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Trump talks to senators on bid to redistrict

Indiana legislators being pushed for change before 2026

By NIKI KELLY

Indiana Capital Chronicle indianacapitalchronicle.com

Donald President Trump spoke with Indiana Senate Republicans on a Friday morning phone call in the latest effort to pressure Hoosier GOP legislators to redistrict the state congressional map early.

The call was first reported by The New York Times Friday afternoon.

Molly Swigart, communications director for the Indiana Senate Republicans, confirmed that caucus members were invited to join a call with the president and that Senate President Pro Tem Rodric Bray participated. She would not say how many other lawmakers joined the call.

A few hours later, Sen. Tyler Johnson, Leo, posted a statement in support of redistricting. He also attended a meeting at the White House in August on redistricting and other topics.

He blamed the national political landscape for bringing "a fight to our doorstep that we did not ask for and Hoosiers rightfully scoff at but we must use every legal means at our disposal to counter this with a redistricting

effort." All states drew new maps in 2021 after the decennial census. Indiana's breakdown is 7-2 in favor of Republicans. But advocates for redistricting want to eliminate the Democrat districts in Indianapolis and northwest

Indiana. Texas was the first state to pass new maps in August at the behest of the Trump administration, which is trying to ensure it retains controls of the U.S.

House in 2026. See Talks page 2

Plan approved



The Commercial Review/Ray Cooney

Poll workers assist voters checking in to vote on Nov. 5, 2024, at Jay Community Center in Portland. Jay County Election Board approved a resolution Thursday to adopt the county's vote center plan. Beginning with the 2026 primary election, the county will use vote centers at Jay Community Center in Portland and West Jay Community Center in Dunkirk.

Voting locations will be at Jay and West Jay community centers beginning with 2026 primary

By BAILEY CLINE

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vote centers next year. Jay County Election Board day to adopt the county's vote

center plan. Starting in the 2026 primary, during which parties will select nominees for middle district commissioner, sheriff, auditor, state representatives and other offices, Jay County will use two vote center locations for election day. They will be located at Jay Community Center in Port-

land and West Jay Community location.

Previously, the county uti- instead approved a resolution Thurs- lized eight polling locations for its 18 precincts.

Per the plan approved Thursday, early voting will be offered 28 days before the primary election in the auditorium at Jav County Courthouse in Portland. West Jay Community Center is also listed as a suggested satellite vote center for early voting on the two Saturdays before the election.

Approximately 65 out of 92 off-year for elections. She of precinct-based voting, which on costs for renting space. assigns voters to a polling location in their area. Vote centers allow registered voters to cast a ballot at any county polling location on Election as a vote center county. Jay Day.

began discussing the topic in a plan in August for imple-January. Elliott said she felt it menting the new polling was an ideal time to look into method. the switch because 2025 is an

Center in Dunkirk and voters counties in Indiana either use pointed to difficulties finding Jay County will begin using may cast their ballots at either vote centers or are moving new poll workers as well as toward implementing them higher turnouts for early vottraditional ing. The switch also cuts down

> Jay County Commissioners and Jay County Council approved a resolution in February designating the county County Election Board formed Jay County Election Board a study committee and drafted

See **Centers** page 1

Retrospect

Jay School Corporation was prepping for Red Ribbon Week Twenty-five years ago this ing contest for kindergarten was planning a release of red

week, local students were getting ready for a week of learning about the dangers of drugs.

An Oct. 21, 2000, story in The Commercial Review detailed Jay School Corporation plans for Red Ribbon Week, an annual drug prevention and awareness campaign.

Jay Schools had a variety of activities planned for the week, including Pennville Elementary School participating in a "Drug Olympics." It included a relay race to demonstrate to students "how they can do more with a sound mind

and body and reach new goals," said principal David Yarde. Other activities at Pennville

Elementary included a color-

through second grade students, crafts and snacks with a "We're Not Hooked on Drugs" theme and a backwards day to

"Turn Your Back on Drugs." General Students from Shanks, East and Judge Haynes elementary schools in Portland were slated to march to Jay County Courthouse on Oct. 31 — some of the schools extended the timeline of activities for Red Ribbon Week because of fall break — for the annual Red Ribbon Rally and an anti-drug presentation. The Indiana State Police helicopter that was used to locate marijuana fields from the air was also set to land at General

Shanks and East the same day. Redkey Elementary School working undercover.

and white balloons and Westlawn Elementary School in Dunkirk planned a walk through downtown in support of the Just Say No club and anti-drug messages. Just Say No members were scheduled to paint "no" on students' faces on Oct. 31.

The band LaRue and Company was scheduled to speak Oct. 24 at Jay County High School. It would also perform a concert for middle school students during the day and another open to the public in the evening.

Red Ribbon Week started in 1985 as a tribute to U.S. Drug **Enforcement Administration** agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, who was murdered while

Deaths

drug prevention and awareness campaign.

Rebecca Friddle, Pennville Randy Hogg, 57, Linn Grove Details on page 2.

Weather

The Commercial Review/Laurie Chen

East Elementary School Just Say No club member

Justin Foss writes an anti-drug message in chalk on the

sidewalk in front of the school in 2000. Jay School

Corporation was gearing up for Red Ribbon Week, an annual

The high temperature was 71 degrees Friday in Jay

County. The low was 47. Today's high will be in the lower 80s with a 50% chance of rain beginning in the afternoon and winds gusting to 25 mph.

In review

Pennville Pumpkin Festival is today at Pennville Park, featuring a parade at 10:30 a.m., giant pumpkin contest weigh-in at 11 a.m., games and activities from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., costume contest at 11:30 a.m., a skilletthrowing contest at 2 p.m. and Volunteer Fire Pennville Department's hog roast from 4 to 7 p.m. at the fire station.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from volleyball and cross country sectionals.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Portland City Council meeting.

Thursday — Preview of the JCHS football team's sectional

opener at Bellmont.



Centers

Continued from page 1 In September, the election board hosted a public hearing to share details about its plan to begin using vote centers in 2026. The election board then held a 30day public comment period — it's

required by state law — to allow

input on the vote center plan. Elliott noted Thursday she received no additional comments following the Sept. 15 meeting. She said the only change she made to the plan since then was reflected in the number of registered voters on the document.

As of Wednesday, there were 11,833 registered voters in Jay

County, with 10,908 of those vot-

ers marked as active. Elliott plans to alert registered voters with a notice in the mail, add a notice to residents' tax bills and display signs at former polling locations on Election Day directing voters to the new cen-

Answering a question from Jay County Republican Party representative and election board member Carmen Craig, Elliott noted the plan may be amended in the future. Depending on how the primary goes, Elliott added, the election board could make changes before the general elec-

"I think we were just slowly getting to this point anyway, said Craig. "I'm excited ... (I) love the fact that you universally can go to either (location)."

Election board members Elliott, Craig and Dane Mumbower — he serves as Jay County Democratic Party's representative — approved the plan unanimously. Elliott said she would file the plan with Indiana Election Division.

In other business Thursday, she said. Elliott mentioned she met with election equipment company MicroVote in September to review pricing for next year. She suggested the election board

look into purchasing MicroVote charges a \$1,500 service fee for 'encoders" to use with the county's voting machines and poll pads. The devices attach to poll pads, allowing poll workers to use a card that automatically detects the voter's precinct when swiped at the voting machine. (Currently poll workers must manually enter voters' precincts to pull up the correct ballot.)

'It takes away human error,"

The service would require purchasing the encoders and charging ports, which are priced between \$110 and \$150 unit. (MicroVote also

the encoders per election.) Election machines would also need to be updated to work with the devices. Elliott said she has funds in the election budget to purchase the equipment and planned to seek price estimates from the company.

She also asked the board about hiring an election support representative from MicroVote to be present during Election Day in case of issues with the new vote center format or the new equipment. The service would cost \$2,600. Board members voiced support but took no official action on the matter.

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64/38	66/48	61/41	57/37	60/38	
Sunday has an 80% chance of rain with a low around 38 degrees.	Skies will be sunny on Monday with a high around 66 degrees.	Tuesday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with winds between 20 and 30 mph.	Mostly sunny skies on Wednes- day when the low may dip to 38 degrees.	Thurs- day's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a low around 38 degrees.	
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Lotteries

Hoosier

Midday Daily Three: 9-5-6 Daily Four: 1-7-9-2 Quick Draw: 1-2-8-9-19-22-28-29-32-38-46-48-60-61-71-72-74-75-76-79

Ohio Midday

Pick 3: 8-7-5

Pick 4: 2-7-6-1 Pick 5: 2-8-9-1-7

Powerball

Estimated jackpot: \$295 million

Mega Millions

Estimated jackpot: \$625 million

Markets

Cooper Farms	Wheat4.59
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Nov. corn	4.08
Beans	9.70
Nov. beans	9.75
Wheat	4.49

Today in history

In 1851, Dick" was first published as "The Whale" in London. It is the most famous work by author Herman Melville.

In 1867, the United States' purchase of Alaska from Russia was approved. U.S. Secretary of State William Seward had negotiated the purchase of the land that would become the 49th state nearly a century later.

In 1931, Al Capone, a Chicago mafia boss, was convicted of federal income tax evasion. He served 11 years in prison for the crime.

In 2004, Redkey clerk-treasurer Brenda Adkins and town council president Violet Erlenbush reported that town council member Brenda Collett had moved out of the town and would be resigning from her position.

In 2019, the Fort the wage scale. Recovery High School

5 p.m. — Jay School

Board, General Shanks,

414 E. Floral Ave., Port-

5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council

chambers, fire station,

7:30 p.m. — Fort Recov-

9:30 a.m. — Jay County

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ery Village Council, vil-

lage hall, 201 S. Main St.

1616 N. Meridian St.

Monday

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land.

Citizen's calendar

"Moby volleyball team rolled to the sectional championship as it recorded 20 aces in a three-set sweep of Columbus Grove. In 2020, Sophia Fugiett and Lydia Keihn of Jay County High School advanced to the semistate thanks to their efforts in the regional cross country meet at Muncie Sportsplex. Keihn a sophomore, finished in 15th place while Fugiett, a senior, was 26th.

> In 2021, Jay School Board approved its 2022 budget at \$35.5 million, which was down about 2.5% from the previous year.

In 2022, Jay School Corporation superintendent presented Jay School Board with a tentative collective bargaining agreement with Jay Classroom Teachers Association. The agreement sought to sort out oddities with

room, library, 315 N. Ship

10 a.m. — Portland His-

Community

toric Preservation Com-

Resource Center, 118 S.

4 p.m. — Portland

5 p.m. — Jay County

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Park

Board, city building, 131

Council, courthouse, 120

Board of Aviation, air-

port, 661 W. 100 North.

N. Court St., Portland.

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Wednesday

S. Main St.

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Obituaries

Rebecca Friddle

June 22, 1939-Oct. 16, 2025

Rebecca Ann Friddle, age 86, of Pennville passed away on Thursday, Oct. 16, 2025, in Parkview Regional Medical Center in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Farmland on June 22, 1939, the daughter of Herschel and Ada (Ledbetter) Friddle. She worked as a caregiver. She was a Redkey High School graduate and attended Hickory Grove Church of the Brethren.

Surviving are two sisters, Linda Hapner of Pennville and Barbara bairdfreeman.com.

Landess of LaVista, Nebraska; and severnieces and nephews and greatgreat-greatand nieces and nephews. She was known as Aunt Becky to them all.

There will be a private family celebration of life service.

Friddle

Camille Tweedy, a

School senior, sings

as part of Patriot

Edition during last

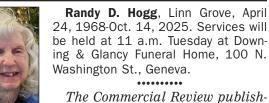
weekend's fall chorale

concert.

County High

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Felony

arrests



Fall **Common nuisance Edition**

A Portland man was

arrested Thursday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Joshua T. Schwartz, 24, 962 S. Chicago Ave., was charged in Jay Superior Court with a Level 6 felony for the alleged crime, as well as a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia.

He was released from Jay County Jail on a \$4,500 bond.

Continued from page 1 Missouri then followed pendence. in September.

question on its November ballot to do the same. Other Democratic states could follow. GOP states Nebraska, Kansas and North Carolina are also being targeted for new

"Indiana is a red state through and through, and our congressional districts should mirror that sentiment," Johnson said. "For too long, maps have diluted the voices of everyday Hoosiers who prioritize fiscal responsiing up to federal overreach.'

tion can ensure health care access, economic

growth and energy inde-

Indiana's Senate Repub-Democrat-led California lican caucus has been responded by putting a more hesitant than House

Republicans and where much of the new pressure has been focused. Vice President JD Vance visited Indiana last week initially to speak to the Senate caucus but added a meeting with House members. It was Vance's second visit about the topic since August.

The Indiana Capital Chronicle has been tracking public statements on the proposal — four Senate Republicans have come out in support while three are against. The rest of the 40member caucus is undecided or haven't been definitive in their statements.

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bility, strong borders, and traditional values. By redistricting we can improve the likelihood that Indiana's delegation Washington fights unequivocally for Hoosier interests-lowering taxes, protecting life, and stand-

He said a unified delega-

Kids want to trick-or-treat together

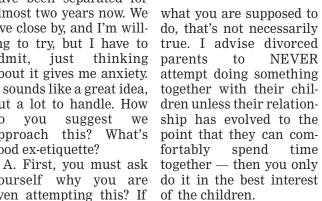
By JANN BLACKSTONE

Tribune News Service

Q. I am the proud mom of two very active boys and a 3-year-old little girl. They all tell me they want to trick-or-treat with their father and me, but we have been separated for almost two years now. We live close by, and I'm willing to try, but I have to admit, just thinking about it gives me anxiety. It sounds like a great idea, but a lot to handle. How suggest we approach this? What's good ex-etiquette?

yourself why you are even attempting this? If your kids asked, that's one thing. If you think it's this





Although it sounds like adults and wished to set iar with so they can enjoy ticularly a kid-centered you have good intentions. if you get along too well, it will give the kids false hope of reconciliation. If you get along poorly it will cause anxiety and interfere with their ability to adjust after your breakup. Therefore, if the thought makes uncomfortable, they will be uncomfortable, as well. You're not ready.

This is when the "my time" arguments start: "It's MY Halloween this year."

In truth, it's the kids' Halloween, not the parents'. The kids are the ones who are trying to There's a caveat to all split their time and if the

an example, they would help them do it by looking for solutions, not fighting about it.

But I digress. If, after really thinking through, you still want to tips to help make spending Halloween with your child's other parent a more positive experience for your children:

- Don't force your kids to trick-or-treat in an area they are unfamiliar with because it's "your Halloween and you want them to trick-or-treat from your house," even if their other parent is present. Choose the neighbortogetherness. parents were acting like hood they are most famil-

pals. with your parents can be fun, but having your friends along makes it

will trick-or-treat and don't change things at the last minute unless you can roll with the punches. Nothing upsets divorced parents more than the other parent being late or consulting them.

treat time to discuss ongoing issues or attempt to problem solve. Spend your time enjoying your families.com

the evening with their holiday like Halloween, is Trick-or-treating not the time for introductions. Don't attempt to introduce your children to your new partner or your new partner's chil-- Set clear boundaries dren on a day that is set go forward, here are a few for the place and time you aside for family celebrations.

> Stay flexible. That's good ex-etiquette.

Jann Blackstone is a child custody mediator changing plans without and the author of "The Bonus Family Handbook: – Don't use trick-or- The Definitive Guide to Co-parenting and Creating Stronger Families. She can be reached at bonuschildren. A holiday, par- jann@bonusfamilies.com.

Sister can't stop stealing items during visits

DEAR ABBY: I'm having a problem with my sister, who visits me on the average of once a month. She lives four hours away. Her friend and her husband accompany her. They are my only company. I used to enjoy them but no longer. After their visits, stuff is always missing from my house — a hairbrush, my dog's electric nail file, random dishes and plates, rat traps, laundry detergent packets, dollar store craft items,

Abby, I hid the laundry detergent packets, but she found them, and I knew she took them. When I confronted her, she angrily denied it and insisted I was accusing her of things she never did and would never do. APPEARING ACT IN NEW When I told her about the beads, MEXICO she said she never saw them and

Dear Abby



about.

After that, I didn't see her for about three months. We made up, and she did it again! Her husband knows. I set a trap for her friend previously, and she didn't steal anything. My sister was bringing her dirty laundry with her to wash at my house in order to save on her water and electric bill. I put a stop to that. What can I do about her? — DIS-

DISAPPEARING DEAR

friend who always accompa- old granddaughter celebrated her to see her let down after patientnies your sister during those birthday earlier this year. It was a ly waiting for her birthday presvisits is in the clear, that big celebration. Her other grand**leaves only "Sissy." Has she** parents gave her a choice of \$100 always been light-fingered, or is her pilfering something recent? If it is recent, talk with her husband and tell him you are worried about

Suggest she be neurologically examined by her doctor for signs of dementia or some other brain-related illness. If she checks out, there is another condition called kleptomania, in which sufferers cannot resist the urge to steal. It is fixable ONLY if they are willing to admit there is a problem and decide to do something about it.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and didn't know what I was talking ACT: Assuming that the I are in a quandary. Our 12-year- problem, but it hurts our hearts Los Angeles, CA 90069.

or an overnight stay at a hotel with a pool. She chose the overnight. It has been several months now, with no hotel stay scheduled. Her other grands live full, busy and chaotic lives. Our granddaughter told me she feels hurt, disappointed and a bit angry. We had a good talk, and I feel she now better understands how adults sometimes forget how quickly time passes.

In the meantime, my husband and I would like to slip a \$100 bill under her pillow and maybe assuage her feelings toward her other grandparents. We need to know if that would be a wise ed by her mother, Pauline thing to do or if we should let it *Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at* be. We understand it isn't our DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440,

ent. What do vou suggest? — GRANDMA KNOWS BEST

DEAR GRANDMA: You are lovely people, and I understand your impulse to cover for the other grandparents. That said, I do not think you should do it. Your granddaughter is rightfully disappointed, but she needs to learn that sometimes folks don't follow through on their promises. If she does, it may come as less of a jolt when she's a little older.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was found-

Community Calendar

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

Today

MOUS — Will meet at 10 289 S. 200 West, Portland. played starting at 1 p.m. a.m. at Zion Evangelical Come early for a meal. For Lutheran Church, 218 E. more information, call High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

DUNKIRK HISTORI-CAL MUSEUM — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the third Friday and Saturday of each month at Webster Depot, 132 W. Railroad St.

MUSEUM OF THE SOL-DIER — 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.

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-ANNA'S HOPE — A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fel-ALCOHOLICS ANONY- lowship Baptist Church, (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restau-

PING PONG — Will be played from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday at Jay Community Center.

JAY RETIRED TEACH-ERS — Will meet at noon Monday, Oct. 20, at Richards Restaurant in Portland. All retired school employees are invited to attend. You need not have

worked in Jay County to be a member of the group. Attendees can reconnect with former colleagues, listen to entertainment and hear about what's happening in the state.

Will be EUCHRE each Monday at West Jay Community Center, 125 Hoover St., Dunkirk.

TAKE OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY (TOPS) — Will meet for weigh-in at 4:30 p.m., with the meeting at 5 p.m., at Trinity United Methodist Church, 323 S. Meridian St., Portland. New members welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-5924.

THE LIFE CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy, as well as help with the needs of the family. The center is located at 1209 S. Shank 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 accept-

BREAD OF LIFE COM-MUNITY 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.

NARCOTICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 6:30 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.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR SUICIDE GRIEF – Meets from 7 to 8:30 p.m. the third Monday of each month. The support group serves to help individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide. To register, contact Stephanie Patterson at (260) 251-3259.

Tuesday

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

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTIONS RECOV-ERY SUPPORT GROUP — A group for anyone with a substance use disorder that helps individuals find connections as they develop long-term recovery meets at noon each Tuesday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

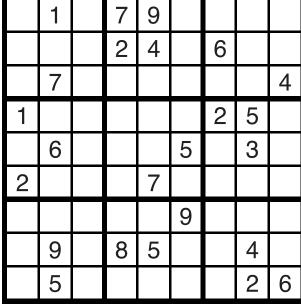


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Friday's Solution

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

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China's move shows vulnerabilities

Las Vegas Review-Journal

choice but to respond.

Tribune News Service Stocks plunged nearly 900 points on Friday after China opted to break out a flamethrower in its ongoing trade dispute with the United States. President Donald Trump had little

Chinese officials announced last week that, starting in December, foreign interests must obtain a license to export any product containing more than 0.1 percent of rare earth minerals "that are either sourced in China or manufactured using the country's extraction process," Reuters reported. The Wall Street Journal called it "a nearly unprecedented export control.'

Guest **Editorial**

The move will disrupt the world market for semiconductor chips, which power the global economy. China controls a large percentage — estimates range from 70% to 90% — of the rare earth substances necessary to sustain and produce a wide variety of industries and goods, including tech offerings, energy products, automobiles and defense industry production.

Trump took to his social leader in South Korea.

media platform Truth Social to lambaste China and its president, Xi Jinping. "It is impossible to believe that China would have taken such an action, but they have, and the rest is History," he posted, adding the licensing scheme is "absolutely unheard of in International Trade, and a moral disgrace in dealing with other Nations.'

president later announced that the United States would place export controls on critical software sent to China and jack up tariffs to on the nation beginning Nov. 1. He also said he may postpone a scheduled summit this month with the Chinese

The latter would be unwise. The meeting provides an opportunity for the nations to cool tensions and reach an agreement to mitigate the damage wrought by an intensified trade conflict between the world's two largest economies. Some analysts believe China's move was an effort to gain leverage in the

Regardless, the development represents a warning siren regarding our reliance on hostile foes for these crucial materials. While there is little the United States can do in the short term, the nation must intensify efforts to develop domestic sources of rare earths. Econofact reports that this country last week.

rare earths until the mid-1980s, but a combination of high environmental costs in the U.S. with competition from lower-cost production shifted the industry to China."

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The United States has made strides in recent years toward ramping up production, but challenges remain, particularly regarding environmental regulation that discourages processing and refining. Until the country eliminates those barriers and makes it easier for private interests to tap this nation's wealth of resources, we will remain vulnerable to the type of aggression that China unveiled

There's good news on climate change

By JOHN M. CRISP Tribune News Service

As oceans rise, glaciers melt and some parts of the world flood while others bake in drought, good news about climate change is scarce. Thus, a report last week from Ember Energy Research is worth noting.

Ember is an energy think tank registered in England and Wales. It makes no secret of its aim "to accelerate the clean energy transition with data and policy." But its 36-page report is short on polemic and long on highly technical data, which is why, even though the report was covered in mainstream media, it might fall between the cracks of our climate conversations.

Here's the upshot: Using methodology, Ember compares world energy demand and consumption during the first half of 2025 with the first half of 2024. The most remarkable finding is that the growth in wind and solar power generation exceeded the growth in global demand by 109 per-

During the same period, coal generation fell by 0.6%, while solar and wind grew by 7.7%, leading to this finding: "As a result. renewables' share of global electricity rose to 34.3% (from 32.7%), while coal's share fell to 33.1% (from 34.2%)

In other words, for the first time, electrical energy derived from renewables amount exceeded the derived from coal. Ember calls this a "crucial turning point," the "beginning of a shift where clean power is keeping pace with demand growth.

At the least, the report indicates that renewable energy is a credible alternative to fossil fuels, rather than a mere liberal, feelgreen-new-deal good, pipedream.

Growth in solar energy generation was particularly strong. At least seven countries generated 20% or more of their energy from solar during the first half of 2025, with Hungary leading the way (30%) and Greece and the Nether-

lands not far behind (25%). The Ember report pays special attention to the big energy players — China, India, the E.U. and the U.S. which together accounted for 63% of global energy demand and 64% of CO2 emissions during the first half of 2025.

The percentage of fossil fuel generation and related emissions decreased in *nist for Tribune News* China and India, as the development of renewable can be reached at jcrisp-

John M. Crisp



the growth of energy demand. China was responsible for 55% of the increase in global solar generation and 82% of the growth in wind energy. The numbers for India are simi-

Perhaps you can see where this is going: In the U.S., electricity demand increased by 3.6% during the first six months of 2025, but unlike in much of the world, solar and wind growth offset only 65% of the increase. The gap was filled by increased coal generation.

Unfortunately, the good news from Hungary and Greece and much of the world, as reflected in the Ember report, is undermined by the fact that the world's largest economy the U.S.'s — remains

deeply committed to fossil fuel energy. And the U.S. is exhibiting considerable contempt for the world's worthy efforts to reduce the gasses that are clearly warming the climate to dangerous levels.

Donald announced to the assembled United Nations that climate change is the "greatest con job ever perpetrated on the world." Climate scientists are "stupid people," and green energy initiatives are a "scam."

The climate issue is strange: It should be all about science and engineering. But for many people maybe most prospect of climate change deeply involves their psyches and their emotions, especially their fears and hopes. Thus, despite the science, people are often inclined toward undue optimism about the climate or toward skepticism or even outright denial.

In other words, because we have a hard time thinking rationally about climate change, we often ignore or deny the science.

This element of climate change always reminds me of what Albert Einstein said about the "unleashed power of the atom": It "changed everything save our modes of thinking, and thus we drift toward unparalleled catastrophe.'

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Conscience is one's own property

By JOHN KRULL

Math class took an odd turn that

This was 50 years ago, when I was a sophomore in high school. We just In fact, last month Presi- had settled into our seats when, for Trump some reason that never became clear to me, the teacher asked how many of us believed in the death penalty.

Every hand in the classroom but mine shot up.

The teacher fixed his gaze on me. "You don't believe in the death penalty?" he asked, disbelief in his

I said I didn't.

My opposition then stemmed from a youthful religious faith. I just thought it was wrong.

Later, after I'd had ample opportunity to watch government at work, I came to believe that granting the state the authority to kill in cold blood was too much power to give to politicians and bureaucrats.

The teacher went to work trying to convince me of the error of my ways. He argued, correctly, that murder was

a heinous offense against humanity. I responded by saying that this was the reason we shouldn't repeat the offense. I said that, by his reasoning, stealing would justify stealing. Every crime would be a rationalization for further crime.

At first, the teacher's tone was gen-

Gradually, though, his exasperation began to show. He started to raise his voice, and he enlisted other stu-

dents in the class to argue with me. Round and round we went for the full hour.

When the bell rang and we all headed to our next class, I wondered what had just happened. I took the consolation that at least it was over. Tomorrow we'd be back to contending with equations, not moral principles.

I was wrong.

John Krull



At the start of class the next day, the teacher said that it was clear that they hadn't persuaded me yet.

So, he said, they needed to give it another go. His determination to make me sub-

mit strengthened my resolve. The continued debate had an effect — but not one the teacher liked. As the hour ground its way toward

agree with me. That frustrated the math teacher. But there wasn't much he could do

an end, other students started to

about it.

People's minds are their own. Even young people's.

Class ended again. I readied myself for another day of debate if need be.

On the third day, though, math class became math class once more. The only calculations involved were numeric, not moral.

The teacher pretended those two days hadn't happened.

I hadn't thought about that incident from my school days for years, but the campaign by Indiana Attorney General Todd Rokita and other would-be conservatives who hoard imagined grievances as if they were gold brought the memory back. Rokita has been compiling lists of Indiana educators who do not automatically defer to his way of thinking.

He says he's doing this to protect freedom of speech and thought. It's his homage to the murdered conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

That's nonsense. He's not protecting the free speech *nalism students*.

rights of the LGBTQ kid in a conservative community or the libertarian student who just wants to think for himself or herself.

The Rokitas of this world want to make it safe for people like them to express themselves.

And no one else.

In doing so, they sell their followers an illusion — the delusional notion that they can make it through school and life without ever encountering a person or an idea with which they disagree. My math teacher long ago didn't

use the best judgment, but he did me no lasting harm. If anything, he taught me an endur-

ing lesson.

Ĭ don't think my fellow students who started to agree with me a half-

century ago did so because they bought my argument on its merits. No, they respected the fact that I stood my ground in defense of my

beliefs, even when I had to stand There's strength in knowing a person can do that. It's a strength people who never have their beliefs tested or

challenged cannot know. A half-century has passed since those two days in math class. Because I was at the center of it, I suspect I'm the only one who remembers the inci-

dent. But the lesson endures.

A person's conscience is her or his responsibility.

No one else's.

Not the state's.

Not a teacher's. And definitely not Todd Rokita's.

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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: R equals I

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

On the lake

1) What 1990s sitcom featured friends hanging out at Warsaw Tavern?

2) Crater Lake in Oregon was formed inside the remains of what collapsed volcano?

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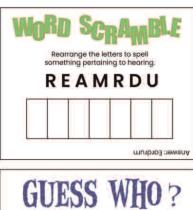
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Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals K





I am a singer born in Connecticut on

October 16, 1977. I worked for more than a year as a gas station attendant to afford a guitar from a famous player. My debut album reached multi-platinum status. Though I'm an accomplished singer, I may be better known for my guitar skills.

Answer: John Mayer





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Answer: Contact lenses

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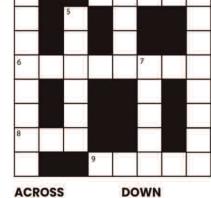
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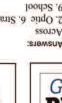
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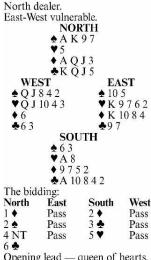
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Contract By Steve Becker

All roads lead to Rome



Opening lead queen of hearts. A reader sent this deal, which he labeled "a good exercise in the logic of dummy play." We agree with his sentiments and the method of play declarer chose to make the slam.

The bidding was likewise first rate. North pushed on to a slam in clubs once South showed extra values and a good suit by bidding three

Declarer won the heart lead and saw that the contract was certain provided he did not lose two diamond tricks. After cashing the K-Q of trump and finding the suit divided 2-2, South realized he was now 100% certain to make the slam regardless of how the missing cards were divided. So he cashed the A-K of spades, ruffed a spade, then ruffed the eight of hearts and dum-

my's last spade.

Declarer was now ready to tackle the diamonds. Dummy at this point consisted of the jack of clubs and A-Q-J-3 of diamonds, while declarer's last five cards were the ace of clubs and 9-7-5-2 of diamonds.

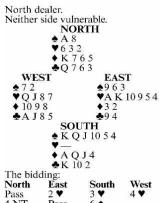
South led a low diamond and finessed dummy's jack. East did his best by ducking, but declarer countered by returning dummy's three of diamonds. East won with the ten but had to concede the last three tricks whether he returned a heart or a diamond.

equally safe ground if West had been dealt the K-10-x-x of diamonds. He would also have been forced to return a diamond or yield a ruff-and-discard, bringing a happy conclusion to a well-played

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Contract By Steve Becker Bridge

Famous Hand



4 NT Pass 6 4 Opening lead — queen of hearts.

This hand was played in an international tournament some years ago by Polish star Janusz Polec, who got to six spades as shown.

West led the queen of hearts, and

Polec could see at once that the slam depended upon losing only one club trick. The normal way of playing the club combination shown is to lead a low club to dummy's queen and finesse the ten

on the way back. But Polec decided that West was more likely to have the jack of clubs than East, so he adopted an entirely different line of play. He

ruffed the heart lead and drew three rounds of trump, discarding a club from dummy after West discarded a heart. Polec then played the A-Q-J of

diamonds, overtaking the jack with the king. He next ruffed a heart in his hand, returned the four of diamonds to dummy's seven, West discarding a club, and ruffed dummy's last heart. This brought Polec to the end

position he had envisioned from the start. Having played all his trumps and diamonds, he was left with only three cards, the K-10-2 of clubs. West, in the meantime, had been reduced to the A-J-8 of clubs, while dummy had the Q-7-6.

Polec now led the king of clubs. If

West ducked the king, declarer would simply lead another club toward the queen to make the slam. In practice, West took the king with the ace and returned a low club, hoping his partner had the ten. But this hope did not materialize, and Polec won the last two tricks with the ten and queen of clubs.

It might seem that if West hadn't discarded his fourth heart earlier in the play, declarer would not have made the slam. But if West had discarded two clubs rather than a heart and a club, Polec would then have started the clubs before using his last trump and would still have gotten home safely.

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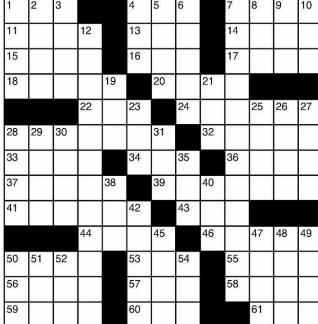
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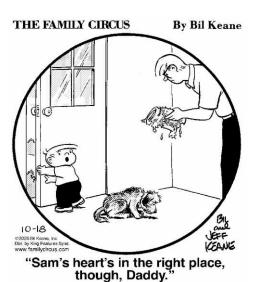
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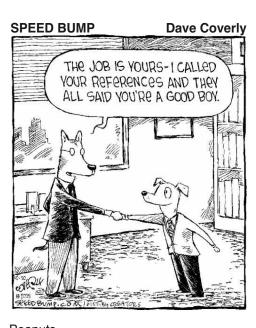
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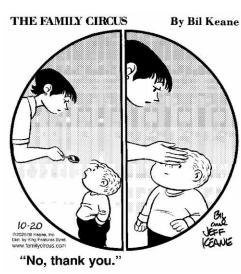


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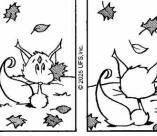






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> Kara Lowe Clerk-Treasurer City of Dunkirk Dated: October 15, 2025

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Leah Tinsman, Petitioner Date Clerk CR 10-18,25,11-1-2025- HSPAXLP

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION Notice is hereby given that George Octavious Lopez was, on the 14th day of October, 2025, appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Nancy Alene Jenny Lopez, deceased, who died

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HINKLE, RACSTER, SCHEMENAUR & LANDER 121 W. High Street Portland, IN 47371 Attorney Melissa Elliott Clerk of the Circuit Court, For Jay County, Indiana

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LIC HEARING

Public Notice

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Victory escapes **FRHS** at Anna

Rockets erase 14-point deficit to knock off the Indians

ANNA, Ohio — The opening play went 65 yards for an Indian touchdown.

They led by two scores at the end of the first quarter. The advantage lasted for more than 44 minutes, but the visitors could not hold

A chance for a second consecutive Midwest Athletic Conference road victory slipped away for the Division VII No. 8 Fort Recovery High School football team Friday night as the Division VI No. 4 Anna Rockets got the game-winning touchdown with just 3:04 remaining in the fourth quarter of a 28-24 victory.

After their third interception of the game, the Indians (5-4, 3-4 Midwest Athletic Conference) gave the ball back to Anna (6-3, 4-3 MAC) when Alex Gaerke tossed a pick that gave the home team the ball at the 16-yard line. Six plays later, Logan Ziegenbusch connected with Brody Murray on a 3-yard touchdown pass that gave the Rockets their first lead of the game.

Fort Recovery moved the ball 22 yards on its final possession before turning it over on downs, allowing Anna to go into victory for-

The Indians started strong when Reece Wendel took the first play of the game 65 yards for a touchdown. By the 3:33 mark of the first quarter, they were up 14-0 after a Breaker Jutte 2-yard rushing TD. FRHS took a 17-7 lead into the halftime break and was up 24-14 after a 26-yard Wendel TD run — he finished with 125 rushing yards — at the 7:10 mark of the third quarter.

But the Rockets, led by Logan Ziegenbusch's 140 yards passing, did the remainder of the scoring. Zebadiah Pleiman caught six passes for 103 yards.

The final three Tribe drives ended on a punt, an interception and turnover on downs.

Fort Recovery will close the regular season at home Friday against Division VII No. 5 Minster (5-4, 4-3

Box score

Jay County Patriots (3-6, 2-4 ACAC) (5-4, 2-4 ACAC)

First Quarter

Second Quarter JC — Leighton Brown 35 run (Jacoby Penrod kick), 11:51. H — Jaxton Litchfield 1 run (kick failed), 4:44.

> **Third Quarter** - Bryson Berg 30 run (Berg run), 9:41.

Fourth Quarter JC — Aiden Phillips 5 pass from Nick Laux (Laux run), 0:07.

Team Statistics

Rushes - yds	45-209	28-110
Comp-Att-Int	2-4-1	6-11-1
Passing yds	11	86
Total Plays	49	39
Total Offense	220	196
Punt ret - yds	0-0	0-0
Kickoff ret - yds	3-24	3-38
Sacks - yds lost	1-7	0-0
Punts - yds	3-72	4-143
Ints - yds	1-0	1-12
Fumbles - lost	2-0	4-1
Penalties - yds	2-15	0-0

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Heritage — Brady Boyle 24-123, Jaxton Litchfield 12-46, Bryson Berg 3-32, Jake Krauss 3-14, Ethan Weber 3-(-6). Jay County — Leighton Brown 11-80, Brady Jetmore 7-16, Nick Laux 7-6, Garrett Bennett 3-8.

Passing — Heritage — Ethan
Weber 2-4-1 11. Jay County —
Nick Laux 6-10-1 86, Leighton
Brown 0-1-0 0.

Receiving — Heritage — Max
Micros 2-8, Jay Leither Hax

Receiving — Heritage — Max Mirelez 1-8, Jaxton Litchfield 1-3. Jay County — Aiden Phillips 3-54, Grant Wendel 2-6, Leighton Brown



The Commercial Review/Ethan Oskrob

Aiden Phillips of the Jay County High School football team races downfield on a 37-yard reception in the fourth quarter of Friday's 15-14 win over Heritage. The catch set up a 5-yard touchdown throw from Nick Laux to Phillips on fourth-and-goal with 7.4 seconds left, and Laux ran in the 2-point conversion for the game-winning points.

For the win

Late TD, conversion lift Jay County

By ETHAN OSKROBA The Commercial Review

As Nick Laux took the field with less than seven minutes remaining in the fourth quarter, he had rushed and passed for a combined 3 yards.

One whirlwind drive later, he'd not only changed the complexion of his box score, but was directly responsible for the only stat that mattered — the victory.

Laux punctuated the Jay County High School football team's Senior Night celebration with a touchdown pass to classmate Aiden Phillips and a 2-point conversion run with seven seconds left on the clock to stun the visiting Heritage Patriots by a 15-14 score on Friday night.

"It means everything," Laux said. "These guys, we've worked for four years, just constantly trying to do something like this, and it feels amazing to finally do it ... we've never faltered as a team, and we just always stayed together, so it means everything.

come-from-behind win wouldn't have occurred without Laux's moxie. After Jay County (3-6, 2-4 Allen County Athletic Conference) scored with 7.4 seconds left to shave the Heritage (5-4, 2-4

ACAC) lead to one, coach Eddie Fields elected to go for two instead of trying the extra point to force overtime

Laux took the snap, faked a handoff to tailback Leighton Brown and bashed through the Heritage defense to seal the victo-

"I'm glad we went for two," Laux said. "We were all locked in. Nobody was overly crazy, we were just ready to go.

There was no doubt that Fields would put the ball in the hands of his senior signal-caller on the decisive play. The clutch conversion carried added significance after Laux endured two injury-riddled seasons before this year's up-anddown campaign.

'When the game's on the line, you just give it to the guy that you just know puts everything he has into it, and it's really special for him," Fields said. "He's had three years of just ready to make that play, and building up, and it's cool in the moment that he got it done."

Not only was Fields certain that Laux would be the centerpiece of the 2-point try, but the coach also never considered sending out kicker Jacoby Penrod for a game-tying extra point.

"One hundred percent, we knew rable one, as he had just one recepwe were going to go for two," Fields said. "I told the coaches the drive before, 'We're going for two. We're going to go down and score and go for two.' I just think you go out and I like to roll the dice in that situation ... we're playing to win the game, and I guess that's just my philosophy, there's not a lot of thought process that goes

into it." The 2-point try wouldn't have been possible if not for the 11-play, 87-yard touchdown drive that preceded it. Taking the field with 6:26 left in the contest, the home Patriots quickly marched to midfield via a short pass from Laux to Brown, who sprinted down the right sideline for a 26-yard gain.

A few plays later, Laux connected with Phillips, who reeled in the short feed over the middle and knifed through the Heritage defense for 37 yards before being taken down at the 4-yard line. After negative plays backed the home Patriots up to the 5, Laux again looked Phillips' way on fourth down, lofting a pass to his trusted target in the middle of the field for the pivotal score.

Phillips' pair of catches turned his lackluster day into a memotion for 12 yards prior to the final

'The whole team has confidence in me, and I love that," Phillips said. "Like, they knew they wanted to get me the ball in the situation. That's why I love them."

Prior to crunch time, Jay County had struggled to mount a consistent offense. The 87-yard drive accounted for 44% of the team's total yards.

One bright spot for the home Patriots early in the contest was Brown, who racked up 72 first-half rushing yards on just eight carries. His 35-yard touchdown gallop early in the second quarter got Jay County on the board first, and his rushing prowess made him a key decoy on both Phillips' touchdown

grab and Laux's conversion run. While Heritage countered with a pair of touchdowns on the ground, the visiting Patriots' success simply set the stage for Jay County's closing act that made for a jubilant Senior Night at Harold E. Schutz Memorial Stadium.

"I'm just overjoyed for that group of seniors," Fields said. "I mean, they've had a rough go this year. ... And they just kept working, and (they're) just great kids."

Wood 500 (NBC)

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3 p.m. — Fo Grand Prix (ABC)

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- NASCAR Cup Series: Yella

College volleyball: Florida at

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6 p.m. — College soccer: Penn State at Washington (BTN)

8 p.m. — College soccer: Michigar State at UCLA (BTN) 8:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Seattle Mariners at Toronto Blue Jays (FOX)

10 p.m. - NFL: Houston Texans at

7 p.m. — College football: Kennesaw

__ NFL: Tampa Bay Buccaneers

Ham United at Brentford (USA) 5:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Los Angeles Dodgers at Milwaukee Brewers (TBS)

at Detroit Lions (ABC)

Seattle Seahawks (ESPN)

3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: West

Sports on tap

Local schedule

TodayJay County — Cross country sectional at Taylor University – 10:30 a.m.; Volleyball act laylor diffusion = 10.30 a.m., volusional semifinal vs. Connersville at New Castle – 11 a.m. (championship – 6 p.m.);
JV football at Heritage – 10 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country district at Cedarville University – 10 a.m.; JV foot-

ball vs. Anna - 10 a.m.

Fort Recovery — Volleyball district semifinal vs. Northeastern at Newton

TV schedule

Today 12 a.m. — MotoGP: Australian Grand Nottingham Forest at Chelsea (USA)

Day (FS1)

 Premier League soccer: Brighton & Hove Albion at Newcastle Unit-

11:30 a.m. - NASCAR Xfinity Series:

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ing (NBC) 4 p.m. — College football: Texas Tech at Arizona State (FOX); Memphis at UAB

6:30 p.m. — College football: Oregon at Rutgers (BTN)

 College football: Texas at Kentucky (ESPN); Maryland at UCLA 7 p.m. — NHL: Dallas Stars at St.

Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana) 7:30 p.m. — College football: Tennessee at Alabama (ABC); USC at Notre Dame (NBC)

 College football: Utah at 8 p.m. -BYU (FOX); Cincinnati at Oklahoma State

8:08 p.m. — MLB Playoffs: Milwaukee Brewers at Los Angeles Dodgers (TBS) 9:45 p.m. — College football: Nevada at New Mexico (FS1)

10 p.m. — USL Championship soccer Monterey Bay at Pittsburgh Riverhounds

10:30 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Stanford (ESPN)

9 a.m. - Premier League soccer: Tottenham Hotspur at Aston Villa (USA) 11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer Liverpool FC at Manchester United (USA)

12 p.m. — College volleyball: Ohio

State at Indiana (BTN)

1 p.m. — NFL: New Orleans Saints at Chicago Bears (FOX)

2 p.m. — College volleyball: USC at Wisconsin (BTN)

at the Races (FS1)

1 p.m. — College volleyball: Pitt at Louisville (ESPN) 1 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day

10 p.m. — NHL: Colorado Avalanche at

Boston Bruins (ESPN)

State at Florida International (ESPN2) 7:30 p.m. — NBA: Houston Rockets at Oklahoma City Thunder (NBC) NHL: Florida Panthers at

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10 p.m. — NBA: Golden State Warriors

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