

# Theater: Mexico to start crowd funding this week



LUKAS EGGEN/Itemizer-Observer  
Employees work at the snack bar at the Motor Vu Drive-In on Friday night.

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The level of enthusiasm has led Mexico to change course. Mexico said on Monday that he would start an official crowd funding campaign sometime this week, but was pending discussions with his accountant and the landowner. There was a crowd funding campaign started last week by a third party, but Mexico said the official one he creates will replace it and is leaning toward using In-

diego. Mexico is also talking with Dallas Mayor Brian Dalton, who Mexico says has been supportive and has been helping come up with possible ideas to save the theater. Mexico said the theater has explored other options throughout the year, including moving to Polk County Fairgrounds, but all plans explored led to dead ends. He's optimistic that the increased attention on Motor Vu means a crowd funding attempt to raise money to

purchase the land will be successful. Mexico said he also plans to look at grants and applying with the National Historic Registry and has plans to plant trees to block noise and light from nearby houses. As the drive-in held its last showings of 2016, instead of wondering if this was the last time he'd ever run the Motor Vu, Mexico is hopeful they'll be back. "I have a very strong feeling we can all save the Drive-In," Mexico said.



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The Motor Vu Drive-In held its final showings of 2016 on Friday and Saturday.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### IndePit BBQ now smokes at Mechanico in Independence

INDEPENDENCE — IndePit BBQ has spent the summer at a new location, at Mechanico, 875 Main St. The barbecue continues to operate at the 70-year-old former gas station that has been converted to a bar. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week.

### Independence museum seeks volunteers to help with projects

INDEPENDENCE — The Independence Heritage Museum is seeking volunteers for a variety of tasks to meet your interests. Some specific tasks volunteers could help with include: meet and greet visitors and provide tours; identify origins of certain objects within the museum collection; make digital copies for search and display; catalog, digitize and add information to the museum's database; help plan and arrange speaker events; and help keep the museum tidy and presentable. The museum is open for visitors Wednesday through Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m., but can accommodate volunteer shifts at various days. For more information: Shannon Cockayne, 503-838-4989 or via email at scockayne@ci.independence.or.us.

### Dallas 'roadmap' moving forward with second phase Thursday

DALLAS — Residents of Dallas are invited to an open house Thursday to help identify priorities to be placed on the city's "Economic Vitality Roadmap." The project, sponsored by Rural Development Initiatives and the city of Dallas, uses a three-step process to build economic development plans for rural communities. Thursday's open house is part of the second step and will take place at 6 p.m. at the Dallas Civic Center, 945 SE Jefferson St., Dallas. For more information: Greg Ellis, 503-853-9935 or greg.ellis@dallasor.gov

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By Ben Arnoldy

### Sudoku

Difficulty: ★★★★★☆

Row →	4	3	2	8	1	6	7	5	9
	5	6	9	3	7	4	8	1	2
	1	7	8	9	5	2	4	6	3
Three-by-three square →	3	4	7	2	8	5	6	9	1
	2	1	6	7	4	9	3	8	5
	9	8	5	1	6	3	2	7	4
	7	9	1	4	3	8	5	2	6
	8	5	3	6	2	1	9	4	7
	6	2	4	5	9	7	1	3	8

### How to do Sudoku

Fill in the grid so the numbers 1 through 9 appear just once in every column, row, and three-by-three square. See example above.

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