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Sacred smiles



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Mariana Gutierrez opened her barber shop, Sacred Cuts, in April. She offers cuts, shaves, fades and a variety of options for short hairstyles. Pictured, Gutierrez sits in her chair at the salon.

Barber shop owner says she likes to help clients look and feel better

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

There's a new barber shop in Portland.

Sacred Cuts, which specializes in short hair styles, opened at 203 N. Meridian St. on April 4.

Jay County native Mariana Gutierrez, 27, offers several options at her shop, such as shaves and fades, which she said are her specialty. She's also open to braiding, cuts, facials and eyebrow trims as well as perms and color treatments.

"I like transformations, I like seeing people happy," she said.

A graduate of the Jay County High School Class of 2012, Gutierrez received her bachelor's degree in social work from Indiana University - East in Richmond. She worked in the field for about three years before pursuing her barber's license. Her mother, Valvina Gutierrez, who owns Jalisco Mexican Store in Portland, had mentioned to her there is need in the community for a barber shop, noting she had local residents coming in to her store requesting haircuts.

"She was just like, 'It's a need, a bunch of men, especially (for) Hispanic

men that can't communicate with other people around here,'" explained Gutierrez.

Being a single mother to three children, the idea of having a more flexible schedule also appealed to her. About six months after her mother's recommendation, she started training.

Gutierrez received her barber's license from Recalibrated Christian Beauty and Barber College of Fort Wayne in August 2020. Her storefront was previously owned by Evans' Fine Jewelry, which closed its doors in January 2021.

After purchasing the building, she started with renovations. Over the course of a little more than a year, Gutierrez installed new lights, floor tile, outlets and a water heater. She painted the walls gray, with black and gold as her accent colors.

During that time she offered haircuts out of her home.

Gutierrez noted she's always wanted to have her own business. With her own shop, she said, she's able to dedicate more one-on-one time with each of her clients.

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Blast in Cuba kills at least 9

By NORA GAMEZ TORRES
Miami Herald
Tribune News Service

At least nine people were killed Friday and several others were injured in an explosion that destroyed much of the Hotel Saratoga, a luxury hotel in the historic center of Havana, Cuban authorities said.

The blast, which happened around 11 a.m., kicked up a plume of smoke and ash and shocked passing pedestrians in one of the busiest spots in the Cuban capital.

The death toll, initially reported at four, increased as search and rescue efforts continued into the evening. Cuban leader Miguel Diaz-Canel confirmed the deaths of nine people and said on the presidential office's Twitter account that another 40 were injured and receiving medical attention in several hospitals in the Cuban capital.

Preliminary investigations point to a gas leak, Diaz-Canel told reporters gathered at the scene in the afternoon.

"It was not a bomb or an attack, it is an unfortunate accident," he said.

Diaz-Canel and Prime Minister Manuel Marrero visited some of the hospitals treating the victims. Five children, three of them from a nearby school that was evacuated, suffered minor injuries, a ministry of education official said. An 11-year-old girl suffered head injuries and was admitted to an intensive care unit in the children's hospital of Central Havana, the hospital's director said.

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Plan to shutter plant is delayed

By JOSEPH S. PETE
The Times (Munster)
Tribune News Service

NIPSCO's path away from coal hit an unexpected bump in the road.

A solar panel delay is impacting the timeline for NIPSCO's plans to retire coal-fired units at the Schahfer Generating Station in Wheatfield as it lessens its carbon footprint.

The Merrillville-based utility said the U.S. Commerce Department's import circumvention investigation is expected to delay projects it expected to complete this year and in 2023. It estimates the delays in the solar panel markets will push back those projects until the end of 2025.

"A delay in closing a coal-fired power plant is a disappointment to the Hoosier Environmental Council both because that will prolong the production of coal ash and it will prolong the production of greenhouse gases," Hoosier Environmental Council's director of Environmental Health & Water Policy, Indra Frank, said.

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Retrospect

Bridge project was underway

Twenty-five years ago this week, a bridge restoration project was underway.

The May 6, 1997, edition of The Commercial Review featured a story about progress on the restoration of the historic concrete arch bridge over the Salamonie River on Meridian Street in Portland.

The story noted extra precautions would likely be needed because the steel reinforcing bars in the bridge had deteriorated. However, the additional work was not expected to increase the cost of the \$660,000 project or delay the work.

Steve F. Weintraut of engineering firm Butler Fairman and Seufert reported that when concrete on the bridge's six vertical columns was chipped away, workers found only two of the steel reinforcing rods still intact.

"It's not uncommon to run into these types of things," said Weintraut. "There's just some things until you get out there with a jackhammer and working on it you just don't know."

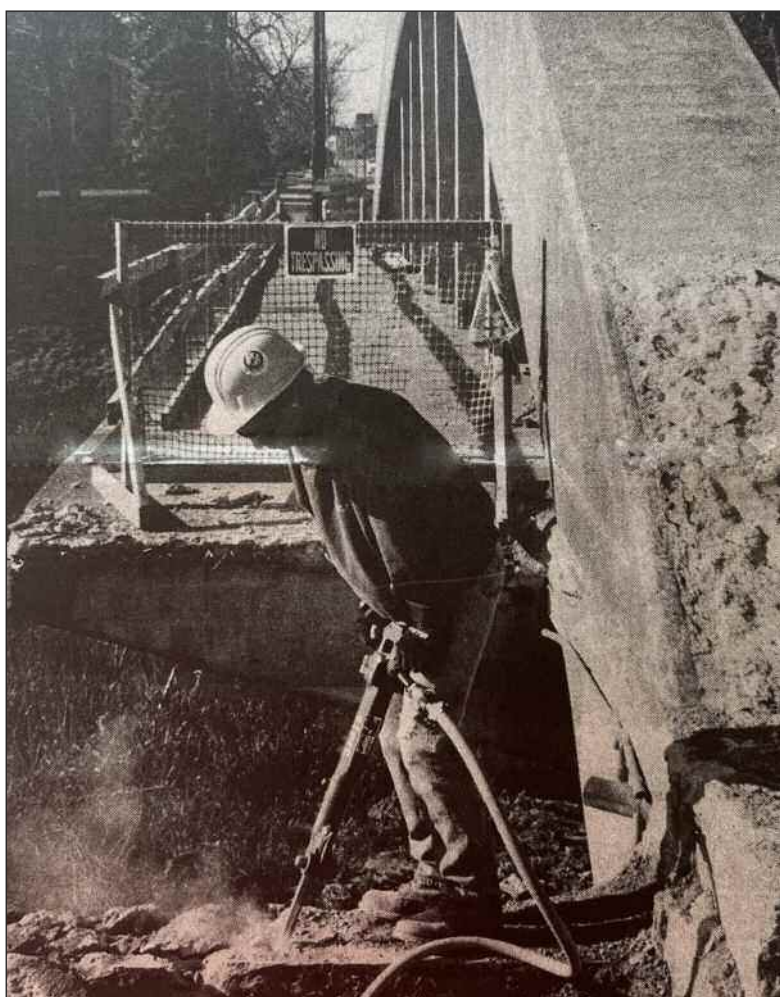
He said much of the deterioration came from corrosion caused by road salt.

As a precaution, contractors were planning to use supports running from the river to the arches rather than the bridge deck as originally planned. He said a crane might also be brought in, though plans at that point had not yet been finalized.

Plans called for the old reinforcing bars to be replaced with stronger post-tensioning bars capable of supporting 150,000 pounds per square inch. The existing bars were rated at 20,000 pounds per square inch.

Despite the hiccup and some other projected brief delays, the work was on track. Completion was scheduled for no later than December 1997, but Indianapolis Department of Transportation officials said it was expected to be done earlier.

"It's going fairly well," Weintraut said. "It's been a little ... slow as far as getting some shop drawings approved but we're getting that squared away."



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A Gohmann Asphalt and Paving employee chips away with a jackhammer at aging concrete on a portion of the Meridian Street bridge over the Salamonie River in Portland on May 6, 1997.

Weather

Today's forecast calls for a high of 61 degrees with intervals of sun and clouds. There is a slight chance of rain. The low tonight will be 40.

Expect mostly sunny skies

Sunday with a high of 68. Temperatures will continue to climb, with highs of 75 and 82 projected for Monday and Tuesday, respectively. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

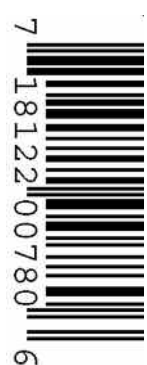
In review

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Coming up

Tuesday — Results from Monday's Allen County Athletic Conference track meet.

Thursday — Coverage of Wednesday's Jay County Council meeting.



Plant ...

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“The climate crisis requires urgent action by all of us to reduce our use of fossil fuels.”
NIPSCO’s parent company NiSource announced the unforeseen delay when reporting its first-quarter financial results.
The gas and electric utility made \$413 million in the first quarter, as compared to \$281.7 million during the first quarter of 2021. It earned \$0.94 per share in the first quarter as compared to \$0.72 per share in the first quarter of 2021.
“The NiSource team continues to execute on plans for the growth and sustainability of our business while delivering safe and reliable service to our customers,” President and CEO Lloyd Yates said. “Despite

the expected delays in solar projects, the resiliency and flexibility of our business plan continue to support our commitment to deliver 7 to 9 percent compound annual growth in non-GAAP NOEPS from 2021 through 2024. I also look forward to sharing details around the extension of this growth plan at our Investor Day event this fall.”
NiSource expects to pull in \$1.42 to \$1.48 in 2022 non-GAAP diluted net operating earnings per share. It forecasts near-term annual growth of 5% to 7% through next year and projects capital investments of \$10 billion between 2021 and 2024.
The company is looking to invest \$2 billion in renewable energy projects over the next three years. The utility still

expects to retire its Michigan City Generating Station on the Lake Michigan lakefront as scheduled during a 2026-28 time frame. It would then no longer generate any electricity from burning coal.
NIPSCO filed a petition with the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission seeking approval to recoup its costs for cleaning up the coal ash pond at Michigan City Generating Station. The plant known for its landmark hyperbolic cooling tower is expected to cost \$40 million to retire.
NiSource said, despite the solar panel delays, it remains on track to meet its other environmental goals, including reducing methane emissions from gas by 50% by 2025 and reducing greenhouse gas emis-

sions by 90% as compared to 2005 levels.
“The investigation by the U.S. Commerce Department related to the import of solar components from certain countries has brought uncertainty and delays to the solar panel market,” NiSource Chief Strategy and Risk Officer Shawn Anderson said in a conference call with investors. “We, along with others in the industry, continue to advocate for an expeditious resolution to this investigation. The uncertainty that this investigation has introduced underscores the need for continued development of the domestic clean energy supply chain, which NiSource is very much supportive of.”
The utility broke ground on a few of the solar projects that

are expected to replace the coal-fired energy generation in Wheatfield but no longer knows when they will be completed, given the limited availability of solar panels that are often imported from countries that embraced solar energy earlier.
It’s not known exactly how long the delays will be.
“It is important to note that this is a broad time frame, given the uncertainty,” Anderson said. “But ultimately, each project will be impacted differently. And we are working with our developer partners to refine our assessments on the expected impact.”
NiSource expects to still be done with coal by 2028 but warned the delay could affect consumers’ pocketbooks.

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Sunday 5/8	Monday 5/9	Tuesday 5/10	Wednesday 5/11	Thursday 5/12
66/49	74/56	81/59	83/58	83/60
Sunny skies are set for Sunday with highs in the upper 60s.	More sun is in the forecast for Monday. The high may reach up to 74 degrees.	Another sunny day is expected Tuesday, with temperatures ranging in the low 80s.	Sun is expected throughout the rest of the week. The low will be around 58.	Thursday's forecast shows sunny skies and temperatures in the 80s.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 0-4-0 Daily Four: 1-6-7-5 Quick Draw: 3-6-21-24-32-38-39-41-44-45-47-53-54-55-56-59-61-73-74-75	Pick 4: 9-3-7-8 Pick 5: 6-7-1-3-4 Rolling Cash 5: 4-5-13-26-29 Estimated jackpot: \$100,000
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-0-5 Pick 4: 6-9-9-3 Pick 5: 4-3-7-3-9 Evening Pick 3: 2-0-0	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$51 million Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$70 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.90 June corn7.91 Wheat9.09	Wheat 10.14 June wheat..... 10.14
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.97 June corn8.00 July corn.....7.99	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.77 Late May corn7.77 Beans.....16.22 Late May beans.....16.18 May wheat.....10.54
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.75 June corn7.85 Beans16.27 June beans16.32	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.51 June corn7.58 Beans16.12 June beans16.17 Wheat.....10.64

Today in history

In 1274, the Second Council of Lyons opened in France to regulate the election of the pope.
In 1429, Joan of Arc broke England’s siege of Orleans.
In 1663, The Theatre Royal opened in London. Now known as the Drury Lane Theatre, it was built by dramatist Thomas Killigrew and is the oldest English theatre still in use.
In 1867, Alfred Nobel, a Swedish chemist, patented dynamite in England.
In 1901, American actor Gary Cooper was born.
In 1915, a German submarine sank the British ocean liner the Lusitania. The event indirectly contributed to the United States entering World War I.
In 1945, a German delegation signed documents in Reims, France, to end the European phase of World War II.
In 1946, Sony Corporation was founded in Japan by Ibuka Masaru and Morita Akio.
In 1972, the Portland Rockets opened Eastern Indiana Baseball League play with a 9-2 loss to Muncie Texaco.
In 2021, Rieley Brewster hit a two-run home run and Haleigh Clayton went the distance on the rubber to lead the Jay County High School softball team to a 4-2 win over Adams Central. —The CR

Citizen’s calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, commissioners’ room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 3:45 p.m. — Jay County Election Board, voting room, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board, Community Room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 5:30 p.m. — Portland Economic Development Income Tax Advisory Committee, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city building, 131 S. Main St. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St.
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Blast ...

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Cuban state media reported that there were no guests at the hotel because it was undergoing repairs. The hotel was going to reopen May 10 after being closed during the COVID-19 pandemic.
After the explosion, it was not immediately clear whether the structure, first built in 1880, could be salvaged.
Images and videos show extensive damage to several floors in the six-story building, but it was still standing. Three floors lost walls and windows, and a store on the

ground floor was reduced to rubble.
Several videos posted on social media show dozens of people rushing to the scene, as well as members of the police and fire department. Before the police could cordon off the area, videos show civilians attempting to rescue someone trapped in the rubble.
A Baptist church next to the hotel also lost its roof, according to images published by independent news outlet 14ymedio.
With eclectic architecture and just steps from Central Park and the

Cuban Capitol, the 19th-century building was restored and reopened as a five-star luxury hotel in 2005. Several Cuban Americans and figures from the business world stayed there when they accompanied President Barack Obama on his visit to Cuba in 2016.
The Saratoga also became the favorite place of celebrities traveling to Cuba in recent years, among them Madonna, who celebrated her 58th birthday in Havana in 2016, as well as Beyoncé and her husband, Jay Z, who celebrated their wedding anniversary there in 2013.

Felony arrests

Firearm
An Anderson man was arrested Wednesday on charges related to unlawful possession of a firearm.

Brandon B. Wilkerson, 37, 607 Central Ave., was preliminarily charged with a Level 4 felony for unlawful possession of a

firearm by a serious, violent felon, a Level 6 license. He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$15,500 bond.

Capsule Reports

Intersection crash
A Union City teen failed to stop the vehicle he was driving at the intersection of county road 300 North and State Line Road, causing a collision about 5:50 p.m. Wednesday.
Logan J. Shook, 26, Muncie, was driving his 2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee east on county road 300 North

approaching the intersection with the Indiana-Ohio State Line Road. At the same time, 15-year-old Juan J. Perez-Gomez was driving his 2007 Honda Accord south on State Line Road and failed to stop at the intersection with county road 300 North, according to a Jay County Sheriff’s Office report. Shook’s vehicle struck the passenger side of the Honda,

causing his vehicle to roll onto its side.
Perez-Gomez and his passenger, 32-year-old Nestor Gonzalez of Union City, both sustained injuries all over their bodies. Gonzalez was trapped in the vehicle when police arrived.
Both vehicles were towed, with damage estimated between \$5,000 and \$10,000.

Sacred ...

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“I like to take my time,” she said. “I don’t like rushing. I schedule my cuts so I don’t have to rush.”
Her shop is appointment-based, although she said she’s flexible. Her regular hours are from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.
On Wednesdays, she’d like to offer her services to those in need in the community. She related her own experience with addiction, noting her daughters’ father overdosed about five years ago.

She’s been in contact with Jay-Randolph Developmental Services and nursing homes and homeless shelters in surrounding areas for donating her time in free haircuts. She recently offered cuts at Jay County Jail.
“I’ve always loved helping people, but I also feel like it’s a calling in my life,” she said.
Something she enjoys about her occupation now is the ties she still feels to helping others, specifically with making them feel and look better.
“I can see (them) smile,” she said.

SERVICES

Tuesday
Shull, Freda: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Bird flu outbreak nears worst ever

By ZIJIA SONG, ELIZABETH ELKIN and MICHAEL HIRTZER
Bloomberg News
Tribune News Service
A bird flu virus that’s sweeping across the U.S. is rapidly becoming the country’s worst outbreak, having already killed over 37 million chickens and turkeys and with more deaths expected through next month as farmers perform mass culls across the Midwest.
Under guidance of the federal government, farms must destroy entire commercial flocks if just one bird tests positive for the virus, to stop the spread. That’s leading to

distressing scenes across rural America. In Iowa, millions of animals in vast barns are suffocated in high temperatures or with poisonous foam. In Wisconsin, lines of dump trucks have taken days to collect masses of bird carcasses and pile them in unused fields. Neighbors live with the stench of the decaying birds.
The crisis is hurting egg-laying hens and turkeys the most, with the disease largely being propagated by migrating wild birds that swarm above farms and leave droppings that get tracked into poultry houses.

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Jay Region is a “go-to” source of information for residents, businesses, tourists, and future community members.

HELP Dashboard: Updates regarding the Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program.
Links to many of the Jay County communities, organizations, and businesses
The Jay Community calendar lists events and meeting dates that are occurring in Jay County.

Attend the Community Forum on June 13th at 3:00 at the John Jay Center.

Visit Jay Region at www.jayregion.com

Battle erupts over posting photos

DEAR ABBY: My adult son has a drug addiction, for which he is receiving treatment. My family and I have just met his daughter, who we had only recently learned about. She's 6. I had a celebration for her birthday at my house. My mom (the great-grandma) took pictures of the birthday girl and her friends, and posted them on social media. I had asked her before the party started to please not post pictures of the children on social media. She said she does what she wants.

I don't believe pictures of children under 18 should be posted on social media and, in this case, especially since we just met my granddaughter. She didn't have permission from the other children's moms to post. I feel my

Dear Abby



mother disrespected my house and my rules, and I need to know how to handle future events. Please help.

I was raised to respect my parents, but this is a deal-breaker, and I'm seriously considering not including her in future events involving the children. — DEAL-BREAKER IN NEW MEXICO

DEAR DEAL-BREAKER: Your mother has made it clear

that your wishes and your rules mean nothing to her — she does what she wants. Now it's time to exercise your own good judgment and do what YOU want. If you feel she might do something that would place the children in harm's way, by all means exclude her from events involving them.

DEAR ABBY: After three years together, my boyfriend and I decided to split up amicably once we graduated from college. I bought him an expensive engraved pocket knife as a graduation gift, but there was a delay and it didn't arrive until we had graduated and he'd returned to his home country in Europe. I forwarded it to him with a card

when I received it. Unfortunately, when the box arrived in his country a month later, it was empty except for the card. Someone had stolen my gift.

We have both filed claims with our countries' post offices, to no avail. Should I buy him a new one, or has the moment passed? The gift was intended as a memento of his graduation and our relationship, but it feels strange to repeat the exercise now that we're broken up. What do you think? — MOMENT HAS PASSED

DEAR MOMENT: Because your ex-boyfriend made clear that he doesn't expect a replacement, let the matter rest. Allow his memories of college — and you — to be his mementos. They are what's

most important because they can't be stolen.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with someone for seven years. From the start, he said he wasn't the jealous type. He says that when we are out, flirting is OK because we go home together, and if someone wants a kiss, I should give it. What do you think of this? — HEARTBROKEN IN FLORIDA

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: So this man says it's OK for both of you, I assume, to flirt and kiss others? What I "think" is that regardless of how long you have been together, this person isn't interested in an exclusive relationship, and if that's what you want, it may be time to find someone whose values mirror your own.

40th anniversary



Bob and Colleen Bicknell

Colleen and Bob Bicknell

Bob and Colleen Bicknell are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary today.

Colleen Grady married Bob Bicknell on May 7, 1982, in the Delaware County Clerk's Office in Muncie.

Bob retired as a dispatcher for Dunkirk Police Department. Colleen is a medical assistant at IU Health Jay's specialty referral center.

They are the parents of Rob (Gale) Bicknell of Muncie, Amy (Brad) Grady of Redkey, Jim (Melanie) Bicknell of Spring Hill, Tennessee, and Erin Shidler of Columbia City.

They have 10 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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Community Calendar

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Reunions

Bryant High School graduates will hold an alumni banquet on May 14. Honor classes this year are the classes of 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, 1970, 1971 and 1972.

Madison High School's alumni banquet is scheduled for May 14 at Asbury United Methodist Church. To register, call Dennis Theurer at (317) 999-0429 or (317) 654-5184, or send mail to 14429 E. 196th St., Noblesville, IN 46060.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at 3:30 p.m. the second Monday of each month at Portland Fire Department, 1616 N. Franklin St. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

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

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

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

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

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

Tuesday

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

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.

JAY COUNTY CIVIC THEATRE — Holds its regular meeting at 6 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month in the Community Room at Jay County Public Library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland.

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.

Sudoku

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

Level: Advanced

Friday's Solution

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

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.

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?
For Jay County Schools
May 9-13

Monday: Main Entrees: Fresh baked whole grain biscuit, sausage gravy, scrambled eggs **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lynch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Hash brown patty

Tuesday: Main Entrees: Mashed potato & chicken bowl **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish & yogurt fun lynch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned corn

Wednesday: Main Entrees: Mini corn dogs **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lynch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Steamed broccoli florets

Thursday: Main Entrees: Classic American cheeseburger **Alternate Entrees:** Muffin, goldfish & yogurt fun lynch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Baked beans

Friday Main Entrees: Crispy popcorn shrimp **Alternate Entrees:** PB&J and cheese fun lynch, Turkey & cheese salad, saltine crackers, light ranch dressing **Sides for all meals:** Seasoned potato wedges

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We will be true to Jack's mission

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

I've been asked the following question, or some version of it, a lot in the last couple of weeks.

"What happens to the newspaper?"

In short, we're not going anywhere.

The question, of course, stems from the death of longtime Graphic Printing Company chairman and president Jack Ronald.

Jack was diagnosed with liver cancer in early March. The outlook was positive, until it wasn't.

He was expected to be released from the hospital on an improving note on a Monday. Three days later, talk turned to hospice. He died on his seventh day at home after leaving the hospital.

It has been a difficult time for all of us here at The Commercial Review as we adjust to Jack no longer being here.

Given his leadership role with the company — he was chairman and president for 37 years

Rays of Insight



— many may think he owned the paper.

They'd be right, and wrong.

The Graphic Printing Company is what's referred to as an S Corporation. There's no need to get into the deep details of what that means, other than to say the company has shareholders.

Jack was the largest of those shareholders. His shares will pass on to his wife Connie. Together, she and Jack's siblings Steve, Linda and Louise control a majority of the shares.

There are 14 other shareholders, including early investors in The Graphic and former employees (or their descendants). The list includes Steve Arnold of Portland, The Daily

Standard (Celina, Ohio) publisher Frank Snyder, members of the Hanlin, Luginbill and Jaqua families, and me.

Ultimately, it's this group that decides on major decisions like shutting down or selling the business.

Neither of those items is on the table. The Ronald family's commitment to the Graphic Printing Company remains strong.

That's the big picture.

As for the (slightly) smaller picture, I had been in charge of the content of the paper since becoming managing editor in 2013. (The "editor" title came a year later.) Then Jack turned over day-to-day operations of the business to me as publisher upon his retirement from that role at the end of June 2020.

Since then, he had cut back to writing just his weekly column, an occasional editorial and a story or two for our annual expanded Thanksgiving issue. (It is our plan for Jack's column to continue, for the foreseeable

future, by pulling from the vast archives as we have done a few times already.) He also filled in when needed, including as a proofreader for several months right up until the time of his diagnosis.

On the business side, Jack had been mostly hands-off since his retirement but was always available to answer questions or offer advice when needed. It's still difficult to think about not having him around for guidance. But I also feel lucky to have had nearly two years at the helm with him continuing to mentor.

At the time of his death, Jack still held the titles of chairman and president of The Graphic Printing Company. Those monikers, pending board approval, will shift to his sister Louise, per Jack's request. While also retired, Louise was a writer for the Palladium-Item in Richmond. (You've also seen her byline pop up occasionally in The Commercial Review when we've been short-staffed.)

That's a lot of detail to say that while Jack's passing leaves a gaping hole for this newspaper, and this community, to fill, we don't expect you will see big changes in the product you pick up and read five days a week.

Fifteen months ago, Jack wrote a column. It involved a dream he had about his father and noted that newspapers faced their challenges in the 1960s and they face them now.

"But what I remember most from that dream is that my father was smiling," Jack said in the column. "His confidence was strong. So is mine."

Ours is as well.

When the newspaper was going through some difficult financial times a few years back, Jack made it clear that we had one mission above all else:

To survive.

Though Jack is no longer with us, that mission — his mission — remains.

And we will be true to that mission.

Death penalty is rage over reason

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Tribune News Service

Singapore's execution last Wednesday of a mentally disabled Malaysian man for drug smuggling sparked international protests and outrage.

Executing a man who no longer threatens his government or community — especially one with a child's mental capacity — isn't justice. It's murder, even if sanctioned and disguised by an irrational and barbaric law. Nagaenthran Dharmalingam, 34, was found guilty of trafficking about 43 grams of heroin, an amount with a street value in much of the world of little more than \$20,000.

Texas has already executed two prisoners with mental disabilities. Now it seeks to execute Melissa Lucio, a Latino mother of 14, who was convicted of murdering her 2-year-old daughter. New evidence, however, raises doubts about her guilt, suggesting police coerced a false confession from her. Last week, an appeals court stayed her execution.

In Pennsylvania, Gov. Tom Wolf paused the state's killing machine in 2015, imposing a moratorium on executions. But the state's death penalty statute remains active; defendants continue to be tried under it, despite the enormous costs it exacts from taxpayers, the grave risks of executing the innocent, and the specter of numerous botched executions around the country. Roughly 100 prisoners — half of them Black — remain on Pennsylvania's death row. With the moratorium on executions set to expire when Wolf leaves office in January 2023, legislators must abolish the state's death penalty this year.

In April, Allegheny County District Attorney Stephen Zappala made the ill-advised decision to seek the death penalty in two separate murders: one involving Karli Short; the other, Christi Spicuzza, an Uber driver. To be sure, both cases involve egregious offenses, but they don't alter the fundamental practical and moral problems posed by a costly and ineffective death

Guest Editorial

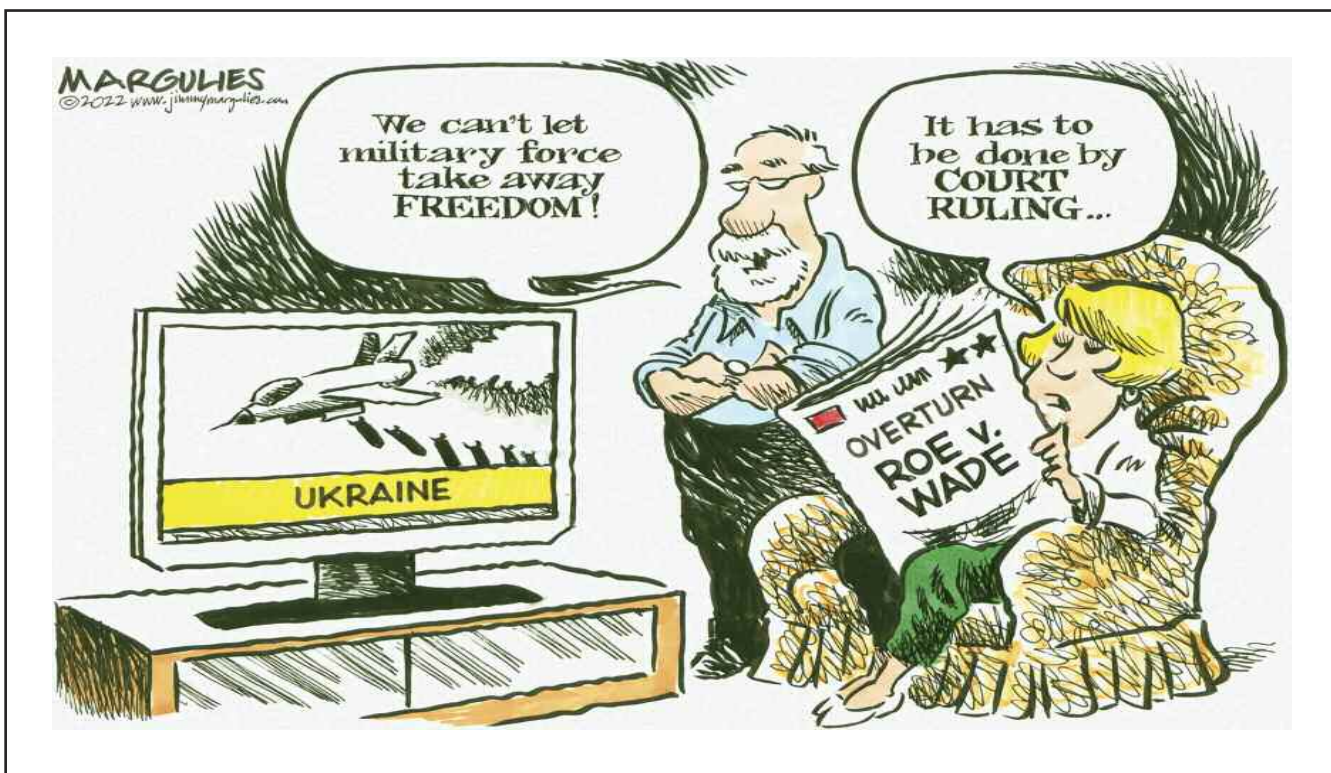
The real issue is whether the state has the right, without the pretext of self-defense, to snuff out a life.

penalty statute, for which there is no evidence — none — that it deters violent crimes or serves any useful purpose.

Since 1976, when the U.S. Supreme Court reinstated capital punishment, Pennsylvania has sentenced more than 400 people to death — at a cost of \$1 billion, former Auditor General Eugene DePasquale reported in 2020. That's an average of more than \$300 million per execution. Meanwhile, 10 Pennsylvania prisoners on death row have been exonerated.

The perverse logic of capital punishment represents the victory of rage over reason. Capital offenses, almost always involving murder, make any relatively normal person retch. At issue, however, is not whether certain people deserve to die — an unknowable calculation, except, perhaps, by a Higher Power. The real issue is whether the state has the right, without the pretext of self-defense, to snuff out a life. Even if it can claim such a prerogative, government must answer an equally compelling question: Is the death penalty prudent public policy?

In Singapore, Texas or Pennsylvania, the answer to both questions is a resounding no.



'Best lack all conviction'

By JOHN KRULL

TheStatehouseFile.com

INDIANAPOLIS — Dishonor abounds in the sordid and tragic tale of the leaked initial draft of the U.S. Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade.

If anything, the whole episode is a product of our increasingly degraded times. Everyone involved strives to justify doing the wrong thing for some just end.

Republicans and conservatives are outraged that someone — a person who has yet to be identified — leaked Justice Samuel Alito's draft ruling to Politico. They say doing so was despicable, a violation of precedent and a profound betrayal of trust.

These conservatives have a valid point.

Whoever did leak the ruling did violate both precedent and trust and should be held accountable. He or she should not be employed by the court any longer and, if the leaker is a lawyer, should face disbarment.

But those same conservatives overlook their own role in this ugly saga.

By inventing rules and then dispensing with those same rules when doing so suited their immediate purposes, Republicans set in motion a process that encouraged all involved to believe that anything goes. Questions of justice, fair play and basic honesty took a back seat in the quest of U.S. Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, and former President Donald Trump to pack the nation's high bench.

Republicans also encouraged everyone involved in public life to engage in blatant lying and skull-duggery by condoning and defending President Trump's many such transgressions.

They now reap what they sowed.

If the law is something to be circumvented or ignored rather than honored, it is hard for those who

John Krull



principle that precedent should guide the court.

It is on that last point that Alito spends most of his rhetorical ammunition, as he should because it is the part that presents him and his fellow radical conservatives with the biggest challenge.

Alito cites — correctly — that previous courts have overturned precedents. The most famous example, of course, is Brown v. Board of Education, which set aside the separate-but-equal doctrine and began the dismantling of legal racial segregation in this country.

Two things, though, differentiate the Brown decision from what Alito and his colleagues wish to do.

The first involves a question of consensus. Because the Brown decision did represent a significant break with American practice, Chief Justice Earl Warren worked hard to have the ruling be 9-0, even if achieving unanimity meant making concessions.

With such significant departures, Warren wisely believed it was important for the nation's high court to speak with one voice.

If it stands, Alito's ruling will overturn a half-century of settled law on a 5-4 vote — with four of those five votes coming from justices who were elevated to the bench via tainted means.

The other key difference is that Brown expanded our notions of individual liberty.

Alito's opinion, if enacted, would deprive women of basic rights, thus contracting our notions of their liberty.

There's nothing honorable about that.

Nothing at all.

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"Were it left for me to decide whether we should have government without newspapers or newspapers without government I should not hesitate to prefer the latter." — Thomas Jefferson

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Former CR reporter honored

A former local reporter was honored recently for his work.

Nathan Rubbelke, who served as The Commercial Review's county reporter for about a year, received two awards from The Association for Business Journalists.

Rubbelke, who is a reporter at the St. Louis Business Journal, won the Association's Society for Advancing Business Editing and Writing 2020 Best in Business Award in the small division for best range of work. He also teamed with Jacob Kirn and James Drew to earn the real-time reporting award in the small division for their story about St. Louis' \$790 million NFL settlement.

In the 2020 awards, Rubbelke received honorable mention for sports business stories about how the coronavirus pandemic was impacting St. Louis sports franchises.

During his time with The Commercial Review in 2016 and 2017, he earned a second-place Indiana Associated Press Media Editor's Award for best column.

Kaup hosting

Kaup Pharmacy will host "Gut Health and Food" with pharmacist Sue Homan at 6 p.m. Thursday at its board room at 1001 Industrial Drive West, Fort Recovery.

Homan will provide information about "how to help make a gut happy with probiotics, food enzymes and optimal food." She will also answer questions about heartburn, acid reflux and other issues.

The presentation will include a food tasting. The cost will be \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Reservations are required. To sign up, visit kaupoptiyou.com/book-online or call (419) 375-2092.

McClure takes over

Amelia Dieter McClure started her tenure as Hoosier State Press Association's new executive director and general counsel Wednesday.

She takes over for Steve Key, who retired at the end of April after leading the organization for 29 years.

Business roundup

McClure previously served as assistant director for government relations and compliance for Indiana University. She also has worked in government relations for Hosparsus Health and as a practicing attorney.

"Her vision and desire to lead our organization will provide our members the resources to succeed in the future, and her commitment to protect our rights will endear her to all journalists in the state," said HSPA president Larry Hensley in a press release.

Chamber offering

Indiana Chamber of Commerce is offering several safety training courses in the coming months.

The chamber will host its Indiana Worker's Compensation Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Aug. 25. It will be at Ritz Charles in Carmel and there will also be an option to attend virtually.

Other sessions at Indiana Chamber Conference Center in Indianapolis include respiratory protection June 14, lockout/tagout June 15 and OSHA 10- and 30-hour courses for general industry Aug. 23 through 26.

For more information or to register, contact email events@indianachamber.com or call (800) 824-6885.

IU Health donates

Indiana University Health recently provided the Wabash Heartland Innovation Network with \$400,000 to be used to improve rural access to broadband internet service in west-central Indiana.

Wabash Heartland Innovation Network announced a Warren County pilot project to demonstrate wireless technology in difficult terrain, reported Inside Indiana Business.

"Our unique role in helping make innovative wireless broadband technology and network design available to underserved rural communities quickly, while our counties continue to work toward more fiber deployment, will help IU Health serve its patients better now," Wabash Heartland Innovation Network CEO Johnny Park told the publication.

Ardagh completes

Ardagh Group, which operates glass manufacturing facilities in Dunkirk and Winchester, has announced that it has acquired Consol Holdings Proprietary Limited.

Ardagh purchased the company for \$1 billion, including net debt assumed in Consol.

Headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa, Consol is the leading producer of glass packaging in Africa. It was formed in 1944 and operates production facilities in Kenya, Nigeria and Ethiopia in addition to South Africa.

"By combining Ardagh's global reach with Consol's know-how on the African continent, we are very well-positioned to partner with our customers to meet the growing consumer demand in Africa for premium, sustainable glass packaging," said Ardagh chairman and CEO Paul Coulson in a press release.

Purdue partnering

Purdue University announced Friday that it is partnering with Ascension St. Vincent to build a hospital in the college's Discovery Park District.

According to a press release, Ascension St. Vincent has purchased seven acres from the university for a facility to provide inpatient and emergency care. It will include eight inpatient beds, eight emergency department treatment rooms and a variety of other services.

"Our expansion in West Lafayette comes at a time when access to convenient health care options is more important than ever," said Jonathan Nalli, CEO of Ascension St. Vincent Indiana.

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GM and Safety View develop product

By KALEA HALL
The Detroit News
Tribune News Service

General Motors Co. and INRIX Inc., a mobility analytics company, said Wednesday they are collaborating on an application that provides transportation officials with safety data.

Safety View by GM Future Roads and INRIX is a cloud-based application that gives insights using crash, vehicle and vulnerable road user information. The application became available to departments of transportation at the beginning of this quarter. Safety View will have a subscription pricing model, which GM did not disclose the terms of on Wednesday.

"General Motors has outlined a vision for a world with zero crashes, zero emissions and zero congestion, and each day we take a critical step forward in turning that vision into reality," said Alan Wexler, GM senior vice president, strategy and innovation, in a statement.

Safety View uses data "from the U.S. Census and other sources that require customers to consent to sharing their data," said Shawn Granda, head of product, global innovation of Smart City Incubation at GM, in a statement. "We take data privacy very seriously and are committed to safeguarding personal information. No GM customer personal information is shared with INRIX in connection with this program."

The automaker last year introduced GM Future Roads, a technology platform focused on providing data analytics for insights to create safer roadways.

India mulls export curbs

By PRATIK PARIJA and SRIVASTAVA
Bloomberg

India is considering restricting wheat exports as severe heat waves have damaged crops, exacerbating tight global supplies after the war in Ukraine sent food inflation soaring.

The South Asian nation experienced its hottest March on record, shriveling the wheat crop that the world was relying on to alleviate a global shortage. To safeguard domestic supplies, the government is considering limiting wheat exports, according to a person with knowledge of the matter.

Top officials are discussing the move and will recommend it to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who will then make the decision, said the person, who asked not to be identified as the information is private.

An agriculture ministry spokesperson wasn't immediately available to comment. A finance ministry spokesperson didn't answer calls, while the trade ministry didn't immediately respond to an email seeking comment. Benchmark wheat futures jumped almost 4% in Chicago.

Curbing exports would be a hit to India's ambition

to cash in on the rally in global wheat prices after Russia's war in Ukraine upended trade flows out of the critical Black Sea breadbasket region. Importing nations have looked to India for supplies, with top buyer Egypt recently approving the South Asian nation as an origin for wheat imports.

The move would also add to a wave of crop protectionism around the world as governments seek to protect their own food supply amid soaring prices and fears of shortages. That has the potential to worsen global food inflation, which is already at a record and surging at a rampant pace.

One of the strategies, the person said, could be setting a minimum export price so wheat cannot be shipped overseas below this level. This way, without outrightly banning it, the government can boost domestic supply and keep a check on prices, according to the person.

The food ministry on Wednesday slashed its estimate of India's wheat output this season to 105 million tons. That's down from a record 111 million tons forecast previously and 109.6 million tons produced a year earlier.

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THAT SOMEBODY HAS SHAPED TO LOOK LIKE
A VERY POPULAR MUPPET: PICKLE ME ELMO.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals W

Trivial Review
(Answers are printed below, upside down.)
A day for mom
1) What is the traditional Mother's Day flower in the United States?
2) American actress Blythe Danner is the mother of what also-famous actress?
Answers: 1) Carnation 2) Gwyneth Paltrow

5-9 CRYPTOQUIP
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EJFFWUK JERALGF RY UWGJEWL
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Saturday's Cryptoquip: I ONCE ALWAYS COATED MY AUTOMOBILE WITH A SHINY EXTERIOR, BUT MY INTEREST IN WAXING IS WANING.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: L equals N

CRYPTO FUN
Solve the code to discover words related to exercise.
Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 13 = E)
A. 14 1 21 5 13 15 15
Clue: Being healthy
B. 10 13 1 7 9 21 15
Clue: Heavy exercise tools
C. 7 18 17
Clue: Fitness location
D. 13 3 13 24 19 1 15 13
Clue: Physical activity

WORD SCRAMBLE
Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to exercise.
TSUAQ
Answers: Squat

Guess Who?
I am an actor and wrestler born in California on May 2, 1972. I played football in college and later in the Canadian Football League. After becoming a professional wrestler, I became a wildly popular actor in several action films and franchises.
Answer: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson



WORLD FACT!
THIS RELATIVELY MINOR EVENT IN MEXICAN HISTORY IS CELEBRATED AS A MUCH LARGER HOLIDAY IN THE UNITED STATES AND ELSEWHERE.
ANSWER: CINCO DE MAYO

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

Table with 3 rows and 3 columns of numbers. Row 1: 2, 0, 10. Row 2: 1, 4, 11. Row 3: 5, 17. Column 1 total: 13. Column 2 total: 4. Column 3 total: 17.

Small grid with numbers 5, 5, 5 in the top row and 4, 1, 8 in the bottom row.

HISTORY
MAY 5
1866: MEMORIAL DAY IS FIRST CELEBRATED IN THE UNITED STATES AT WATERLOO, NY.
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GET FIT WORD SEARCH
WORDS: AEROBIC, BALANCE, CIRCUIT, COMPOUND, COOL DOWN, DEADLIFT, ENERGY, FITNESS, HEART, INTENSITY, INTERVAL, ISOMETRICS, LUNGE, MOVEMENT, MUSCLES, OXYGEN, RECOVERY, RESISTANCE, STAMINA, STRENGTH, STRETCH, WARM UP, WORKOUT, YOGA.

Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.
RPTAY MEIT
Answer: Party Time

New word
FIESTA
a celebration or part

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 40 Animal group, 1 Milan's La suffix, 6 Make pigtailed top, 11 High nests, 12 Porter, 14 "New World Sym-phony" composer, 15 Bring about, 16 Lawn coating, 17 Banquet, 19 Neither mate, 20 Coffee vessels, 22 Humorist, 23 Tubular pasta, 24 Incubator noises, 26 Sane, 28 Magic on scoreboards, 30 PC linkup, 31 Invective, 35 Big buttes, 39 Folklore monster.
DOWN 1 Harsh, 2 "Larry" (Tom Hanks film), 3 Football filler, 4 Piece of lettuce, 5 Crooked, 6 English seaport, 7 Monopoly, 8 Pt. of speech, 9 Serving as a symbol, 10 Sioux people, 11 Do a tally of, 13 Danger.
Solution time: 26 mins.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-39.

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Contract Bridge: Accidentally on purpose
South dealer. North-South vulnerable.
NORTH: A, 9754, 9873, AK82.
WEST: Q108643, A2, Q10654.
EAST: 9, KQJ1083, J106, J73.
SOUTH: KJ752, A6, AKQ542, 9.
The bidding: South 1, West 2, North 3, East 3. South Pass, West Pass, North Dble, East Pass. South 4, West Pass, North 4, East Pass. South 5, West Pass, North 6, East Pass.
Opening lead: ace of hearts.
It is usually easy to play perfectly when you see all 52 cards, but there are hands that are difficult to play correctly even when you have that advantage. For example, take this deal where West led the ace and another heart against six diamonds. The slam would have been laid-down had the trumps divided 2-1. But after declarer ruffed the second heart and West then showed out on the ace of diamonds, South had a difficult problem to solve. If he drew East's remaining trumps, he would not be able to ruff enough of his spade losers in dummy, while if he didn't draw trump, East would overruff any attempt to ruff a spade. Faced with this seemingly insuperable difficulty, South managed to make the slam anyway. Acting on the assumption that West's distribution was almost surely 6-2-0-5, South drew two more rounds of trump and then led a spade to dummy's ace, producing this position:
North: 97, 9, AK82.
West: Q108, Q1065.
East: KQJ3, J73.
South: KJ75, 54, 9.
South now made the key move of ruffing one of dummy's hearts. This seemingly innocuous play forced West to make a crucial discard. If he discarded a spade, South would cash the king of spades and ruff a spade to come to 12 tricks. And if West discarded a club instead, South would get home by cashing the A-K of clubs and ruffing a club to establish dummy's eight. Either way, West was doomed.

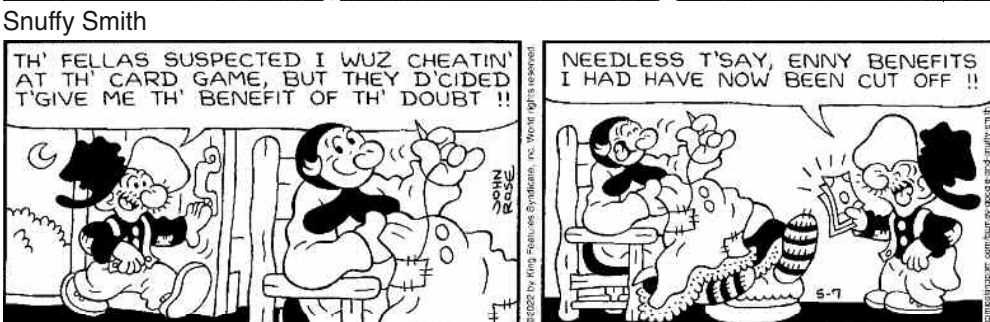
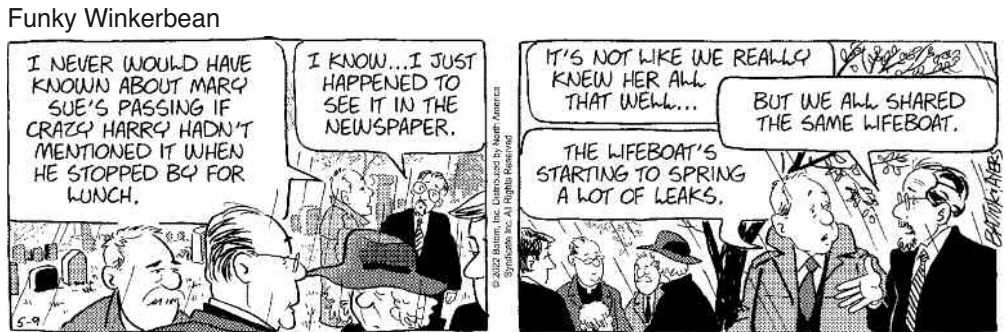
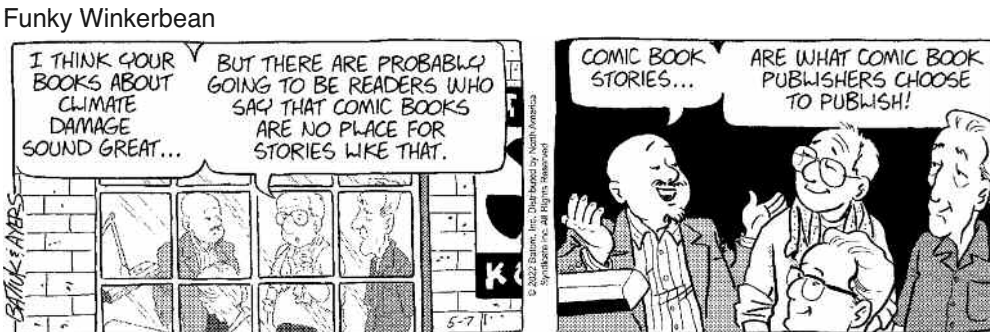
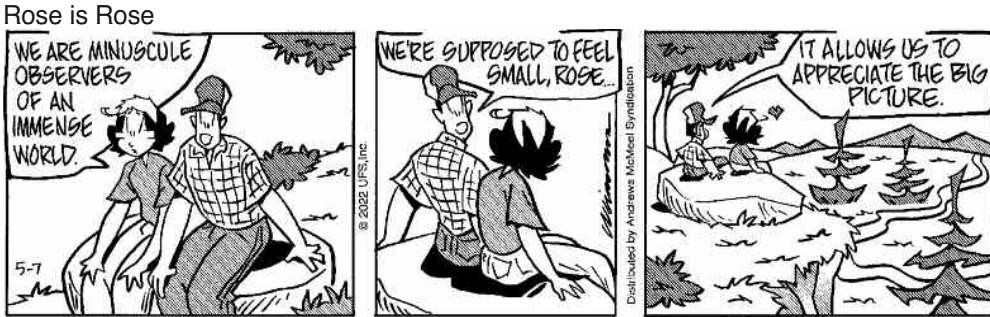
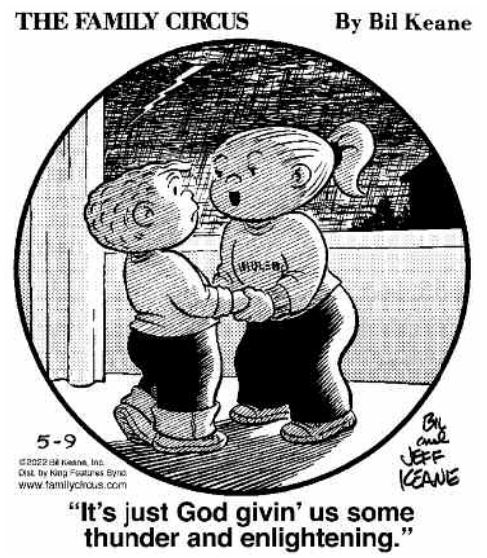
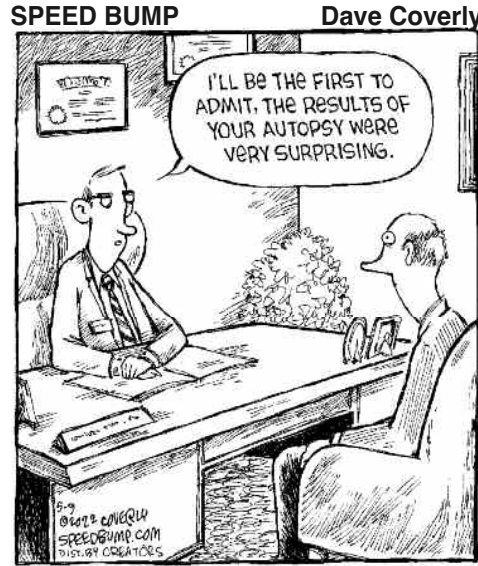
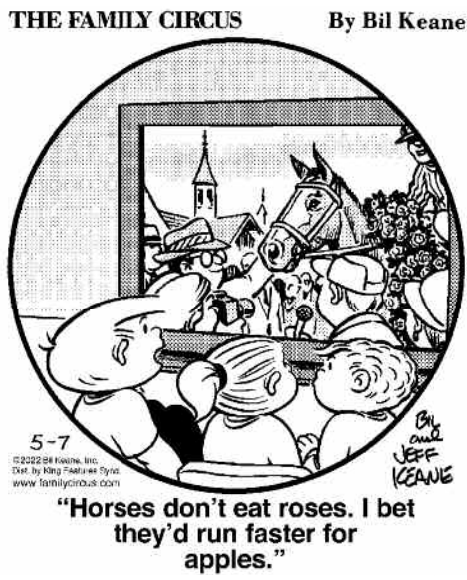
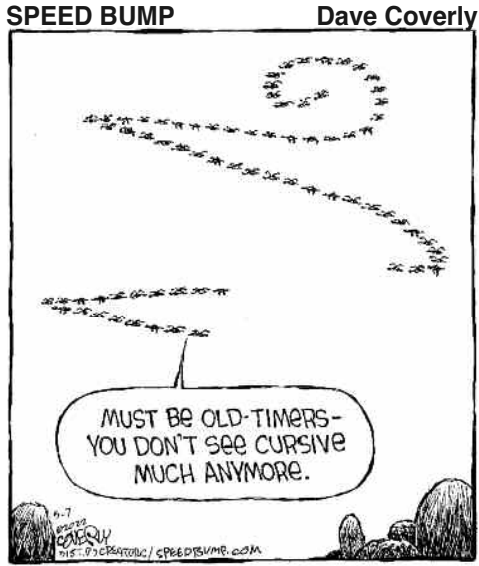
Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Contract Bridge: Famous Hand
North dealer. East-West vulnerable.
NORTH: K4, 7, AKQ108, J8432.
WEST: 1062, 1053, 5, AQ10965.
EAST: AQ9873, Q2, 9763, 7.
SOUTH: J5, AKJ9864, J42, K.
The bidding: North 1, East 1, South 2, West 2. North 3, East Pass, South 4, West Pass.
Opening lead: two of spades.
This excellent example of good defense occurred in an Australian team-of-four contest. At the first table, South reached four hearts as shown, and West led a spade. East cashed two spade tricks and shifted to his singleton club. West taking declarer's king with the ace. West saw that the contract could be defeated if his partner had the king, queen or jack of trump and could be induced to ruff a club continuation with one of those cards. Accordingly, West returned a low club at trick four, and his partner did not let him down, ruffing with the queen to promote West's ten as the setting trick. At the second table, East wound up in four spades after a competitive auction, and South won the first two tricks with the K-A of hearts. South was now faced with a situation similar to the one West had faced at the first table. He realized that his J-x of trump could be promoted into a trick if his partner held the queen or king of spades and could be induced to ruff a heart continuation with either honor. So South returned a low heart at trick three, and his partner did not let him down. North ruffed dummy's ten with the king, and East went down one, losing two hearts, a diamond and a trump trick. It is rare to encounter a hand where whichever side becomes declarer at a game contract can be defeated by an uppercut. But it happened nonetheless and illustrates once again the type of thought and effort required for good defense.
Tomorrow: Haste makes waste.
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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS 41 Untidy states, 43 Actor Jeong, 44 Shadow island, 46 Chirp, 50 Coffee, 53 Back talk, 55 Singer Guthrie, 56 Frankfurt's river, 57 Col. Sanders' chain, 58 Modern "carpe diem", 59 Head, to Henri, 60 However, 61 Juan.
DOWN 2 Japanese noodles, 3 Time of day, 4 Khan title, 5 Dictionary entry, 6 Spock specialty, 7 Fleet-wood Mac hit single, 8 Work with, 9 "Caught ya!", 10 Scratch Republic hit single, 11 "Kidding!", 12 One-Republic hit single, 19 Chignon, 21 "Kidding!", 23 Sheepish remark.
Solution time: 21 mins.

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbers 1-61.



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Story ...

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Robinson doesn't play now. Martin's moments are limited. None of which anyone saw coming a few games ago. That's how quickly Oladipo has gone from injury afterthought to central idea moving these playoffs.

Herro won the Sixth Man of the Year award this week. Is Oladipo the Seventh Man of the Playoffs if this continues? Can you see the game-changing talent the Heat bring off the bench now?

"We didn't expect it would look like this," Spoelstra said.

This is Oladipo making 3 of 4 3-pointers. This is him providing a 6-foot-4 frame to defend the perimeter. This, too, is Oladipo being the first to greet

'I truly believe in everything I've done. My work ethic. My game. I believe in everything. I believe there are better days to come, too.'

—Victor Oladipo, Miami Heat

a courtside-sitting Dwyane Wade and his wife, Gabrielle Union, after Wednesday's game.

Wade and Oladipo were each coached by Tom Crean in college. Wade became a mentor, then a friend. So Oladipo knew of the Heat culture long before

becoming part of the team.

"He's helped me through all this," Oladipo said of the past few years of injury.

It's been an odd, injury-filled time for him. He was returning from a knee injury when traded from Indiana to Houston, part of the four-team deal cen-

tered on Harden landing in Brooklyn. The Heat later acquired him from Houston for Kelly Olynyk and Avery Bradley.

The idea was to rehabilitate Oladipo's knee injury to provide help in the playoffs. He returned last May only to tear

his quadriceps muscle. He needed surgery that put him on the shelf for nearly a year.

And now he's 30.

"In the grand scheme of things, you look back on my life not even 10 years ago, but just a year ago," he said. "I just think about my year and what my last year has been like. For me not to believe in myself, my team, the people I have in my corner — I'd be foolish."

"I truly believe in everything I've done. My work ethic. My game. I believe in everything. I believe there are better days to come, too."

Maybe they come this weekend in Philadelphia. Maybe they're in another chapter waiting to be written. Happy birthday, old man.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Softball at Elwood — 11 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball in Strike Out Cancer Softball Classic at Coldwater — 11 a.m.; Baseball vs. Russia — noon

Monday
Jay County — Softball at New Castle —

5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Muncie Central — 5 p.m.; Junior high track vs. Winchester Driver — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Softball sectional semifinal vs. Ridgmont — 5 p.m.; Baseball at New Bremen — 5 p.m.; JV baseball vs. New Bremen — 5 p.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Boys golf at Southern Wells — 4:30 p.m.; Softball vs. Southern

Wells — 5 p.m.; Baseball vs. Southern Wells — 5 p.m.; Girls tennis at Randolph Southern — 5 p.m.; JV baseball at Southern Wells — 5 p.m.; JV softball at Southern Wells — 5 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Baseball vs. Versailles — 5 p.m.; Softball at Versailles — 5 p.m.; Track in MAC meet at Minster 4:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
10 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Wolverhampton Wanderers at Chelsea (USA)
12:30 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Manchester United at Brighton & Hove Albion (NBC)
12:35 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
1 p.m. — NHL hockey: Florida Panthers at Washington Capitals (ESPN)
1 p.m. — National Women's Soccer League: Challenge Cup — Championship game (CBS)
1:30 p.m. — Auto racing: NASCAR Xfinity Series — Mahindra ROXOR 200 (FS1)
2:45 p.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Tottenham Hotspur at Liverpool (USA)
3 p.m. — PGA Tour Golf: Wells Fargo Championship (CBS)
3:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals — Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (ABC)
4:05 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Detroit Tigers at Houston Astros (FS1)
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — USFL football: Birmingham Stallions at Tampa Bay Bandits (FOX)
8:30 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Western Conference semifinals (ABC)
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Sunday
9 a.m. — Soccer: Premier League — Everton at Leicester City (EUSA)
11:30 a.m. — Soccer: Premier

League — Newcastle United at Manchester City (USA)
11:35 a.m. — Major League Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Boston Red Sox (NBC)
12:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: Carolina Hurricanes at Boston Bruins (ESPN)
1:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
3 p.m. — USFL football: New Orleans Breakers at Houston Gamblers (NBC)
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3:30 p.m. — Auto racing: Miami Grand Prix (ABC); NASCAR Cup Series at Darlington Raceway (FS1)
7 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs (ESPN)
7 p.m. — Major League Soccer: Los Angeles Galaxy at Austin (FS1)
8 p.m. — NBA playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals — Miami Heat at Philadelphia 76ers (TNT)
8 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Washington Mystics at Minnesota Lynx (ESPN2)
10 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Seattle Storm at Las Vegas Aces (ESPN2)

Monday
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
7 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Florida Panthers at Washington Capitals (TBS); New York Rangers at Pittsburgh Penguins (ESPN)
7:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Boston Celtics at Milwaukee Bucks (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — NHL playoffs: Colorado Avalanche at Nashville Predators (ESPN)
10 p.m. — NBA basketball: Memphis Grizzlies at Golden State Warriors (TNT)

Tuesday
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: Milwaukee Brewers at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)
8 p.m. — Tennis: Italian Open (Bally Indiana)

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Sports

Story keeps getting better

By DAVID HYDE
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
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Here came another heartwarming chapter in the Victor Oladipo Story. Yes, it's a capital letter now. A Story. Put it in the Disney motif of wholesome lessons and positive themes and, as the Miami Heat playoffs progress, ever-expanding possibilities.

It just keeps getting better. Oladipo had 10 fourth-quarter points to close the Miami Heat's Game 2 win over the Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night. He played extended minutes for a second straight game with the Heat's core of Jimmy Butler, Tyler Herro and Bam Adebayo.

Oladipo did it on his 30th birthday, too. That's one of those dividing-line milestones in anyone's life — and that idea gets underscored for a pro athlete who's missed much of the last three years to injury.

Oladipo laid in bed Wednesday morning, thinking, "Man, I don't feel 30. I feel 21."

Welcome to the aging process, old man.

"Wait, don't say 21, say 25," he said.

Hey, it's his story to write at this point. It keeps going to re-write, too. This latest chapter comes at the time of year teams typically lose players. Just look at this series. The Heat have lost Kyle Lowry with a hamstring injury.

Philadelphia lost All-Star center Joel Embiid with an orbital fracture and concussion, even if he might return this weekend to change the look of the series. In the other Eastern

David Hyde



Conference series, Milwaukee has been without All-Star Khris Middleton and Boston missed Marcus Smart, the defensive player of the year.

The Heat added a star. No team does that. But then there's not another story out there like Oladipo's. He played eight games in March in his first appearances this season. He then sat the first three playoff games against Atlanta and it looked like his chance with the Heat was done.

Lowry's hamstring then happened. Oladipo got a chance. The Heat instantly got an impactful player.

"You can see how he's a big-time X-factor for us on both sides of the floor," Heat coach Erik Spoelstra said.

There's the beauty of Oladipo's game. It was too much a line-up liability for Spoelstra to play Tyler Herro and Duncan Robinson at the same time. Each is a dynamic scorer. Each is a glaring defensive problem, too. Caleb Martin? He's a dynamic defensive player.

Enter Oladipo. He can score as his 19 points Wednesday again showed. He's also a defensive stopper, too, as he was one in the cast on Atlanta's Trae Young and now Philadelphia's James Harden.

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Safe slide

Jay County High School freshman Mallory Winner slides in safely under the tag of South Adams third baseman Cora Wagner during the Patriots 8-3 win Tuesday. JCHS had games canceled Thursday and Friday because of rain.

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For all our grandmothers, aunts, nieces, friends and all who wish to be mothers.

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Lukas back for 50th

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The old man's still got it, sitting high atop his horse at Churchill Downs on Thursday morning, out on the track, overseeing his operation.

At age 86, this is what D. Wayne Lukas lives for, back in the sport's biggest weekend with Secret Oath in Friday's Kentucky Oaks and Ethereal Road in Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

"I don't think I'd still be doing it if it was just the Wednesday races or something like that," the trainer said Thursday, sitting in his office at his familiar Barn 44. "I wouldn't have the same passion."

Ethereal Road will mark Lukas' 50th starter in the Run for the Roses since his first (Partez) in 1981. He's won four, starting with Winning Colors in 1988, followed by Thunder Gulch in 1995, Grindstone in 1996 and Charismatic in 1999.

He doesn't get around as well as he used to. During the Keeneland Spring Meet, the trainer used a cane to get from the barns to the paddock and then the track. But he waves off questions about how much longer he wants to train. He still gets up at 3:15 each morning, even if he admits he gets to bed a bit earlier than in his younger days.

"I'm not chasing anything," he said at Keeneland when asked about chasing his fifth win. "The horses seem to find me."

After a second-place finish in the Grade 2 Rebel Stakes at Oaklawn on Feb. 26, Ethereal Road ran a disappointing seventh in the Toyota Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland on April 9. In need of points to have a shot at making the Derby field, Lukas wheeled the colt back a week later for the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland on April 16,

where Ethereal Road finished fourth.

"Those two points," said Lukas, "ended up getting him in."

Indeed, when news came Monday morning that Un Ojo was a no-go for the 148th running, Ethereal Road was bumped up to No. 20 on the points leaderboard. Owned by Julie Gilbert and Aaron Sones, Ethereal Road then drew the No. 20 post position. He was put at 30-1 in Mike Battaglia's morning line.

The Kentucky Derby will be Ethereal Road's third race in less than a month.

"It's not ideal," Lukas admitted. "But we've got three weeks between the Lexington and the Derby, so I think it'll be OK. It used to be shorter than that with the Lexington."

Back in 1999, Charismatic won the Lexington Stakes on April 18, then two weeks later gave Lukas that fourth Derby win. After winning the Preakness, the colt led in the stretch of the Belmont, but ended up suffering a fractured leg and finished third, spoiling Lukas' chance of saddling the first Triple Crown winner since Affirmed in 1978.

"I think you've got 10 speed horses and 10 closers this year," said Lukas, who has won 14 Triple Crown races. "We'll see how it goes." Lukas has also won the

Trainer has won Kentucky Derby with Winning Colors, Thunder Gulch, Grindstone and Charismatic

Kentucky Oaks four times, starting with Blush with Pride in 1982. He followed that with Lucky Lucky Lucky in 1984, Open Mind in 1989 and Seaside Attraction in 1990.

Secret Oath is a serious contender for his fifth. The daughter of the late Arrogate won three consecutive races, including the Grade 3 Honeybee Stakes at Oaklawn on Feb. 26 before Lukas ran her against the boys in the Grade 1 Arkansas Derby on April 2. She finished a respectable third in the race won by Brad Cox's Cyberknife.

"The Oaks is harder to tell," Lukas said of Friday's race, "because you've got some really good fillies in there."

At 6-1, Briland Farm's Secret Oath is fourth choice in the morning line behind Ashland Stakes winner Nest (5-2), Kathleen O. (7-2) and Echo Zulu (4-1). Kathleen O, Echo Zulu and Shihama (15-1) are all unbeaten.

Should Lukas pull the upset Saturday he would surpass Art Sherman, who was 77 with California Chrome in 2014, as the oldest trainer to win the race.

What does it mean to Lukas to be in this position at 86?

"It's more for the owners than for me," he said. "I like putting them in this position."