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is the highest law"*

-CICERO

Editor  
Letter to Editor  
Herald & Review  
601 E. William St.  
Decatur, IL

Dear Editor:

Tate & Lyle just laid-off 45 Decatur workers – with no warning. These lay offs are just the tip of the iceberg of the devastation of American families. According to the New York Times, IBM recently cut 4,600 jobs in the United States and Canada. Yet IBM maintains a workforce of 113,000 in China, India, Russia and Brazil.

The unannounced job cuts raise issues of fairness to workers and their families. A worker's job is like grandfather's farm – it sustains the family. The bank could not take the family farm without fair warning and without a chance to save it.

At this very moment, men and women who devoted years of their lives for the success of the big boss, are being escorted by armed security guards from their desks or machines to the main gate. That's what a worker gets in exchange for a lifetime of loyalty. But hey, its nothing personal. Just business – some business.

Respectfully,

Bill Faber