamond bid — he had already spoken his piece, and then some, when he jumped to two notrump. Five diamonds would have been entirely adequate.

But players sometimes get lucky, even when they misbid, and South had more than his fair share of luck here. To begin with, West led a spade. Had West led the ace and another heart, the slam would have failed immediately. But he didn't, and thereby hangs this tale.

South took the spade lead with

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the ace after noting that he had two apparently inevitable heart losers. An early and successful club finesse would allow him to discard one of dummy's hearts, but this would still leave him with two hearts in each hand. However, South also noted that there was a legitimate chance to make the slam if he delayed the club finesse until later on.

So, after playing the king of trump, he led a spade to the king, ruffed a spade, led a trump to the jack and ruffed dummy's last spade. He then cashed dummy's remaining trumps, producing this position:

North  
♥ J 9 2  
♣ J

West  
♥ A 10 7  
♣ 8

East  
♥ K 8 5 4  
♣ K 9 7

South  
♥ Q  
♣ A Q 10

Declarer now led the club jack and overtook it with the queen. Reading the position perfectly, South then exited with the queen of hearts.

There was no defense against this highly unusual endplay. If West won the trick, he would have to concede the last two tricks to dummy's J-9 of hearts; if East won, he would have to concede the last two tricks to declarer's A-10 of clubs.

## Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

### Famous Hand

East dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 5 4  
♥ 10 8 7  
♦ J 10 2  
♣ A J 4

**WEST**  
♠ K J 10 8 3 2  
♥ 5 3  
♦ Q 7 6  
♣ 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ —  
♥ A J 9 6 2  
♦ 9 4  
♣ K Q 8 7 5 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ 9 7 6  
♥ K Q 4  
♦ A K 8 5 3  
♣ 10 9

The bidding:  
East 1♥ South 2♣ West 2♣ North Dble  
3♣ Pass 3 NT Pass 3♣

Opening lead — six of clubs.

Palmer and Lynn Deas were North-South for the U.S. Deas reached three notrump after a lively auction, and the Dutch West led the six of clubs.

Declarer played low from dummy, and East won the trick with the queen. East then shifted to the jack of hearts! This unusual play was designed to guard against a holding of Q-x-x in the South hand. If declarer had that holding, the lead of the jack would trap the queen, whereas a low heart trap return would establish the queen as a stopper after South followed low. However, East's return — well thought out as it was — served only to confuse her partner after declarer won the trick with the king.

When West subsequently gained the lead with the queen of diamonds, she returned a heart! This established South's second heart honor as her ninth trick. In all, declarer scored two hearts, two spades, four diamonds and the ace of clubs. Had West returned a club instead, establishing East's clubs before the ace of hearts was disclosed, South would have fallen a trick short.

At the other table, the U.S. East-West pair wound up in two spades, down two. The combination of +600 at one table and -200 at the other gave the Americans a 9-IMP pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: Bridge is a partnership game.

## CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

**ACROSS**

1 Scurry  
5 PC key  
8 Folder features  
12 "Take your pick"  
14 Langston Hughes poem  
15 Easy treatment  
16 Moving fleet  
17 Paper Mate rival  
18 Caribbean religion  
20 Actress Zellweger  
23 Biblical king  
24 "Sad to say ..."  
25 Computer's trip  
28 Corral  
29 Salad green  
30 ACLU issues  
32 Trip to an airport, say

**DOWN**

1 Dict. info  
2 Tire filler  
3 Numbered rd.  
4 Ancient Nile city  
5 Idle or Bana  
6 Turf  
7 Deep fissure  
8 Villa d'Este city  
9 Slightly singer  
10 U2 lead  
11 Mediocre lake  
13 Buffalo's lake  
19 Partially mine  
20 Knock  
21 Power co supply  
22 "Peter Pan" pooch  
23 Soft leather  
25 Model Christie  
26 Pharmaceutical  
27 Sicilian peak  
29 Gullet  
31 — Salvador  
33 Sports jacket  
34 Block-dropping game  
36 Inky stain  
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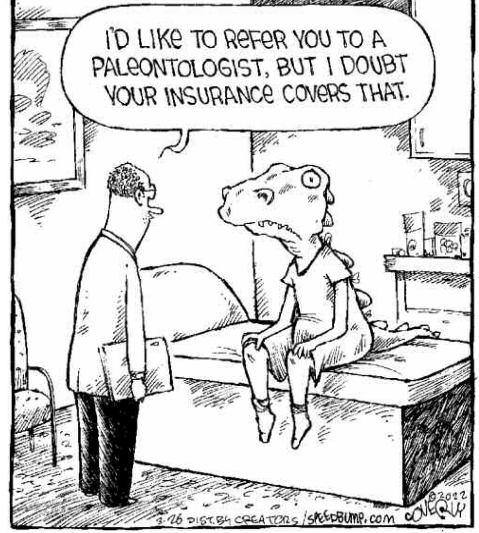
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C H O E P A  
M U S H E S L E C T E R  
A S H E N S K A T E  
C H E E R Y S C H I S M  
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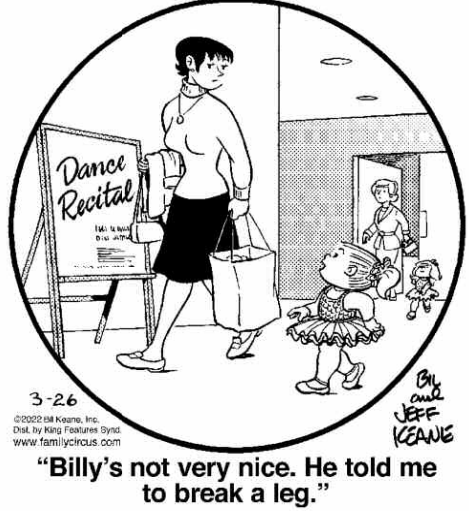
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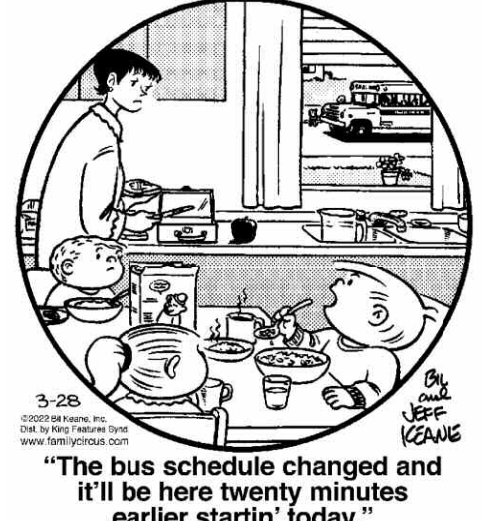
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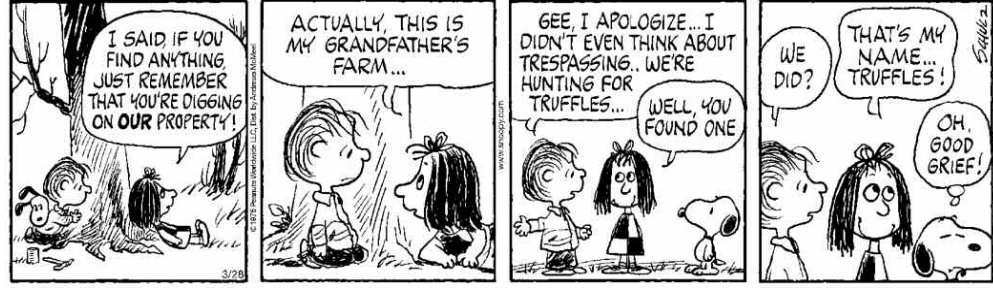
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**Peanuts**



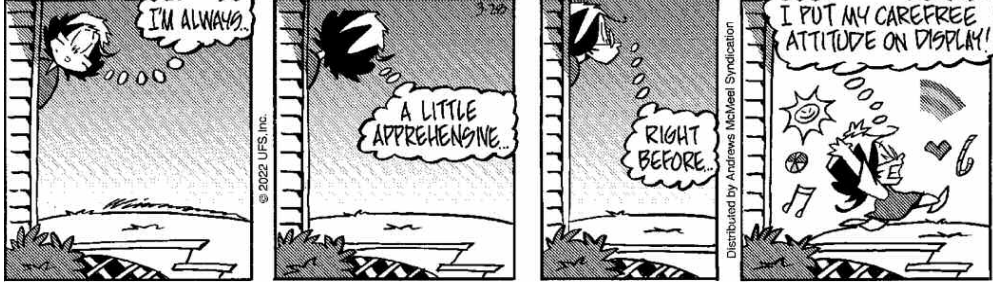
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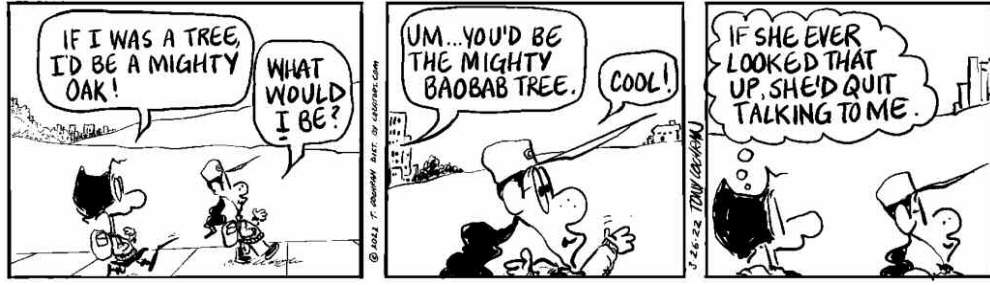
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**Agnes**



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**Hi and Lois**



**Hi and Lois**



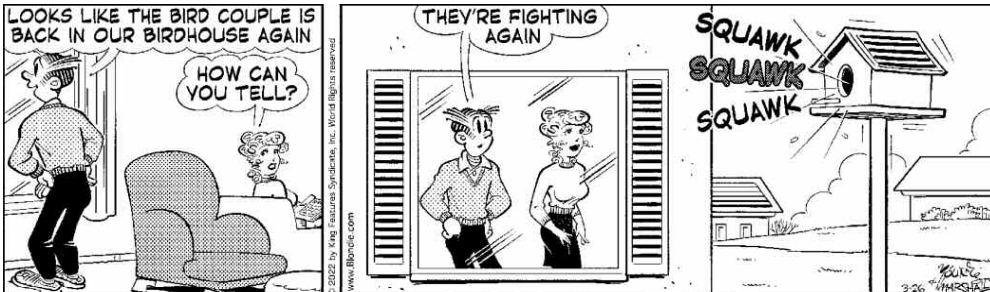
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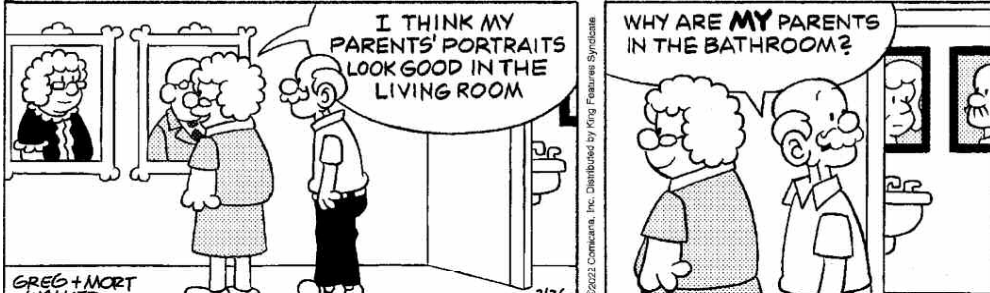
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Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

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The Commercial Review We Deliver



## Saint Peter's stuns Purdue

By DAN GELSTON  
AP Sports Writer  
PHILADELPHIA — Daryl Banks III scored the tying and go-ahead baskets that pushed 15th-seeded Saint Peter's to the brink of the Final Four, the tiny Peacocks thriving off a home-court edge to beat third-seeded Purdue 67-64 on Friday night.

the 93-mile ride south to help pack the arena and give the Peacocks more of an edge than they usually have at their bandbox known as Run Baby Run Arena. Consider, just 434 fans were listed as the total attendance for Saint Peter's home opener this season against LIU.

The Peacocks (22-11) became the first 15 seed to reach the Elite Eight, adding the Boilermakers to their NCAA Tournament string of upsets, and will face either UCLA or North Carolina in the East Region final on Sunday.

More fans than that turned out to give the team a Sweet 16 sendoff from campus this week.

Saint Peter's had the fans inside the packed Wells Fargo Center on its side from the opening tip and the arena erupted when Banks tied the game 57-all on a turnaround jumper. He hit a driving layup with 2:17 left that made it 59-57.

Even more basketball fans — yes, even those whose brackets the Peacocks help bust — were suddenly rooting for the tiny commuter college in Jersey City, New Jersey, just across the Hudson River from Lower Manhattan.

The Peacocks kept their composure — hey, they're used to these wins by now after knocking off No. 2 seed Kentucky and Murray State — and held off a Purdue team that gamely tried to bully them inside.

Purdue's Jaden Iven buried an NBA-distance 3 with 8 seconds left that pulled Purdue within 65-64 and momentarily shushed the crowd.

"What they going to say now?" coach Shaheen Holloway said about his team's doubters, a group whose numbers are dwindling.

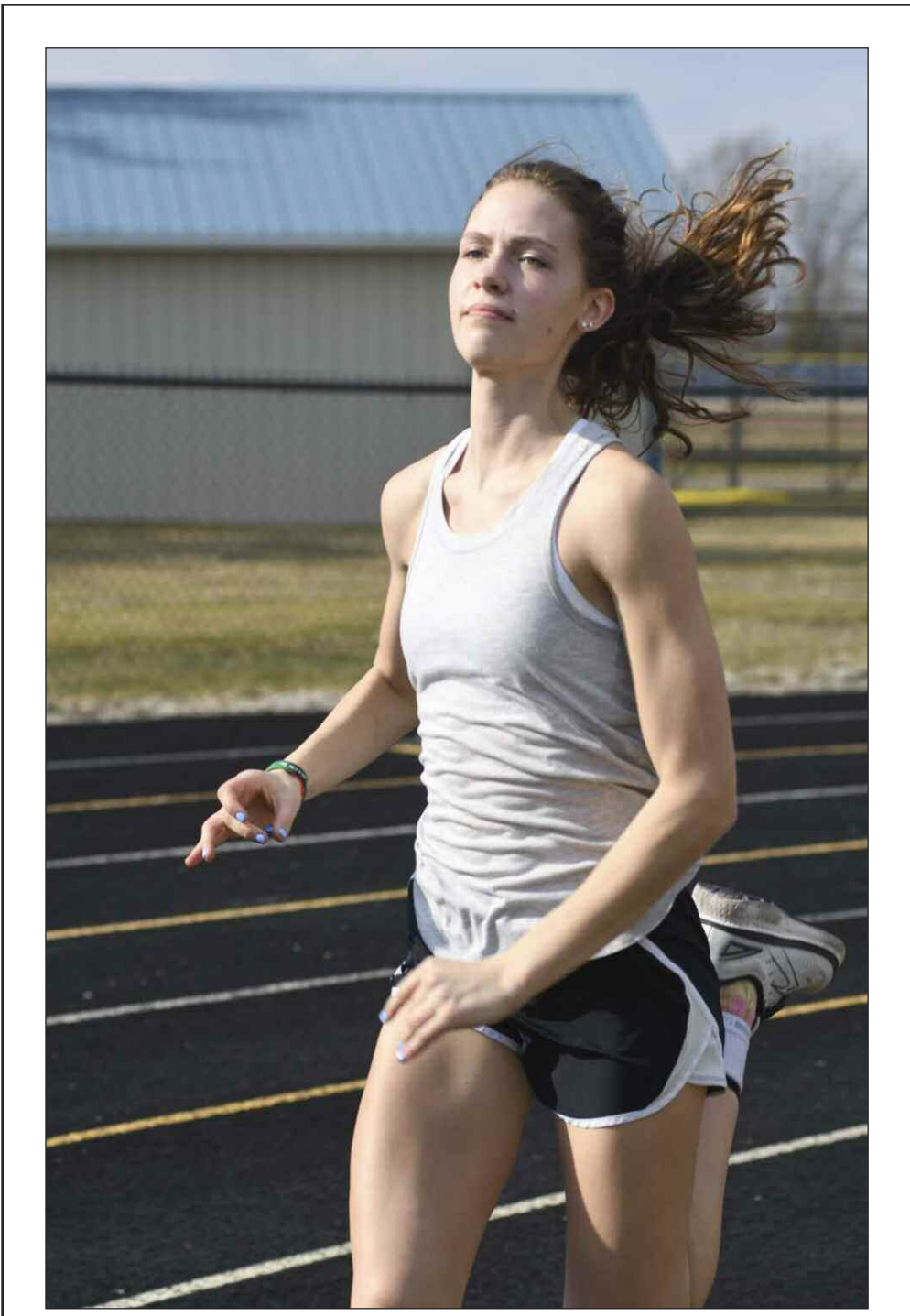
No worries. Doug Edert, whose wispy mustache and goofy persona earned him a fast-food chicken endorsement deal, sank two free throws to seal the win.

Almost 30 years to the day that Duke's Christian Laettner's overtime buzzer-beater stunned Kentucky to win a regional final at the since-razed Spectrum, Purdue (29-8) and Saint Peter's pulled off their own Philly classic.

The Peacocks hopped the press table and saluted fans in the first few rows. They mobbed each other and hugged and starting waving down fans and friends before they gathered at the basket to celebrate — one more time — the biggest win in program history.

Saint Peter's fans made

Banks led the Peacocks with 14 points, Clarence Rupert scored 11 and Edert had 10. Trevion Williams had 16 points and eight rebounds for Purdue.



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## Moving Molly

Jay County High School's Molly Muhlenkamp moves around the first corner to the backstretch during track practice on March 17 at Harold E. Schutz Stadium. The Patriots open their season April 5 at home against Blackford.

## On tap

**Local schedule**  
**Today**  
Fort Recovery — JV softball at Parkway — 11 a.m.

**Monday**  
Fort Recovery — Baseball at Celina — 5 p.m.; Softball vs. Ansonia — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. Celina — 5 p.m.; Junior high track vs. Coldwater & Marion Local — 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday**  
Fort Recovery — Track at Marion Local — 5 p.m.; JV softball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
10 a.m. — Formula 1 Racing: Saudi Arabia Grand Prix — Last practice (ESPN2)  
10 a.m. — NASCAR racing: Cup Series — EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix qualifying (FS1)

10:30 a.m. — High school basketball: Class 1A State Championship — North Daviess vs. Lafayette Central Catholic (BALLY)

11:30 a.m. — Women's college basketball: Notre Dame vs. N.C. State (ESPN)

12:30 p.m. — High school basketball: Class 2A State Championship — Providence vs. Central Noble (BALLY)

1 p.m. — Formula 1 Racing: Saudi Arabia Grand Prix — Qualification (ESPN2)  
1 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Camping World Truck Series — XPEL 225 (FS1)

2 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Indiana vs. UConn (ESPN)

2 p.m. — World Golf Championship: Dell Technologies Matchplay (NBC)

3 p.m. — NHL hockey: Chicago Blackhawks at Vegas Golden Knights (ABC)

3 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Division II National Championship (CBS)

4:30 p.m. — High school basketball: Class 3A State Championship — Beech Grove vs. Mishawaka Marian (BALLY)

4:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Xfinity Series — Pit Boss 250 (FS1)

5 p.m. — College baseball: Rutgers at Penn State (BTN)

6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Villanova vs. Houston (TBS)

6:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Tennessee vs. Louisville (ESPN2); South Dakota vs. Michigan (ESPN2)

7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Indiana Pacers at Toronto Raptors (BALLY)

8:15 p.m. — High school basketball: Class 4A State Championship — Indianapolis Cathedral vs. Chesterton (BALLY)

8:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Duke vs. Arkansas (TBS)

**Sunday**  
Noon — College baseball: Michigan at Nebraska (BTN)

1 p.m. — Formula 1 Racing: Saudi Arabia Grand Prix (ESPN)

1 p.m. — Tennis: Miami Open (BALLY)

2 p.m. — Men's college basketball: NCAA Tournament — Elite Eight (CBS)

2 p.m. — NHL hockey: Tampa Bay Lightning at New York Islanders (TNT)

3:30 p.m. — NASCAR racing: Cup Series — EchoPark Automotive Grand Prix (FOX)



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- YM-Series Model UM 800 scrap metal grapple for Excavator (bought new in 2020)
- Cot 225B LC Excavator w/ rigid thumb scrap metal grapple, w/ bucket and scrap magnet powered by Wisconsin Engine
- 2005 IH 9200i Daycab Cummins 15X 10 Speed, 389k Miles w/ Hiab 144b-3 Knuckle Crane
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