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## Frutti option



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Dylan Marentes hands an ice cream cone to Melody Smith of Muncie earlier this week at Tutti Frutti, a new ice cream and snack shop at 133 E. High St. in Portland.

### New shop in Portland offers variety of ice cream as well as crepes, Crazy Fries and quesadillas

By LOUISE RONALD

The Commercial Review

Melody Smith, a Muncie resident who drives for LifeStream Services, was happy to find a new place to pick up some lunch when business brings her to Portland.

Smith had a steak quesadilla at Tutti Frutti, 133 E. High St., before grabbing a double-scoop ice cream cone to go.

"This is awesome," she said.

Tutti Frutti, which opened last month, is owned by sisters Maricruz Estrada and Vanessa Diaz, who both grew up in Mexico but have lived in Portland for several years.

The shop features 16 flavors of ice cream, from chocolate and vanilla to more exotic flavors like mango, guava and pineapple.

Kaled Timmerman, 9, and Kylee Timmerman,

11, visited the shop for the first time with their mother, Tara Timmerman of Portland, earlier this week.

Kaled had his ice cream in a cup — a scoop of pineapple and a scoop of Superman, a multi-colored concoction he said "kind of tastes like sprinkles." According to Estrada, Superman is one of the most popular flavors among kids. The other is Cookie Monster, as bright a blue as its Sesame Street namesake.

For her part, Kylee chose a cone with two scoops of cheesecake ice cream, what Estrada says is a favorite flavor among adults.

"It's really good," Kylee said.

The ice cream is made in South Bend. Now, when a tub gets empty, it's replaced with another flavor.

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The mangonada is a popular treat at Tutti Frutti. It features mango ice cream, and chunks of mango fruit are mixed with a chili sauce and topped with tamarind powder. A chili candy on a stick offers even more spice.

## State working on new system for data

Dashboard from DOE will provide data beyond test scores

By SUE LOUGHLIN

Tribune-Star (Terre Haute)

The Indiana Department of Education is developing a new school performance dashboard that will broaden how schools are measured beyond standardized test scores.

In grades K-8, the Indiana Graduates Prepared to Succeed (GPS) dashboard will include indicators such as third-grade literacy, eighth-grade math proficiency, student attendance, advanced coursework prior to grade 9 and 21st Century Scholars enrollment.

In high school, it includes SAT performance, attendance, college and career credentials, diploma strength, graduation pathways completion and FAFSA completion rate.

The new dashboard is part of legislation passed in 2021, House Bill 1514.

"The goal is to provide more robust data for parents, policy makers and the public so they are better informed as to how their local schools are doing," said State Rep. Bob Behning (R-Indianapolis), who chairs the House Education Committee. "It's really about providing more transparency."

The process began with identification of five characteristics that students should have when they graduate high school: academic mastery; career and post-secondary readiness; credentials and experiences; communication and collaboration; work ethic; and civic, financial, and digital literacy.

"These are characteristics our students need to be gaining throughout their entire K-12 education so that when they graduate, they have the knowledge and skills they need to be successful, no matter what their career path is," whether post secondary education, employment or enlistment, said Holly Lawson, Indiana Department of Education spokeswoman.

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## Uvalde mourns following school shooting

By KEVIN RECTOR

Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

In a uniquely American scene of mourning, community members in a small Texan town where 19 elementary school children were fatally shot in their classroom gathered the following night in a bull-riding ring beneath the Texan and American flags to put their faith in Jesus — and one another.

Religious leaders, speaking in turns in English and Spanish, urged the townspeople of Uvalde to hold one another tight and trust in their God, even in the face of so much horror.

"God still loves these little

### Twenty-one were killed when gunman attacked Robb Elementary on Tuesday

children," said Tony Gruben, pastor of the Baptist Temple Church. "We don't understand it, but he does."

The vigil at the Uvalde County Fairplex on Wednesday night was a coming together and a

communal letting of sorrow and emotion, as mothers of children lost in the shooting at Robb Elementary School squeezed their other children, and family and friends wept in the bleachers.

In addition to the children, two teachers were killed.

Laid bare here was the devastation begotten by the worst of American culture, the gun violence that bursts forth in sudden, senseless brutality in schools and churches and workplaces.

Also unmistakable was the best the United States has to offer, the sense of community that holds little towns together all across the country, especially in the face of tragedy.

Hundreds if not more came out. They said they had to be together at a time when such tragedy had one way or another hit all of them, given how interconnected people's lives are here.

Lory Zimmerman, who taught at Uvalde's junior high for 25 years, still lives in town and now teaches in a neighboring district, said the vigil was about "being with everybody," about remembering how much they love their town in a moment when nothing else makes sense.

This was never supposed to be Uvalde's fate. How could it be?

"We're just all numb right now. Nobody knows what to think. This wasn't supposed to happen in our small town," she said. "We go through active shooter drills all the time, and it's just drills. We didn't think it's ever going to be here, with us."

#### Deaths

Eugene Wellman, 89, Fishers  
Details on page 2.

#### Weather

About three-quarters of an inch of rain poured down Wednesday in Jay County. The high temperature was 84 degrees and the low was 66.

Showers are likely tonight with a thunderstorm possible and a low of 58. Friday's high will be around 70 with more rain expected. For an extended forecast, see page 2.

#### In review

Fort Recovery will hold its annual Memorial Day event Friday. It begins at 6:30 p.m. with a parade from the Wayne Street bridge to Monument Park with a ceremony to follow.

#### Coming up

Friday — Special section looks at this year's schedule of summer festivals.

Tuesday — Photos from Monday's Memorial Day events.



# Frutti ...

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Eventually, the sisters hope to get another freezer so the shop can offer 24 different varieties all the time.  
In addition to ice cream cups and cones, the menu includes crepes, waffles, frappes and banana boat sundaes, as well as quesadillas, duros (a Mexican puffed wheat snack food) and Crazy Fries, a house specialty.  
“They have a mix of everything,” said Estrada’s son, Dylan Marentes, 15, who works at the shop. Customers can top the fries with their choice of cheese, beans, steak, seasoned pork, jalapenos — or all of the above.  
“We sell more things than just ice cream,” Marentes said.  
Diaz pointed out that the menu has both new and familiar items.  
“Whatever you want,” she said.  
The biggest crowds the shop has seen so far have been on weekends and during hot weather, but Estrada stressed Tutti

Frutti is not only a summer business.  
“I want this (to be) all year,” she said.  
Ice cream in winter?  
“Why not?” said Diaz.  
Tutti Frutti is open from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Sunday. It has an indoor dining area with six tables and a front deck with three picnic tables. Dine-in or carryout orders can be pre-ordered at (260) 766-4192.  
Estrada also owns Bebe’s Boutique on Meridian Street, and Diaz plans to open VD Glam, a shoe store, on Meridian soon.  
“We’re trying to bring more commerce to Portland,” said Diaz. “We think it’s a good idea to invest in our town.”  
Not only that, the sisters hope to see Tutti Frutti expand to more locations around the area someday.  
Estrada is enthusiastic about promoting the business.  
“Tell your family. Tell your friends,” she said. “Come every day.”



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Maricruz Estrada, left, and Vanessa Diaz are owners of Tutti Frutti, an ice cream and snack shop at 133 E. High St., that opened April 22.

CR almanac				
Friday 5/27	Saturday 5/28	Sunday 5/29	Monday 5/30	Tuesday 5/31
<b>70/53</b>	<b>74/57</b>	<b>82/66</b>	<b>88/68</b>	<b>91/68</b>
There's an 80% chance of thunderstorms Friday with up to a quarter of an inch possible.	Mostly sunny skies are on the horizon for Saturday. The high may reach the low to mid 70s.	Sunday's weather looks to be sunny, with highs peaking in the low 80s.	Memorial Day has mostly sunny skies in its forecast, with a high near 88.	Tuesday will be sunny and hot, with a high of 91. Mostly clear skies at night.

Lotteries	
<b>Powerball</b> 19-28-39-42-57 Power Ball: 17 Power Play: 3 Estimated jackpot: \$150 million	<b>Hoosier Lotto:</b> 11-16-18-22-43-44 Estimated jackpot: \$12.6 million
<b>Mega Millions</b> Estimated jackpot: \$157 million	<b>Ohio</b> Midday Pick 3: 1-8-0 Pick 4: 6-8-9-0 Pick 5: 5-0-1-3-0 Evening Pick 3: 7-1-8 Pick 4: 3-4-2-5 Pick 5: 8-5-6-1-9 Rolling Cash: 13-16-20-22-37 Classic Lotto: 19-29-32-37-40-49 Kicker: 1-9-9-9-7-2 Estimated jackpot: \$28.3 million
<b>Hoosier</b> Midday Daily Three: 6-4-5 Daily Four: 8-3-6-3 Evening Daily Three: 4-9-2 Daily Four: 5-8-3-9 Quick Draw: 11-13-15-18-20-25-31-33-46-47-55-57-59-61-63-68-71-74-78-80 Cash 5: 2-8-9-11-37	

Markets	
<b>Cooper Farms Fort Recovery</b> Corn.....7.80 June corn .....7.80 Wheat .....9.39	Wheat ..... 10.44 June wheat..... 10.85
<b>POET Biorefining Portland</b> Corn.....7.90 June corn .....7.85 July corn.....7.88	<b>Central States Montpelier</b> Corn.....7.56 June corn .....7.54 Beans .....17.14 June beans .....17.09 Wheat.....10.87
<b>The Andersons Richland Township</b> Corn.....7.55 June corn .....7.65 Beans .....17.10 June beans .....17.15	<b>Heartland St. Anthony</b> Corn.....7.37 June corn .....7.37 Beans .....17.07 June beans .....17.07 Wheat.....11.00

## Today in history

In 1521, Martin Luther was declared a heretic by the Edict of Worms. It banned his writings and declared him an outlaw.  
In 1864, President Abraham Lincoln signed an enabling act that created the Territory of Montana.  
In 1967, The Beatles' album "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" was released in London. It stayed at No. 1 for 15 weeks in the United States.  
In 2012, the Jay County High School baseball team's season came to an end with an 11-1 loss to Fort Wayne South Side in the semifinal round of the Class 4A sectional tournament hosted by Huntington North at Huntington University.  
In 2021, Fort Recovery High School junior Whitney Rammel earned a berth in the OHSAA Girls Track and Field State Tournament with a second-place finish in the Division III regional meet at Troy. She recorded a distance of 41 feet, 1.25 inches.  
—The CR

Citizen's calendar	
<b>Tuesday</b> 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners' room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.	City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St., Fort Recovery.
<b>June 6</b> 5:30 p.m. — Portland	

# Obituaries

## Eugene Wellman

Sept. 19, 1932-May 24, 2022  
Eugene R. Wellman, age 89, of Fishers, Indiana, a Jay County native, passed away on Tuesday, May 24, 2022, at Prairie Lakes Healthcare in Noblesville.  
Gene was born in Bryant on Sept. 19, 1932, the son of Jerome and Agnes (Kreig) Wellman. He was married in 1994 to Peggy Hiatt who survives.  
He was a 1950 Jefferson High School graduate, served in the U.S. Navy from 1952 to 1956 during the Korean Conflict and was a member of the VFW and American Legion. Gene was an Indiana State Trooper

from 1957 until 1987 and an Arizona Highway Patrolman from 1998 until 2002.  
Surviving are his wife Peggy; two sons, Kevin Wellman (wife: Linda) of Decatur and Ashley Wellman (wife: Lori) of Fort Wayne; one daughter, Angela Sutton (husband: Steve) of Scottsdale, Arizona; one sister, Doris Wack of Grants Pass, Oregon; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.  
He was preceded in death by a son, Aaron.  
Memorial services will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022, at 3 p.m. in



the Baird-Freeman Funeral Home in Portland, Indiana. Visitation will be from 1 to 3 p.m. Burial will be in the IOOF Cemetery in Pennington.  
Memorials can be made to Riley Children's Hospital.  
Condolences may be expressed at bairdfreeman.com.  
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There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

# Capsule Reports

## Lost control

A Dunkirk teen lost control of the vehicle she was driving, causing her to crash into a pole and go into a ditch along county road 400 South about 10 p.m. Wednesday.  
Haley N. Likens, 17, was driving west on the road near the intersection with county road 1100 West when she lost control of the 2002 Chevrolet Avalanche she was driving and struck a pole on the south

side of the road. The vehicle continued into a ditch north of the road.  
Likens sustained an arm injury but refused medical treatment. The vehicle she was driving was towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.  
**Backing accident**  
An Indianapolis woman backed her vehicle into a Portland woman's car in the Buffalo Wings and Rings

parking lot in Portland about 2:50 p.m. Wednesday.  
Theresa Rice, 64, told Portland Police she was backing out of a parking spot at 1204 W. Votaw St. and didn't notice the 2019 Chevrolet Malibu, driven by 37-year-old Ashley D. Knapschafer, behind her. Rice's 2011 Mitsubishi Outlander struck Knapschafer's car, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.

# Data ...

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The first version of the dashboard will be released this fall. "It will be user-friendly information," Lawson said. "It will be a living, breathing dashboard that can be updated and changed when we have new data."  
The state also plans to work with local school districts to include indicators a local district may want to highlight.  
Why the change? According to the state DOE website, the dashboard moves away from more punitive actions, such as past state takeover of under-performing schools, to focus on improvement.  
It's described as a "paradigm shift in terms of school accountability for Indiana." It moves away from reliance on state standardized test scores.  
The state doesn't "take over" under-performing schools anymore, Behning said. "We don't have a stellar history of having significant performance improvements" with takeovers. "It's been a struggle."  
Instead, state leaders are looking to the dashboard to better measure school and student performance and improvement.  
While the punitive aspect of state takeovers may be gone, Behning suggests the dashboards will

provide families with information that helps them make decisions about what schools their children attend.  
Families now have more choices, including through use of state vouchers.  
"There are numerous options available today," he said. Also, he believes that "competition has always driven better overall performance."  
Schools will not receive an A-F letter grade from the state for academic performance this year; this will be the fourth year that schools have either been held harmless or not received a letter grade.  
Behning anticipates that some of the dashboard indicators will be used for school grades that come out for the 2022-23 academic year, something that will be determined by the state board of education.  
"I have concerns about the way grades are calculated now," he said. "I think once the dashboard comes out this year, it will be more reflective of what indicators are important to be included in a grade."  
Grades are calculated through a formula adopted by the state board. Currently, elementary grades are based primarily on ILEARN scores. In high school, they've been based on state testing as well as college and career readiness benchmarks.

The initial dashboard launched this fall "won't be as robust as it will be moving forward," Behning said. The state eventually hopes to include what is described as "aspirational" indicators, in which it must still develop ways to measure them through data, Lawson said. Those include "kindergarten readiness" and "career exploration" in K-8; in grades 9-12, it includes "high-quality, work-based learning" and "civic/ financial/digital literacy competency." Once the state develops ways to measure aspirational indicators, they will be added to future versions of the GPS dashboard, Lawson said.  
The GPS dashboard also will include data for sub-groups to help ensure schools are meeting the needs of all children, Behning said.  
A positive move Brad Balch, dean of Indiana State University's Bayh College of Education, sees

### SERVICES

Friday  
**Wellman**, Eugene: 3 p.m., Baird-Freeman Funeral Home, 221 N. Meridian St., Portland.

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## Students named to list

An Ohio college recently announced its dean's list for the spring semester.

Rhodes State College of Lima recently announced three students from the area made the list. Eryn E. Litmer of Portland and Kendra R. Dues of Fort Recovery, Ohio, were named to the list as full-time students. Harlie L. Dues of Fort Recovery, Ohio, also made the list as a part-time student.

### Taking Note

### Tickets for sale

Jay County Civic Theatre's latest production, "Moana Jr.," kicks off in two weeks.

Tickets are still available for the show.

Performances of the show adapted from the 2016 Disney film, "Moana," are slated for 7 p.m. June 9, 10 and 11 and at 2 p.m. June 12 at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Advance tickets are \$8 for students or children and \$10 for adults.

To purchase tickets, visit Arts Place, call (260) 726-4809 or go to myartspace.org.

# Victim can't get mom to see truth

DEAR ABBY: One of my siblings was abused as a child. In turn, he abused me when he was a pre-teen and into his teens. It stopped when he got a girlfriend at the age of 14. This was news to my parents.

Now that the cat is out of the bag, I have tried to explain to my mom that I don't like being around him. She has heard me, but she pretends like it didn't happen and still tries to get everyone together for holidays, etc. The idea of seeing him makes me sick, and I'm terrified for his children.

I went to therapy as a young adult to work out my issues with him and what happened. The abuse has affected my ability to hold onto relationships, and I fight depression often, which I am good at hiding. She keeps saying, "but you were so close as kids." I don't think she understands what "grooming" is. Can you PLEASE explain it in a manner that doesn't make me feel like it was all my fault? — GETTING BEYOND IT

DEAR GETTING: Your fault? NONE of what happened was your fault! Predators groom victims by first establishing a close relationship with them, telling them they are "special," that their bond is special,

that the usual rules of behavior do not apply to them, bestowing time, attention and gifts, and pledging them to secrecy. Please show this to your mother. I hope it will help her understand that getting the family together is not in the cards now or ever.

I am concerned by your statement that the abuse has caused you to be depressed, which you are "good at hiding," and which prevents you from forming relationships.

Those issues might be resolved if, as an adult, you consult another licensed psychotherapist. While it may not be something you wish to revisit, I hope you will consider it.

DEAR ABBY: I am a woman who is engaged to a wonderful woman who has a busy life. We met online 18 months ago and felt an instant connection. She has two grown children, a 16-



Dear Abby

year-old son, two grandchildren and one on the way. We live five hours apart and see each other every three weeks.

My concern is that we talk only once or twice during the week and maybe text once a day. It is not enough for me. I have expressed how I feel, but I think she's just too busy. She plans on moving in with me once we are married. I recently purchased a brand-new home. Because she is so involved in her family's lives, I can't see her leaving them to live with me. What should I do? — NERVOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NERVOUS: You and your fiancée need to have a serious, in-depth conversation about how this will work. It is important you two clarify how she plans to divide her time between you and her family because, right now, you are getting the short end of the stick. Will the 16-year-old live with you?

Because you aren't getting what you need from this relationship despite the fact that you have explained what your needs are, it may be time to rethink this romance.

DEAR ABBY: I started dating a guy two months ago. It's

going really well. I believe we are both on the same page on how invested we are in the relationship. My brother and sister-in-law are having an informal wedding reception next month here in my town, because they had a shotgun wedding originally. It's supposed to be very casual. This guy met my sister-in-law, and right in front of him, she mentioned I can bring a guest.

I kind of laughed it off at the time. It's not that I don't want him there, I just wonder if it's too early to invite him to an event where my whole family will be and if it would seem like I am rushing the relationship. Should I tell him he's welcome to come, or is it too soon? — UNCERTAIN IN THE WEST

DEAR UNCERTAIN: Because this person knows about the party, why not ask if he would be "interested" in going? I hardly think that telling someone he is welcome would come across as pushy.

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

## Sudoku

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Level: Intermediate

### Wednesday's Solution

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

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

## Community Calendar

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

### Reunions

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome. For more information, call Judy or Neil Medler at (260) 726-7209.

Jay County High School Class of 1997 will hold its 25th reunion at 7 p.m. June 11 at Jay County Event Center.

### Today

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 - BRANNA'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.

MISSISSINEWA CHAPTER OF NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION — Will meet at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 26, at Jay County Historical Museum. The presentation will be about the Indiana State Police Quilt Program for accident and trauma victims. For more information, call Kathy Selman at (260) 251-1694 or Sue Sommers at (260) 726-2678. NSDAR is open to any woman over the age of 18 years who can prove lineal descent from a Patriot in the American Revolution.

### Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each

Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

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 appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.

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

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting at 6 p.m., in the fellowship hall at Evangelical Methodist Church, 930 W. Main St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5312.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 6 p.m. each Monday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

# Find Local Businesses & Services

This local business listing runs 4 times a month with packages of either \$25, or \$50. Give us a call at 260-726-8141 to be included

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# We can't ignore that times change

By MORTON J. MARCUS

We are deluged with “news” that the American labor market is a shambles.

Business owners say, “We can't get people to work, even with higher wages and improved benefit packages.” Well maybe, just maybe, workers have had it with low wages and inadequate respect, and the worm has turned.

Maybe, COVID-19 didn't make people lust for the days of old when workers were commodities instead of individuals. Or, perhaps, the whole labor shortage is that mountain made from a convenient mole hill.

“People today just aren't willing to work!”

Strange, but the size of the

## Eye on the Pie



national labor force (those employed or seeking employment) was down in 2021 by just 1.4% from its pre-COVID 2019 peak. Of course, it's more impressive if we say the labor force is down by 2.3 million and then fail to mention the base we're talking about is in excess of 163 million persons.

“You can't ignore the fact that the portion of Americans in the

labor force is 61.7%, its lowest level since 1976.”

Certainly, we can't ignore it. But don't forget we're coming off a peak of 67.1% in 1997. That's 25 years ago and there's a chance the nation has changed in that time.

Remember too, the labor force participation rate excludes from its population base persons 16 years and older who are incarcerated, in the military, in nursing homes or other long-term confinement. Growth in these populations has been increasing over time, reducing the number of those who might have been part of the labor force.

In addition, very large numbers of individuals have been

and continue to be baby boomers aging out of the labor force. Those born in 1946 are 77 in 2022 and the babies of 1963 will be 60 next year.

Another factor depressing the labor market would be parents staying home to school their children. Estimates of this activity vary from 1.8 to 2.5 million students. How many parents are involved is anybody's guess at this point.

“Part-time ... that's what all these people want. You can't find anybody anywhere any more willing to work full-time.”

Actually, part-time employment peaked in 2010 at 19.7% of those with jobs. By 2021, it was down to 16.7%.

Employers believe the remedy for their labor woes is more vocational education, less education for life in a civil society. “Skill enhancement” is the mantra of the day. Will STEM at pre-k sites be the next legislative mandate for education?

How about some things truly radical? Retrain management with lessons about the differences between the 19th and 21st centuries. Decongest institutional structures to reduce non-productive human overhead. Reform the media so that “terror-for-profit” is not their leading operational principle.

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## North Korea looks vulnerable

Chicago Tribune

Tribune News Service

The situation in North Korea long has been worrying to those concerned about potentially capricious military actions on the part of paranoid authoritarian regimes. But COVID-19 is presenting new concerns, both to the people of North Korea and the world beyond.

Last week, the isolated nation confirmed an outbreak of COVID-19 omicron cases for the first time and state media featured a masked Kim Jong Un. Previously, North Korea said it had prevented any outbreak, although that has not been independently verified. But that position dissolved when a lockdown was called for Pyongyang, and potentially beyond, on May 11.

North Korea has not vaccinated its ordinary population nor does it have adequate COVID-19 testing equipment. The country had refused offers of vaccine help from South Korea and even China, although there were reports Wednesday of a softening of that position, at least in regards to China.

Some closer observers have argued that secretive North Korea didn't like the so-called COVAX program of the United Nations due to its reporting requirements, which would have meant international monitors entering the nation.

The world has had painful experience of what happens when the COVID-19 virus enters an unvaccinated population. That explains the current global concern for ordinary North Koreans who live in a country known to have limited access to health care, especially in its rural regions.

The virus (known as “the fever” in North Korea) does not care about national borders, ideologies or any other such divisions. North Korean leadership should swallow its pride while there is still time and acquire what vaccination and therapeutic supplies it can, from wherever it can.

Other nations have a vested interest in persuading North Korea to face up to current realities. Our experience with COVID-19 teaches us that where there are new infections, new variants follow.

## Guest Editorial

These variants then travel, potentially causing new infections far from the source of their creation.

We're not going to change the ways of this regime overnight. But the Biden administration and others could amp up their expressed willingness to deliver COVID-19 vaccines, perhaps with fewer questions asked than usual.

At this point, that looks like the best hope of evading a potentially horrific crisis in a country that struggles to feed its people in the best of times.

By closing itself off yet further from the global community during COVID-19, North Korea already has caused widespread hunger within its own borders.

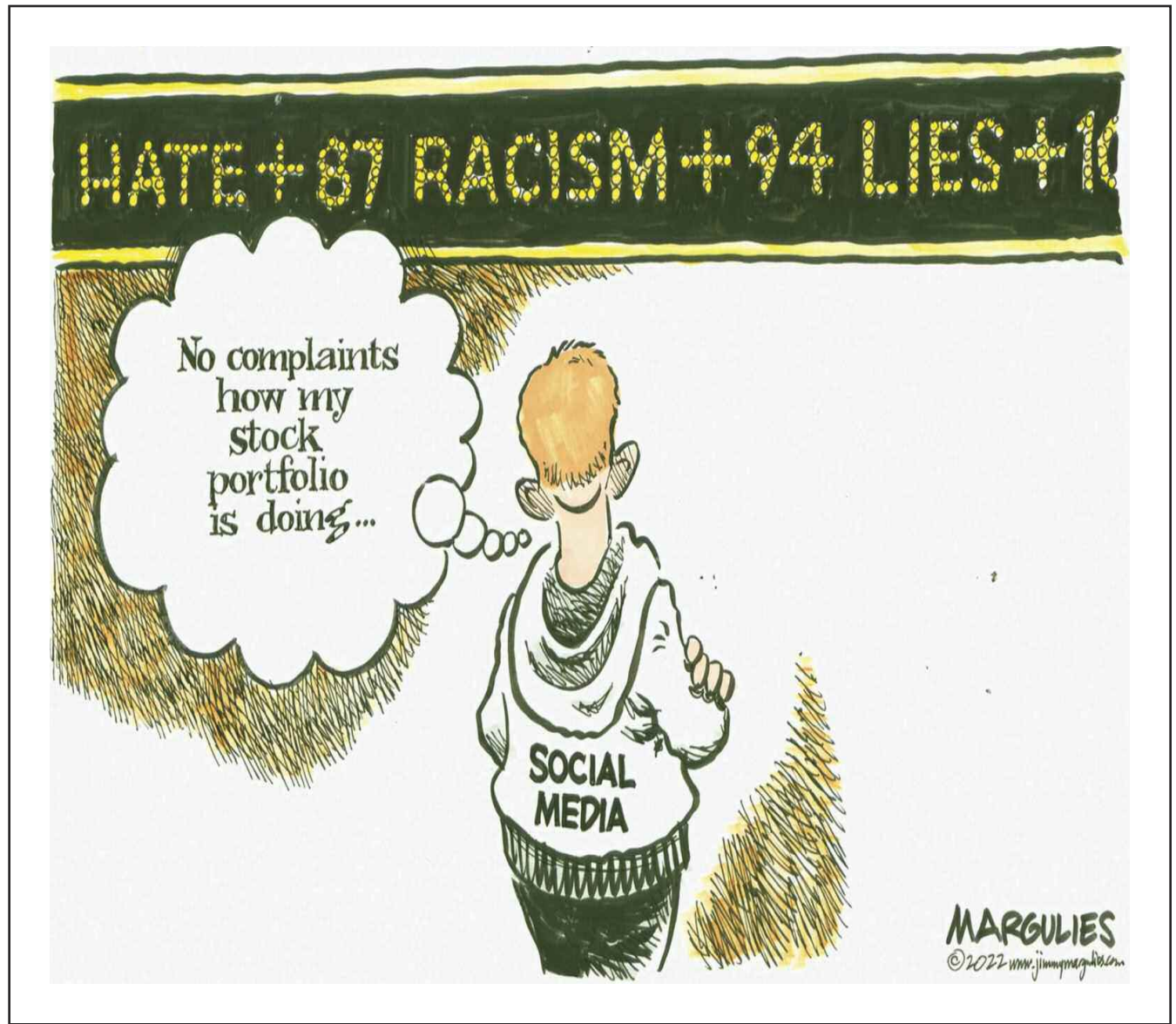
Add to that issue a lockdown, supply problems and a rising tide of new infections and the prescription is for human misery, potentially on a scale that country has never seen.

The time for all sides to act is now. The West should not let issues with the regime cloud the humanitarian crisis. And Kim should at least restore relations with South Korean President Yoon Seok-young sufficiently to allow his people the benefit of help.

Kim didn't cause the virus and he should feel no shame in harnessing the full power of humanity's efforts to date to thwart its rampages. And that includes accepting aid from the U.S., which should work to allow Kim to save face, if it means helping his people and averting what could be an unparalleled humanitarian disaster of starvation and infection.

The Korean Central News Agency has propagandized that “the single-minded public unity is the most powerful guarantee that can win in this anti-pandemic fight.”

We have a better suggestion for the Supreme Leader: thinking globally and guaranteeing the prompt acquisition and distribution of vaccines and antiviral medications.



## Fishing was bonding experience

By SCOTT UNDERWOOD

Herald Bulletin (Anderson)

As the boat slowed and approached the dock, he stood a little unsteadily and spread his arms wide.

“Who!” he hooted. “Who! Who!”

Dad was 66 years old then, but he was having a surge of youthful energy.

From all the “Who!”-ing and arm spreading, not to mention the wide smile on his face, I knew he'd caught a big one.

Landing a trophy fish will do that to a guy.

My brother Doug, for example, doesn't have a whole lot to say in the boat — until he lands a lunger. Then, he's suddenly a fount of effusive comments on how nice the weather is, the beauty of the woods and how awesome it is to be in the middle of nowhere fishing with you.

Dad, a biology teacher and farmer, loved nature, loved fishing, loved the bonding experience of spending a week at a remote outpost with no one else but our fishing party on the lake.

Carrying on a tradition started by my Uncle Lester, Dad introduced my three brothers and me to the magic of fly-in fishing in Canada.

He took two of us, Mark and Doug, on the first trip with Lester and a couple of his friends to Manitoba in 1985, then took Dave and me the next year for fishing with Lester and his son on Skinner Lake in Ontario.

Since then, our party has taken fly-in trips to a remote Ontario

### Scott Underwood



outpost routinely every third spring or so. We went to Skinner several trips in a row; it was Uncle Lester's favorite.

Dad loved Skinner, too. I remember him catching a trophy northern pike in one of the rivers feeding into the lake, and then his exaggerated false modesty afterward.

“I'm sorry, Scott,” he said, grinning mischievously.

“I'd like to leave some big ones for you, but for some reason I can't keep them off my line.”

Some of my most vivid memories of Dad are from our Canada trips.

Like the day we were fishing together, just the two of us, and he launched into a detailed, hour-long explanation of the life cycle of caddisflies, which alighted on the water around us.

I wouldn't admit it when I was in high school, but Dad was my favorite teacher. He could make any conversation about critters, even the seemingly unremarkable caddisfly, interesting.

Another time fishing with Dad, a barbed hook lodged in his finger. Explaining that the hook couldn't be pulled out from the direction it had gone in, he gritted his teeth and forced it the rest

of the way through the meat of his finger.

With needle-nosed pliers in trembling hand, I snipped the hook off below the barb so that he could push the shaft back through his finger and out. He wiped the blood away with his hanky, wrapped a Band-Aid around the finger and resumed fishing.

In 2001, the day before he came “Who!”-ing up to the dock on Skinner, Dad and I fished together. It was a lazy day with a warm sun, light breeze and slow fishing.

In the afternoon, we idled up next to a stout beaver hut, and he crawled up on top to lie down for a nap, one knee up, hands locked behind head and floppy fishing hat pulled down over his face.

I eased around the area in the boat, casting and retrieving, and looking over at him lying on top of the hut while an agitated beaver circled in the water 20 yards away.

I had the sudden realization that it might be my last time fishing with Dad, who suffered from pulmonary fibrosis and ran short of breath too easily.

The next spring, on May 28, he passed away.

We laid him to rest in a small cemetery in the greening countryside near our family home in rural North Manchester. His tombstone is etched with an image of Angus cattle on his beloved farm.

It occurs to me as I write this column that the back of Dad's tombstone is blank, just waiting for a vision of him fishing with his sons in Canada.

Or maybe of him standing in the boat, his arms spread wide.

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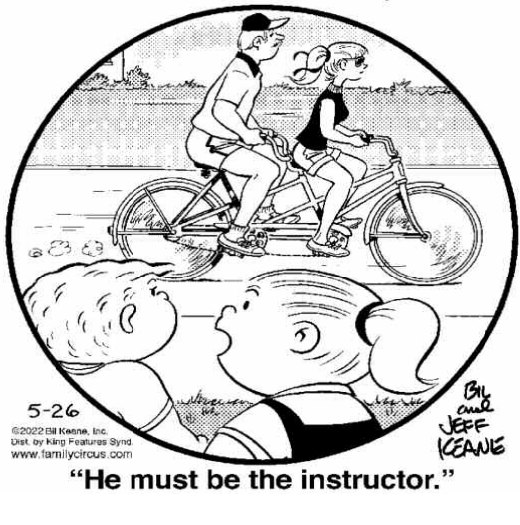
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**THE FAMILY CIRCUS** By Bil Keane



**Contract Bridge** By Steve Becker

**Good, better, best**

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♥ 8 7 6 2  
♦ 8 4 3  
♣ 7 5 4

**EAST**  
♠ 4 2  
♥ K 5 3  
♦ Q 10 7 6  
♣ K 8 6 3

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 5 3  
♥ Q J  
♦ A K 9 2  
♣ A Q J 9

The bidding:  
East South West North  
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT  
Opening lead — jack of spades.

One of the best measures of a player's skill is the ability to respond properly to an unusual set of circumstances. Consider this deal, which features opportunities for both the offense and the defense.

South takes three notrump as shown. Let's say he wins the spade lead with dummy's queen and plays a club to the queen, which holds. Declarer then leads a low spade and, after West follows low, finesses the nine! This allows him to repeat the club finesse. West following to the jack with the ten.

South next leads the king of spades to the ace and leads a third club from dummy, this time finessing the nine. As a result of this series of plays, South makes exactly three notrump.

First, let's take a look at the defense. West was guilty of a critical error at trick three when he played low on South's five. He should have played the ten instead, which would have robbed dummy of the extra entry declarer needed to lead clubs three times from the North hand. Without that additional entry, South would have to go down one.

Now let's examine the offense. South could have made the contract legitimately had he made an unusual play at trick one. Rather than take West's jack of spades with the queen, he should have won with dummy's ace and dropped the king on it!

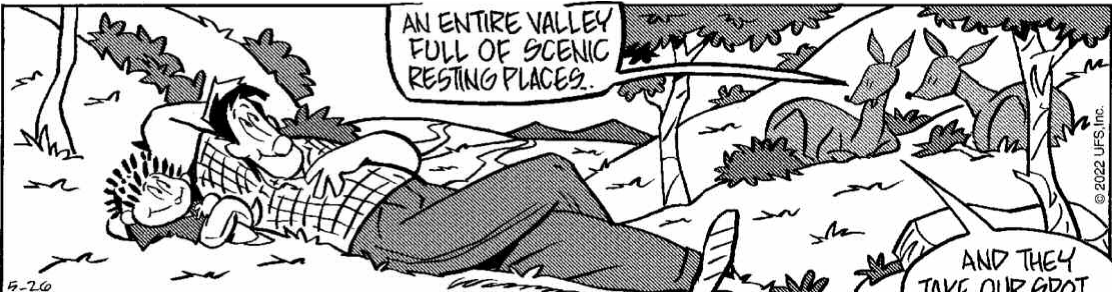
After taking the first club finesse, South would next lead a low spade toward dummy's Q-9, finessing the nine if necessary and thus assuring the ability to take two more club finesses. West would have been helpless against this sequence of plays, and South would have scored nine untaunted tricks.

Tomorrow: Bidding quiz.  
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**Peanuts**



**Rose is Rose**



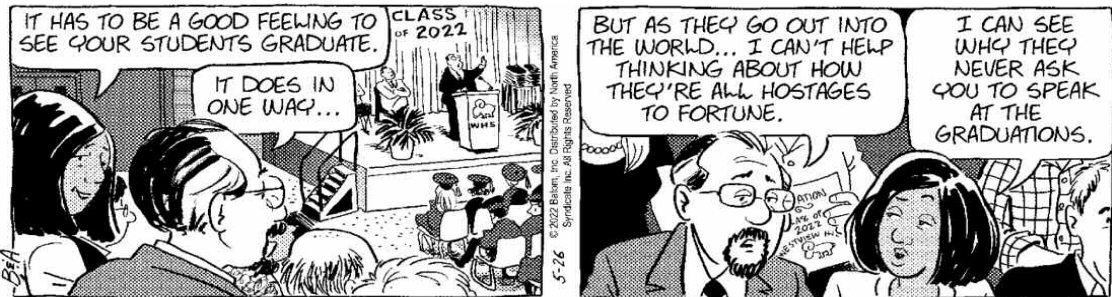
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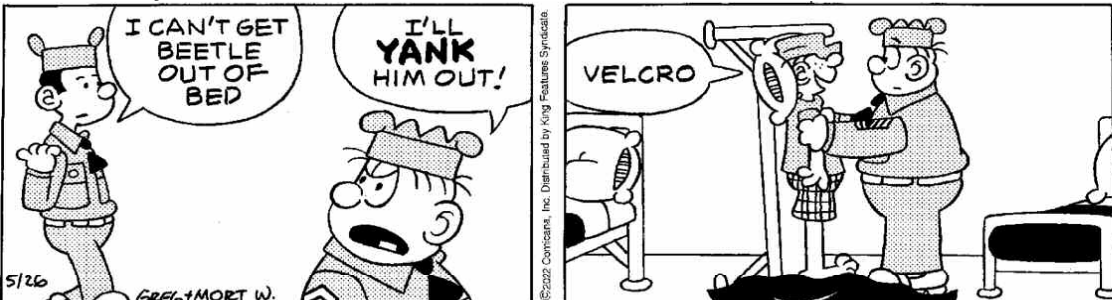
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**Beetle Bailey**



**5-26 CRYPTOQUIP**

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EACZAAVN ZHFIFZWY, H ZC  
SVHF YL YSV NFLAV.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN A CHEF GOES THROUGH CLOSE TO TEN CANS OF SHORTENING, HAS HE USED THE WHOLE NINE LARDS?  
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: I equals C

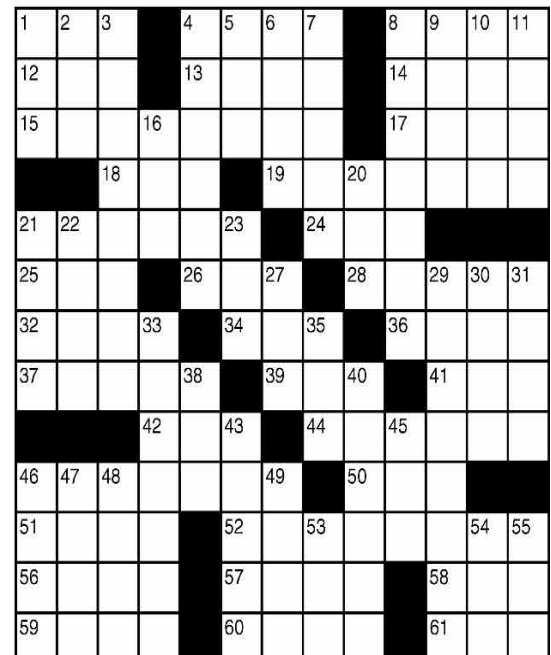
**CROSSWORD** By Eugene Sheffer

- ACROSS**
- 1 Insult, slangily
  - 4 Weeps
  - 8 Tiny bit
  - 12 Genetic letters
  - 13 Head light?
  - 14 Over-confident
  - 15 PBS drama based on a Jane Austen manuscript
  - 17 Bowling spot
  - 18 — Lancelot
  - 19 Crazy
  - 21 Bread seller
  - 24 Crater part
  - 25 Mess up
  - 26 U-boat, for one
  - 28 Plains grazers
  - 32 Maui souvenirs
  - 34 Cattle call
  - 36 Nicolas of "Moonstruck"
  - 37 Ryan's daughter
- DOWN**
- 2 — tizzy
  - 3 Classical language of India
  - 4 Bakes eggs
  - 5 Granola
  - 6 Shapeless mass
  - 7 Ping producer
  - 8 Of the Muslim faith
  - 9 Yemen neighbor
  - 10 Caserole base
  - 11 Mellows
  - 16 Conk out
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Yesterday's answer 5-26



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# Sports

## JCHS fights off the Warriors

MUNCIE — Back to a full lineup Wednesday, the Patriots kept winning. Jay County High School's boys golf team traveled Wednesday to Muncie Elks Golf Club, knocking off the host Wes-Del Warriors 185-190.

Caleb DeRome again posted the low score for the Patriots (13-2), who won a three-player match Tuesday against Union City and Randolph Southern. He shot a 44 to earn medalist honors.

Brock DeHoff had the No. 2 score for Jay County at 46. Liam Garringer shot 47 and Kyle Sanders rounded out the team total with a 48.

Ricky Nava finished with a 52.

JCHS is scheduled to host Adams Central today before closing out its regular season on the road Tuesday against Daleville and Alexandria.

### Torre, Fennig lead

Some Portland Junior League action was completed before the rain hit Wednesday, with Memphis Torre and Grant Fennig leading PG-14 to a 7-5 victory over Inman U Loc in Willie Mays baseball. In Major softball, Masonic Lodge topped Jay County Monuments 5-1.

Torre and Fennig each had two hits, one RBI and one run to lead PG-14. See **Roundup** page 7

# Back to state



Fort Recovery High School Athletics Department

Fort Recovery High School senior Whitley Rammel (third from left) stands on the podium Wednesday during the Division III track regional meet at Troy. She finished as the runner-up in the shot put to earn a trip to the OHSAA Track and Field State Tournament. She finished sixth in the state in the shot put last season.

## Regional runner-up finish in shot put earns Fort Recovery's Rammel a return trip to state

TROY, Ohio — Whitley Rammel is going back to Columbus.

Rammel, a Fort Recovery High School senior, earned a return trip to the state finals by finishing as the runner-up in the shot put at the Division III

regional meet Wednesday at Troy.

The first day of the meet was halted by storms. It will resume at 5 p.m. Friday.

Rammel moves on to compete at the Division III OHSAA Track

and Field State Tournament, which is being held June 3 and 4 at Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium. The girls shot put is scheduled for 4 p.m. June 3.

After finishing third last week

in the district meet at Spencerville, Rammel was ready on a rainy regional evening. She improved her distance by nearly a foot from district, coming in at 39 feet, 10 inches.

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## Tatum, Brown ignite Celtics

By MARK MURPHY  
Boston Herald  
Tribune News Service

MIAMI — With attrition taking its toll on both sides — any team that makes it this far is festooned with injuries — the night started at a drudging, groggy pace.

All it was going to take was even a merely above-average night from someone to steal this one, and Jayson Tatum and Jaylen Brown, both after slow starts, raised their respective shooting hands.

Tatum and Brown rebounded from slow first halves, combined to score every point in a 14-2 run in the fourth quarter, including three treys from the latter and one from the former, to ignite a 93-80 Game 5 win over Miami. The Celtics thus took a 3-2 Eastern Conference Finals lead, with Game 6 set for Friday night in the Garden.

Brown finished with 25 points, including 5-for-9 3-point shooting, and Tatum busted out with a 20-point, 10-rebound, nine-assist near-triple double.

The Celtics, back to full health Wednesday night,

are now 26-4 since January when they start the lineup of Tatum, Brown, Al Horford, Rob Williams and Marcus Smart.

The Celtics closed out the third with a 10-0 run for a 69-58 lead. Tatum followed up a four-point first half with a nine-point third. The slow nature of the game considered, all it was going to take was a moderate rise by the Celtics star to break the game open.

Brown opened the fourth from the left corner, Tatum came back with five straight points, including a corner 3 off a give-and-go dish from Horford, Brown added two more bombs, for an 83-60 lead by virtue of the 14-2 run.

Tatum then snuffed a 6-0 Miami spurt with a baseline jumper, and when Duncan Robinson cut the lead to 87-71 from downtown, Brown split the lane with a soaring dunk.

Miami clamped down from there, and cut the C's lead to 13 points on a Gabe Vincent 3-pointer.

See **Celtics** page 7

## Tension rises in Reds' W over Chicago

By MEGHAN MONTEMURO  
Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

Chicago Cubs reliever Rowan Wick never had spoken to fellow Canadian and Cincinnati Reds star Joey Votto.

That changed during Wednesday night's brouhaha in the eighth inning of the Cubs' 4-3 loss.

The issue started with a high, inside first-pitch fastball that forced Votto to twist away after a length replay review of the previous play. Wick walked Votto on four pitches to put runners on first and second with one out.

A frustrated Wick saw Votto fling his bat toward the Reds dugout before heading to first base, prompting Wick to tell him, "Nice bat flip."

Wick said he couldn't recall what else he might have said, unhappy with the non-competitive pitches he threw. Votto started jawing at Wick halfway down the first-base line, apparently triggered by Wick's comments.

The yelling continued as Votto stood at first base. Wick heard him but said: "I wasn't going to turn around to start anything. I was just focusing on getting the next guy."

"I mean, I understand he's been in the league a long time, he can do whatever he wants when he walks. See **Tension** page 7

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