

The Commercial Review

Long files suit against city

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A second tort claim against the city has now been filed as a lawsuit.

And a supplemental tort claim has been issued to the city, its clerk-treasurer and three council members.

Former Portland Police Officer Patrick Long filed a lawsuit Wednesday in Jay Superior Court against the City of Portland, its police department, Police Chief Dustin Mock and investigator Jeff Hopkins.

Also this week, Mock and Hopkins issued a supplemental tort claim to the city, clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips and her office, and council members Mike Aker, Ron May and Dave Golden following their original claim in September.

The lawsuit and supplemental

Former police officer alleges coercion, harassment; chief, investigator issue supplement to initial tort claim

claim are the latest activity in a series of ongoing disputes between city employees and elected officials. There are currently six active tort claims against the city — all but one of them also name at least one elected official or employee — and two others filed in 2024 have since been resolved.

Second suit filed

In court documents filed Wednesday, Long seeks judgments on counts of constructive

termination (an employer purposefully makes working conditions so intolerable that an employee has no option but to resign), intentional infliction of emotional distress, tortious interference (interfering with a business relationship), defamation and a wage claim (failure to pay wages).

As he had previously laid out in a tort claim filed in January and supplemental documentation that followed, Long alleges that he was:

- Coerced regarding an Indiana State Police investigation and threatened with retaliation
- Encouraged to misrepresent facts about his return to work following a knee surgery.
- Sent harassing notes via text and his work mailbox.
- Scheduled to work the night shift despite having seniority.
- Subjected to unfounded accusations and defamatory comments.
- The victim of a campaign to sabotage his job application

with Winchester Police Department.

•Repeatedly threatened with and subjected to unwarranted disciplinary action.

Long also says Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake acknowledged on multiple occasions that other officers were trying to drive him away from the department and that there is a culture of “going after other officers” within the department.

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Mount Jaxson

Jaxson Cook, 7, Portland, colors in a paper volcano Thursday during Jay County Public Library's “Jump into Jurassic” interactive dinosaur experience. The library offered themed activities for children, including digging for fossils and exploring caves, prehistoric cave drawings and other crafts.

County pushed on TIF process

Special meeting scheduled for Wednesday

By BAILEY CLINE
The Commercial Review

Skycrest Solar Farm may begin construction soon.

In order to keep the solar farm encompassed in new tax increment financing districts, Jay County officials have been encouraged to move quickly on legislation.

Jay County Redevelopment Commission discussed a resolution and economic development plan Thursday that would lay the groundwork for three new TIF districts.

Redevelopment commission members asked consultant Ed Curtin of CWC Latitudes to amend the economic development plan to allow TIF district dollars to go toward educational purposes. They also scheduled a special meeting for 5 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 12, to vote on the resolution and amended plan.

Invenergy, the company planning Skycrest Solar on 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson townships, has submitted a request to Jay County Plan Commission for partial construction approval.

County attorney Wes Schemenaur mentioned the request Thursday to the redevelopment commission. Business law firm Barnes & Thornburg suggested the county should enact the TIF districts by Jan. 1 in order to maximize tax dollars captured from Skycrest Solar.

The redevelopment commission has been looking into creating new TIF districts for months. Hopes are to encompass the four locations planned for commercial solar energy farms, capturing anywhere from \$630,000 to just over \$3 million annually in TIF dollars.

See **TIF** page 2

Street sweeper purchase approved

Board OKs new equipment, change order, full-time firefighter

By RAY COONEY
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The city will get a new street sweeper.

A change to the scope of upgrades at the wastewater treatment plant led to a cost increase.

And a police officer will be moving to the fire department.

Portland Board of Works approved the purchase of the street sweeper, the changes to the project and the hiring of Luke Darby as a full-time firefighter at its meeting Thursday.

Street and parks department superintendent Matt Shauver presented the proposal to purchase a new street sweeper, noting that the city currently uses a 2013 model. He said it results in a lot of dust and that maintenance costs have been high over the last couple of years.

He shared two quotes, with Hoosier Equipment coming in at a lower overall cost of \$212,193.30 after a \$40,000 trade-in. (Best

Equipment had a lower base cost but also a lower trade-in for a total cost of \$221,146.)

Shauver also noted that the delivery time is faster — about two weeks — from Hoosier Equipment.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Mayor Jeff Westlake unanimously approved the purchase from Hoosier Equipment. They also approved a payment agreement through which the city's wastewater department will pay for the new street sweeper and the street and parks department will reimburse half of the cost over a four-year period.

Also Thursday, clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips explained to the board that Jutte Excavating, which is constructing an equalization basin at the city's wastewater treatment plant, recommended a change from the original specifications for the project.

The company suggested using



Photo provided

Portland Board of Works approved the purchase of a new street sweeper (pictured) Wednesday for the city's street and parks department. It will replace the city's current 2013 model.

concrete instead of aggregate, and engineering firm Jones & Henry approved. The change brought an overall cost increase of \$106,950.

The board approved the changes, as well as pay requests of \$1.29 million from Jutte and \$974,913 from James S. Jackson Company, which is constructing a wet weather

pump station. In both cases, 10% of the total is being held back as retainage.

Board members also approved the hiring of Luke Darby as a full-time firefighter, but only after some discussion about the hiring process.

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Deaths

Luetta Bowen, 97, Portland
Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 62 degrees Friday. The low was 38.
Skies will be partly cloudy today with a high in the mid 50s. Rain is expected tonight with a low in the mid 30s and winds gusting to 20 mph. Rain and snow showers are likely Sunday. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Events this weekend include the Delt's Holiday Crafts and Gifts Show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at Jay County Junior-Senior High School, 2072 Indiana 67, Portland, and Museum of the Soldier's 250th Marine Corps birthday celebration at 2 p.m. Sunday at the museum, 510 E. Arch St., Portland.

Coming up

Tuesday — Details from Monday's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

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

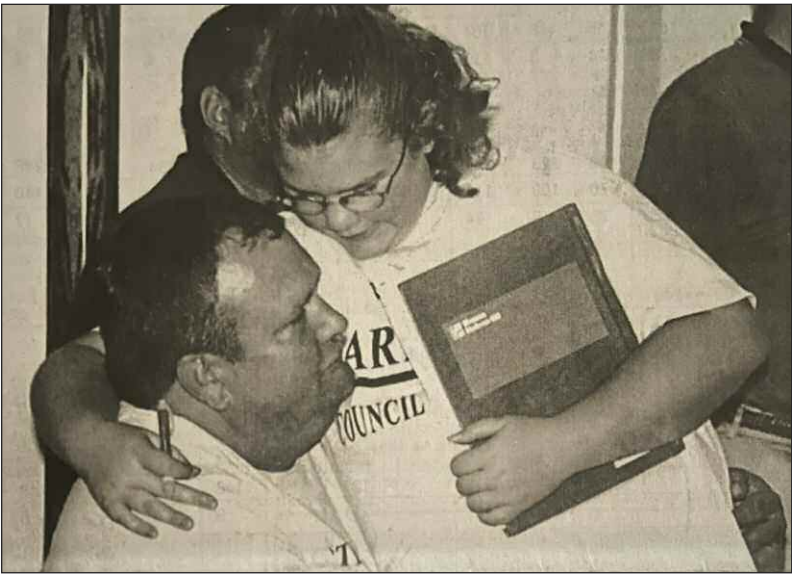
Thursday — Results from the JCHS girls basketball opener against South Side.

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Local

Retrospect

Incumbents celebrated wins



The Commercial Review/Jennifer Dattoli

Jay County Democrats celebrated after final election results came in late on Nov. 7, 2000. Pictured, Amanda Barnett congratulates her dad Mark for taking second in a six-way race for three seats on Jay County Council.

CR almanac

Sunday 11/9	Monday 11/10	Tuesday 11/11	Wednesday 11/12	Thursday 11/13
 40/25 There's an 80% chance of rain on Sunday when the low may hit 25 degrees.	 34/24 There's a 50% chance of showers on Monday when the high may hit 34.	 40/36 Cloudy skies on Tuesday, when the high may reach around 40 degrees.	 55/33 Mostly sunny skies on Wednesday when the high will be around 55.	 51/32 Thursday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with the high around 51 degrees.

Lotteries

Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 6-0-5 Daily Four: 7-4-8-2 Quick Draw: 4-5-7-8-9-11-14-15-21-22-30-36-39-44-52-68-70-72-74-76	Pick 4: 7-5-6-3 Pick 5: 5-0-6-3-5
Ohio Midday Pick 3: 0-2-6	Powerball Estimated jackpot: \$467 million
	Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$843 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....4.39 Dec. corn4.45	Wheat4.83
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....4.37 Nov./Dec. corn4.45 Jan. corn4.47	ADM Montpelier Corn.....4.22 Dec. corn4.27 Beans10.97 Dec. beans10.99 Wheat4.83
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Today in history

In 2003, Portland native Jack Imel was the featured speaker at the 50th anniversary celebration of the Jay County Boys Club (now Jay Community Center). Imel was a long-time featured performer on the Lawrence Welk Show.

In 2013, Super Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines, resulting in more than 6,000 deaths and leaving more than 4.1 million displaced from their homes. Damage was estimated at \$5.8 billion.

In 2021, Jay County Commissioners allocat-

ed \$400,000 in economic development funds from Scout Clean Energy's Bitter Ridge Wind Farm to local municipalities, including \$100,000 each for Portland and Dunkirk and \$50,000 each for Redkey, Pennville, Salamonias and Bryant.

In 2022, Ron Laux won his fourth term on Jay School board, defeating fellow board member Chris Snow with 52.8% of the vote. For Jay County Council, Randy May denied Ted Champ a fourth term in office.

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Citizen's calendar

Monday 9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 9:45 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners executive session, auditorium, 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 of Trustees, community room, library, 315 N. Ship St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Country Living Advisory Board, living facility,	1194 E. 200 North, Portland. 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, city building, 131 S. Main St. Tuesday 6 p.m. — Ridgeville Town Council, fire station, 302 N. Walnut St. Wednesday 5 p.m. — Jay County Redevelopment Commission special session, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland. 6 p.m. — Jay County Council, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.
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Twenty-five years ago this week, incumbents were celebrating victories.

The Nov. 8, 2000, edition of The Commercial Review featured election results including wins for incumbents — Democrat Jay County Commissioner Gary Theurer Republican county clerk Jane Ann Runyon and Democrat state representative Ron Liggett of Redkey.

Other election results included Marilyn Coleman, Mark Barnett and Andy Schemenaur earning seats on Jay County Council.

Runyon won one of the closest races of the day, holding off Democrat Ken Wellman 4,125-3,843.

“I’m really looking forward to another term in the clerk’s

office,” said Runyon, who had stepped into the role after Coleman resigned to take a new job. “I really appreciate all the support from all the voters.”

She congratulated Wellman on a well-run race, and he also had kind words after his defeat.

“The Runyon name is synonymous with local government,” Wellman said. “She’ll obviously do a good job.”

Theurer posted a strong victory to earn another term as commissioner, picking up 59% of the vote as he topped GOP challenger John Wagner 4,546-3,176 for the south district seat.

“I was a little nervous about how people felt about the job I was doing (as commissioner),” Theurer said.

“I’d like to thank the voters

for their confidence and support,” he added. “I want to justify the trust they’ve put in me.”

Coleman easily took the top spot among six candidates seeking three at-large seats on the county council. She had 4,330 votes, well ahead of the 3,849 for Barnett and 3,790 for Schemenaur. Republican Tom Lightle was a close fourth with 3,642, followed by Democrat Randy Mann at 3,522 and Republican Steve Erwin at 2,637.

Republicans elected without opposition were Brian Hutchison as Jay Circuit Court judge, Mike Leonhard as county commissioner (north district), Robin Alberson as treasurer, Brad Myers as coroner and Brad Daniels as surveyor.

Obituaries

Luetta Bowen

May 30, 1928-Oct. 30, 2025

After 97 years of brightening the world, Luetta June (Smith) Bowen died Oct. 30, 2025, from complications of a fall four weeks earlier.

Much of her life was centered on children, both her own six and the hundreds of others that she taught. She loved young children and loved teaching them to read and write. She remembered every student and followed their lives, including sending each a card when they graduated from high school (if she knew the address). She was proud of all their accomplishments.

Her career began in 1950 in the basement of the old Carnegie Library in Portland teaching kindergarten after she graduated from Ball State Teachers College with an elementary education degree. She next taught kindergarten part-time at Pennville for five years while working on her master’s degree, which she completed at Ball State in 1964. Finally, she taught first grade at General Shanks Elementary School for 29 years, starting her tenure in 1964, the same year the “new” school opened.

After her teaching days concluded in 1993, she brushed off her sales-clerk skills to work at Bearcreek Farms for eight years simply because she loved being around people and wasn’t ready to sit down. She learned those sales skills when she clerked at the Boston Store every weekend during her college years.

Born May 30, 1928, at home in Madison Township, she was a lifelong resident of Jay County and a 1946 graduate of Portland High School. She was surprised and honored to receive the DAR Outstanding Citizenship Award her senior year. In addition, she was the secretary-treasurer of her senior class, a responsibility that she took seriously, for she communicated with her classmates and coordinated that class’s reunions for the next 70 years.

As the school fight song goes, “We’re loyal to you, Portland High,” and she was. She remarked earlier this year that attending Portland High School was the best thing that ever happened to her because she received a scholarship to Ball State that prepared her for a professional career and she met her future husband, Roger, who was vice president of the senior class. She attended all but two Portland High School alumni banquets between 1946 and 2025, primarily so she could see all the people — especially her former students — that she knew.

From her earliest years growing up on farms in Madison and Pike

townships with her parents Harold and Grace Smith and sisters Ruth Evelyn and Thelma Mae, Luetta always had her hands in the earth, planting a large vegetable garden and flowers each year. She shared the beauty of her bounty by taking gladiolas to the local hotels to be placed on their front desks for many years. No one ever asked her to do this; she simply thought flowers were a welcoming touch for out-of-towners.

She loved to bake, especially cookies, and kept an assortment in the freezer to share with workers or others who came to the house. Her family enjoyed them too! She was known for her homemade noodles and delectable pie crusts. Both were staples of holiday meals, which she hosted for the extended family for the past 35 years.

Luetta was always active in the community, often serving as secretary-treasurer of an organization, notably the Jay County Retired Teachers Association and the Stitch and Chatter Quilt Club. The Cincinnati League honored her in 2015 by naming her to its Hall of Fame for a Lifetime of Service.

After retiring from teaching, she began quilting, meticulously completing 16 full-size, hand-stitched quilts to leave as a legacy for her family because she had admired the quilts created by her grandmother Smith. (Luetta was named after her two grandmothers, Harriet Louisa Smith and Etta Sheffer, by the way.) A large painted quilt adorns the barn at the “Bowen’derosa” to mark it as part of an area quilt trail.

She loved portraying “Miss Abigail” in the pioneer schoolroom at the Jay County Historical Society’s annual Heritage Festival for many years. She also enjoyed helping to prepare for mailing the organization’s monthly newsletter until she stopped driving at age 94.

Joining the Gamma Alpha chapter of Psi Iota Xi philanthropic sorority in 1951, she attended almost every meeting for decades, possibly just to get a Monday evening away from her family’s demands.

Luetta was a woman of deep faith. Only illness made her miss Sunday services at Center EUB Church (which she began attending after her 1950 marriage) and then returning to Asbury United Methodist Church (the church where she was married June 25, 1950) after Center closed in 2017. She helped with Vacation Bible School for many years and taught a children’s Sunday School class in addition to serving as song leader and lay leader for years at Center.

Not only was she mother to her own children, but she and Roger hosted three exchange students for various periods of time. Hiroshi Oguro of Paraguay continued a close connection to the family. They

traveled with B&S Excursions on many bus trips across the country after they retired. They made new friends as they saw the beautiful United States.

Survivors include five of her six children, Pamela (Jack) Burks, Kathy Stolz, Douglas (Jacquie) Bowen, Mark Bowen and Todd Bowen. She was “Grandma Junie” to her six grandchildren — Regina (Ray) Evans, Elizabeth (James Swartout) Stolz, Thomas Bowen, Laura Bowen, Ryley (Loran) Bowen and Jadyn Bowen — and to her three great-grandchildren — Leo Evans, Zachary Evans and Phoebe Bowen.

Her “second family” of Jenny, Casey and Piper Wagner was instrumental in providing her with a better quality of life during the past three years. While other friends and neighbors helped by transporting Luetta to appointments, Jenny was especially important in allowing her to live independently on the farm while enhancing her social life at the same time.

She was predeceased by her husband Roger Bowen, who died in 2020 after 70 years of marriage; her son Jeffrey, who died in 2022; her son-in-law Lionel Smith, who died in 2020; and her granddaughter Abigail Bowen, who died in 1997.

Luetta requested that services be a celebration of a long life well-lived. She herself requested that attendees wear the bright colors that she loved (“nothing drab”), and her children additionally request that everyone wear colorful, crazy socks as Luetta had done in her later years. She also would like everyone to know that she never colored her hair. It was still naturally dark at age 97.

Visitation is set for Friday, Nov. 21, from 2 to 7 p.m. at Williamson-Spencer & Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland. The funeral service will be Saturday, Nov. 22, at 11 a.m. in the sanctuary of Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland. A one-hour visitation at the church will precede the funeral. Burial will be in Salamonias Cemetery immediately after the service.

Helping others get a start toward a teaching career was extremely important to her because the scholarship she received in 1946 changed the trajectory of her life. Although Luetta loved flowers, she requested that all memorials go to the Luetta Bowen Scholarship, c/o The Portland Foundation, 107 S. Meridian St., Portland, IN 47371.

The Commercial Review publishes death notices for those with a connection to our coverage area free of charge. They include the name, city of residence, birth/death date and time/date/location of services.

There is a charge for obituaries, which are accepted only from funeral homes or mortuary services.

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Darby currently works as a police officer and part-time firefighter.

McIntosh raised the issue, saying he’d prefer that the board of works have the opportunity to interview job candidates before making a decision. He expressed concern that board members are only presented with a name and resume but that they are ultimately responsible.

Westlake agreed, saying he would at least like to see multiple candidates and that he was frustrated that he was not involved in the process.

Fire Chief Mike Weitzel apologized, noting that the

previous two mayors had not made such requests and that he was following what had been standard operating procedure. He said he would make the adjustment moving forward.

Phillips suggested establishing a policy. The board took no action to do so.

Weitzel also said he has talked with Police Chief Dustin Mock, saying they would work together on setting Darby’s start date with the fire department in an effort to minimize stress on the police department.

The board also approved the following: water bill adjustments of \$32.64 for 234 E. Walnut St. and

\$172.38 for 326 E. Seventh St. because of leaks; a settlement agreement with Blaine Pike resident Ralph St. Myers regarding his complaints about trucks utilizing an adjacent right-of-way to reach the city’s wastewater treatment plant; a sewer tap for Around the World Candy Shop at 212 W. Votaw St.; and contracts with IWM Consulting Group of Fort Wayne for a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment and a proposal for a soil gas and asbestos assessment on T.J.’s Bicycle, Moped Sales and Service at 311 N. Meridian St. at costs of \$2,200 and \$6,853, respectively.

SERVICES

Today
Chittum-Lucas, June: 1 p.m., Redkey First Christian Church, 4 S. Union St., Redkey.

Saturday, Nov. 22
Bowen, Luetta: 11 a.m., Asbury United Methodist Church, 204 E. Arch St., Portland.

Saturday, Nov. 29
Moore, Stephen: 2 p.m., Redkey Church of the Nazarene, 801 W. High St., Redkey.

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Seasonal disorder impacts more than mood

Mayo Clinic News Network
Tribune News Service

DEAR MAYO CLINIC: I love the fall, but I dread the shorter days and how I feel. I've read about seasonal affective disorder, but could you please tell me more about it?

ANSWER: Seasonal affective disorder, or SAD, is a type of depression that's related to the changes in seasons. Symptoms typically appear in the fall, worsen through the winter months and eventually go away in the spring or summer. The answers to these questions should help you better understand SAD and determine if you should seek care.

What are the possible causes of SAD?

While the exact cause is unknown, it may be linked to reduced sunlight, which reacts with the natural chemicals in your body, like serotonin and melatonin, that determine mood and energy levels and regulate sleep.

SAD isn't just a case of the winter blues, a condition that is milder and more common. SAD symptoms can make it difficult to function at home, work and in social settings.

Who is most at risk for experiencing symptoms of SAD?

People who live in the northern half of the U.S., where daylight hours are shorter and

there's less sunlight, are at more risk. It's estimated that about 20% of people in this region could have symptoms of SAD. It's believed that SAD runs in families, and it's more common in women.

What are the symptoms of SAD?

Symptoms of seasonal affective disorder to watch for include:

- Difficulty concentrating
- Feeling persistently tired and fatigued, including feeling a loss of energy nearly every day of the affected months
- Feelings of worthlessness
- Losing interest in things you would typically enjoy, such as hobbies and social activities
- Persistently feeling down or sad
- Sleep disturbances, which could include hypersomnia (sleeping too much) or insomnia (difficulty falling asleep)
- Thoughts of suicide
- Weight changes, including weight gain or weight loss

What are the treatments for SAD?

Light therapy

Bright light therapy is considered an effective treatment for SAD. Research suggests that around half of people who use a bright light therapy box have good results in reducing symptoms.

It's essential to meet with a health care professional familiar with light therapy to determine the type of device needed to be effective, how to correctly set it up and the length of time required in front of a light box. They'll also help you if your skin or eyes are sensitive to light due to a medical condition or medication.

Generally, the light box should provide an exposure of 10,000 lux of light and emit as little UV light as possible. The typical recommendation is to use the light box within the first hour of waking up in the morning for 20-30 minutes. Light boxes emit either white or blue light, but the color doesn't make a difference.

Medications

Your health care professional may prescribe an antidepressant.

Physical activity

Research has shown that exercising for 20 minutes at least three days a week is similar to taking antidepressants. Being active can help with serotonin production and boost your mood. Exercising outdoors during daylight hours increases its effectiveness.

Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT)

CBT helps people learn how to manage their symptoms of depression or reduce their severity. Talk with your health care professional about CBT and how to find someone skilled in it for depression or anxiety.

What can I start doing before the onset of symptoms?

If you have SAD, there are preventive measures that you can put in place, including:

Be physically active. Exercise helps relieve stress and anxiety. It's essential to stay active during winter, even if you're tempted to "hibernate."

Get outside. Spend 15 to 20 minutes outside when the sun is out. If the weather allows, take a walk outside when the sun is at its peak. Sunlight helps adjust your body's internal clock.

Make your environment bright. Open the window blinds and allow sunlight into your home. Sit near a window while at home or work.

Prioritize sleep. Go to bed and wake at the same time every day, with the goal of getting seven to nine hours of restful sleep. Excessive napping and oversleeping beyond your typical schedule can disrupt your circadian rhythm.

Stay connected to friends and family. SAD can lead to staying home and isolating. Engaging with friends, staying in a routine, and getting active at home and outside of the home are essential.

Take care of your body and mind. Eat regular, healthy meals. Avoid drugs and alcohol, which can make depression worse. Manage stress with practices like deep breathing, mindfulness and meditation.

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If you have a history of SAD, talk with your health care team about a plan to better manage your mood during the winter months.

Behavior has turned family against her

DEAR ABBY: My niece-in-law, "Justine," is a few years younger than my husband and I. We have been best friends for the last 25 years. She's 55 and divorced, with a grown daughter but no man in her life. She's extremely lonely and has only us as emotional support.

During the last year, she has had to move her 78-year-old mother (with whom she has a tumultuous relationship) in with her. Justine's daughter has distanced herself from her mother because Justine has erratic moods. Recently, she sent me a four-page letter saying how angry she was with me and my family about things that never happened. She invented transgressions, insulted my grown children and targeted my daughter-in-law. My son is furious.

My husband, who loves Justine and feels like an older brother, says he wants to repair our family. I love my husband, but my first allegiance is to my kids, and I'm surprised and hurt that he isn't furious with her for attacking me with untruths. He says we have to find a way to get past this. (She didn't include him in her letter.) I'm trying to be prepared for upcoming family gatherings. What can be done to repair this? — LOOKING FOR A WAY IN THE SOUTH

Dear Abby



everybody — from hospitals, doctors' offices, family members and her boyfriend's family. When I realized that she had stolen money from me as well, it was the last straw. I confronted her, and her response was I am now "dead to her." We haven't spoken in several months.

Her boyfriend died last week, and she hasn't told me. (I found out on social media.) Should I reach out to her about funeral arrangements or contact his family instead? His family never really talked to any of us. They didn't like her because they thought she was only there for his money. — OUT OF THE LOOP IN ARIZONA

DEAR OUT: Unless you feel the need to attempt to make up with your troubled sister, do not reach out. However, if you want to do something for the boyfriend's family, send them a nice condolence card expressing your sympathy.

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

Community Calendar

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

Today

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE – BRI-
ANNA'S HOPE — A faith-

MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland.

based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAKFAST OPTIMISTS — Will meet at 7 a.m. for breakfast at Richards Restaurant.

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

JAY COUNTY DRUG PREVENTION COALITION — Will meet at noon the second Monday of each month at Jay County Campus of Arts Place, 131 E Walnut St, Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

EUCHRE — Will be played starting at 1 p.m. 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. 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.

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.

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

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Level: Beginner

Saturday's Solution

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Honor all those who have served

By NATE LAMAR

We are a nation of immigrants, many of whom serve. Unless you are 100% Native American, you are of immigrant heritage. Immigrants helped to build our nation.

Today, many immigrants, whether in the country illegally, or even legally, often face discrimination at the hands of some who are quick to forget their own immigrant heritage. For many immigrants, military service became their fast-track ticket to U.S. citizenship.

Baltimore native Tony Sebo is a friend and classmate from West Point, where he double-majored in German and Russian. He is also a fellow graduate of the Defense Language Institute, where he became a certified Russian linguist. He also graduated from Command

& General Staff College and the U.S. Army War College.

He made the Army his career, serving 30 years on active duty. This included assignments as Deputy Army Attaché at our embassy in Berlin, Army Attaché at our embassy in Kyiv, Ukraine, Defense Attaché at our embassy in Yerevan, Armenia, and Division Chief of the U.S. European Command (USEUCOM) J5/8 Directorate for Policy and Strategy in Stuttgart, Germany. Having retired as a Colonel, Tony is now Program Intelligence Services



Nate LaMar

lead for defense contractor, Leidos.

But Tony's story goes back further. His father, Victor, immigrated to the USA following his harrowing service in World War II. Indeed, the elder Mr. Sebo served in five different armies.

Born in Cleveland to immigrant parents, the family returned to Czechoslovakia, due to the Great Depression, when Victor was 3 years old. At the age of 11, his parents apprenticed him to the Army of Czechoslovakia, where he played the French horn in one of its army's bands.

Following the Nazi occupation and dissolution of Czechoslovakia in 1939, he became a member of an army band of Slovakia, which by that time had become a puppet state of Nazi Germany. During the Slovak National Uprising against the Nazis in 1944, he and his bandmates were

captured by Nazis and were set to be executed.

When they said they were only bandmen, the Germans asked where their instruments were. They said they had buried them in the woods, and the Germans said, "then go show us." When they did, the Germans replied, "Well OK, we won't shoot you, but from now on they would be members of a German army band."

As the Germans retreated, Victor and his bandmates were able to get away and contact the advancing Soviet Army, who put them in one of their bands. When the war ended, he had just turned 18 and went back to the band in the re-established Czechoslovak Army.

The Communists took over Czechoslovakia in 1948 and expelled the American-born elder Mr. Sebo in 1951. He then immigrated to the USA.

Drafted for the Korean War, the war ended before Victor was due to ship out, so he was assigned to the 4th Armored Division Band! After his draftee time, his band days were over, but Victor went into the Army Reserves and then the Maryland Army National Guard, where he retired as a Command Sergeant Major.

When asked how many years he served in the Army, Victor was fond of replying, "Which one?"

On this Veterans Day, let's honor all who have served, to include our immigrants who have served. After all, we are an immigrant nation.

LaMar, an international director, serves as Military Academy Liaison Officer (West Point recruiter) for east central Indiana, and served as Henry County Council president from 2009 to '19.

The VA is facing multiple threats

By STEVE EARLY and SUZANNE GORDON

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Tribune News Service

When veterans and their families gather at commemorative events on Nov. 11, many who use the benefits and services of the Department of Veterans Affairs will be wondering whether they can still rely on that federal agency.

Among those worried about the agency's future — and their own — are the 100,000 former service members who comprise one-third of the workforce in the largest public health care system in the country.

These veterans work at nearly 1,400 VA-run hospitals and clinics nationwide. Every day, they help the 9 million men and women who have service-related medical conditions or qualify for VA coverage because of financial need or recent deployment in combat zones.

The fact that so many VA caregivers have first-hand experience with the military and the resulting wounds of war creates a culture of solidarity and empathy between patients and providers that is unique in U.S. health care.

Since January, political appointees in Washington have canceled the contracts of VA researchers developing new treatments that can save veterans' lives (and benefit millions of non-VA patients). VA Secretary Doug Collins has reduced the agency's in-house clinical care budget and pledged to cut 30,000 positions this year.

More patients are now being referred to private sector treatment — which is often costlier, of lower quality and not as accessible, particularly in rural states. And, in a move still being challenged in court, Collins

has deprived 300,000 workers of their collective bargaining rights.

In 2022, VA doctors, nurses, therapists and thousands of support staff members used their collective voice to block VA facility closings sought by the Biden administration. VA nurses have campaigned for better nurse-patient staffing ratios to improve patient safety and for the use of lift equipment that protects both patients and their bedside helpers.

Union members at the VA have also blown the whistle on waste, fraud and abuse involving unnecessary outsourcing of VA services, which costs U.S.

Guest Opinion

taxpayers billions of dollars each year. Recently, 170 current and retired VA clinicians recently signed an open letter warning that, if this privatization trend continues, it will "undermine direct care delivery, overwhelm (the) VA's budget and negatively affect the lives of all veterans."

The letter reminded Congress, the White House and VA Secretary Doug Collins that the VA has a long history of "continuous improvement and innovation," which has made it a "respected model for integrated, patient-centered medicine" as well as "the system that the vast majority of veterans trust and prefer for their care."

VA patients and their families have been showing up at local and national protests against privatization. They are joined by veterans' groups that range from progressive to conservative and differ on many issues but all agree on one thing: saving the VA.

Women veterans — now the fastest-growing part of the U.S. veteran population — are very active in this fight, according to Kyleanne Hunter, the former Cobra attack helicopter pilot who now heads Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America.

"Women veterans need a strong and highly functioning VA because we have unique needs, not only when compared to those of male veterans but also to women who are civilian patients," Hunter told us in an interview.

"Anyone who takes care of women vets needs to understand the jobs women had in the military and the injuries and exposures we may have sustained and how that impacts our health."

A healthy nation depends on a healthy VA; this Veterans Day, let's recommit to keeping it that way.

Early and Gordon are co-authors of "Our Veterans: Winners, Losers, Friends and Enemies on the New Terrain of Veterans Affairs" from Duke University Press. Gordon is also co-founder of the Bay Area-based Veterans Healthcare Policy Institute.



Politicians should listen more

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

Indiana Sen. Greg Goode, R-Terre Haute, made national news the other day by doing something that once was commonplace but now is rare.

He held a town hall to discuss the upcoming special session of the Indiana General Assembly in which the leaders of Goode's party will try to further gerrymander this state. The goal is to try to help President Donald Trump avoid any oversight of his actions by the U.S. House of Representatives.

That goal seems more important to many Republicans than, say, governing or keeping their constituents from becoming disaffected from their own government.

Goode, so far, is the only Indiana Republican to meet with constituents upset about Trump's redistricting power grab.

That's to his credit. Town halls were once as common as fast-food restaurants. Almost every politician held them.

They were easy ways to build visibility and burnish one's relationship with the voters. All the elected official needed to do was secure a place large enough to hold a crowd and make sure there was a decent sound system available.

Most of the questions were common ones and easy to anticipate. This was especially true if the politicians had competent staff who managed to seed the room with plants who lobbed the star of the show softballs every now and then.

That was then.

This is now.

Town halls have become increasingly ugly affairs. People who disagree with the speaker often show up with no other goal in mind than attempting to goad the politician into saying something stupid or mean-spirited.

Or often something that can be

John Krull



taken out of context to seem stupid or ill-advised.

Republicans and conservatives — who now control every branch of government at both the national and, here in Indiana, state levels — like to blame progressives and other outside agitators.

The truth, though, is that those on the right are far too modest about their own contributions to this dissolution of public discourse. I remember covering community gatherings 30 years ago when right-wing agitators routinely showed up to shout and otherwise disrupt the proceedings when Democrats and even centrists tried to meet with constituents.

I understand why so many elected officials, particularly Republicans, want to avoid town halls these days. It cannot be a whole lot of fun to be the bear in the political equivalent of a bear-baiting exercise.

What's more, given that skilled political activists from each end of the ideological spectrum have done their best to turn such events into a kind of political performance art, they probably also feel like a colossal waste of time.

But the reality is that Americans and Hoosiers who occupy every point on the ideological and political spectrum now say they feel disconnected and disaffected from the state and federal governments that are supposed to govern in their names.

What I hear from both Republicans and Democrats who are not active, engaged members of the political process is that their disengagement occurred because they felt no one in

power cared what they said or thought. They have lost faith in the very institutions that were supposed to empower them.

That's not sustainable. That's why — respectfully — I would suggest to this state's and country's elected officials that they try a different model for town halls, one that builds on what Goode did and would discourage those who only want to disrupt the conversation from participating.

The elected official, Republican or Democrat, would say before gathering that he or she won't be commenting beyond a simple welcome at the beginning of the proceedings and a farewell at the end.

The purpose of the event would be for the politician to hear what people care about — and not for the politician to try to argue or defend a particular position.

There is value in an exercise such as this.

Our lawmakers — state or federal, House or Senate — are supposed to represent their constituents. This presumes that legislators will attempt to discern the will of the people.

The lawmakers are not required to subordinate their own consciences to those of their constituents, but they should realize that defying the voters' will can produce consequences not conducive to reelection.

The measure of that should be in the voting record.

Not a shouting match at a town hall.

One way out of the mess we're in involves an old remedy.

Let's devote more time to listening. And less time to shouting.

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TIF ...

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TIF districts capture additional property tax revenue created by property improvements and set it aside to fund initiatives within the district, with the redevelopment commission overseeing those dollars.
Solar farms on the horizon are Skycrest Solar in northwest Jay County, Sun Chief Solar northeast of Redkey, Rose Gold Solar north of Dunkirk and New Jay Solar east of Dunkirk. (Rose Gold Solar and New Jay Solar would be bundled into the same TIF district.)

According to the economic development plan, the four projects represent \$473 million in new private investment in rural Jay County. Eligible uses for TIF dollars per the plan could include projects for transportation enhancement and utility infrastructure, a proposed broadband project with Mainstream Fiber Networks, Jay County Highway Department garage improvements, Jay County Solid Waste Management District's new building, a new public safety building or the 68-acre infrastructure project on the western edge of Portland. Redevelopment commission members Carl Walker and Harold Towell voiced concern about receiving copies of the resolution and plan shortly before the meeting, say-



Invenergy

Renewable energy firm Invenergy has submitted a request to Jay County Plan Commission for partial construction approval for Skycrest Solar on 2,500 acres in Penn and Jackson townships. Pictured above is the company's Yellow Wood Solar facility in Clinton County, Ohio.

ing they would like more time to review the legislation. Towell — he also serves as a Jay County Council member — suggested tabling it until redevelopment commission's meeting in December, with redevelopment commission member and Jay County Commissioner Doug Horn pointing out if they wait until then, the legislation likely won't be enacted by Jan. 1.
The redevelopment commission then agreed to table the legislation

and host the special session next week.
If approved, legislation will then be presented at Jay County Plan Commission's meeting Thursday, Nov. 13, and Jay County Commissioners meeting on Monday, Nov. 24. Once approved by both, the county would need to give a 10-day notice before a public hearing, after which redevelopment commission can enact the TIF districts.
Redevelopment commission member Chuck Huffman also suggested

adding educational purposes to the economic development plan as a potential use of TIF dollars, with his motion passing unanimously.
Also Thursday, redevelopment commission members talked about Portland City Council's decision Oct. 6 to commit \$400,000 toward the county's 68-acre infrastructure project. Council's commitment is contingent on Jay County Redevelopment Commission committing the remaining funding for the project.

The county has also an additional \$1.282 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars allocated toward the project. Commissioners also hope to receive \$1.21 million through the state's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0.
Redevelopment commission members questioned how much they would be asked to contribute, with Curtin suggesting a match of \$400,000 to allow funding for contingencies. (In July, redevelopment commission withdrew its previous \$1.5 million commitment toward the project, citing a lack of financial backing from the city.)
Huffman pointed out Jay County Commissioners president Chad Aker indicated at Portland City Council's meeting in October that redevelopment commission would be asked to fund the remaining \$235,000 for the project. That number has increased, explained Curtin, to allow more "wiggle room" for the overall cost.
After more discussion, Walker asked Horn to approach the topic with his fellow commissioners, saying the redevelopment commission should be presented with a formal funding request.
Relatedly, proposals from developers for the project were due Friday. Planning firm Rundell, Ernstberger and Associ-

ates will present amended cost estimates for the project — they have been fine-tuned since the site survey was completed, Curtin said — at redevelopment commission's next meeting.
In other business, redevelopment commission:
•Approved redevelopment commission's annual spending plan for 2026. A legally required document for Indiana Department of Local Government and Finance, the plan doesn't commit redevelopment commission to spend funds as listed and may be amended at any time. The plan accounts for spending \$6.55 million next year.
•Paid a \$1,900 claim from consulting firm Baker Tilly.
•OK'd paying a \$15,021.50 invoice from CWC Latitudes for Curtin's services over the year, with Towell dissenting. Huffman pointed to a large amount of Curtin's hours stemming from driving to and from Jay County. He suggested Curtin join more meetings remotely to cut down on costs, with other commission members agreeing.
•Heard redevelopment commission's cash balance sits at \$1,627,289.18. In a separate fund controlled by redevelopment commission, there is also \$1.282 million in American Rescue Plan Act dollars allocated by the county for the 68-acre project.

Suit ...

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In his suit, he asks for damages to be determined in a jury trial, but does not request a specific amount.
Early this year, the city's board of works voted to file a lawsuit against Long to seek reimbursement of \$14,977 for his training at Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.
Additional accusations
In their supplemental tort claim dated Nov. 4, Mock and Hopkins allege that comments made during the Sept. 15 Portland City Council meeting are evidence of a "calculated assault on due process and constitutional protections."
The claim alleges public retaliation by council members, detailing comments made by Aker, May, Phillips and council member Ashley Hilfiker at that meeting and additional com-

ments from May during Monday's council meeting. It also accuses an "institutional failure to intervene," saying other council members failed to object or halt misconduct during Monday's meeting.
It also includes comments Phillips made in an email and accuses her of demanding that a former officer's email account be improperly deleted, leading to a confrontation with Mock. Additional allegations involve harassment from Phillips' husband, Rick.
Mock and Hopkins also allege that council members violated the city's employee handbook and city code.
They say the result has been ongoing emotional distress and harm to their reputations, indicating that accusations made against them undermine the public trust in law enforcement, create safety risks, damage rela-

tionships with other law enforcement agencies and impair future employment opportunities.
The claim mentions The Commercial Review, saying it "continued publishing damaging front-page stories using official statements and coordinated leaks." It also alleges selective leaks to the newspaper and others that "served no legitimate public interest and were timed to maximize reputational harm."
Other suits, claims
Among the other tort claims filed since summer 2024 is one by Phillips that has also resulted in a lawsuit, with a jury trial currently scheduled for Nov. 9 and 10, 2026. (It was originally set for Nov. 2 and 3, 2026, but was later rescheduled.)
The jury trial is the final step in an agreed case management

order issued by Special Judge Douglas K. Mawhorr. The order also calls for the parties to go through mediation with former Lake County judge Richard McDevitt, who now operates McDevitt Mediation Center, on or before July 15, 2026. A final pretrial hearing/conference is set for Oct. 19, 2026.
In her suit, Phillips alleges that she has been the target of "torment, harassment and defamation" by the city's police department. She says Mock and Hopkins have threatened her; the police chief has made disparaging or defamatory statements against her; and Mock and Hopkins reviewed and distributed video footage of her exercising in the city's exercise room that included her private telephone conversations.
The city, the police department, Mock and Hopkins were originally named in the suit,

though Mawhorr has since dismissed the police department. A hearing on a motion to dismiss Mock and Hopkins from the suit is scheduled for Jan. 6.
The other active tort claims include two by former Portland wastewater department employee Brad Clayton. He alleges that his private Family and Medical Leave Act information was illegally made public, that he was berated by wastewater department superintendent Brad Dues and that city officials, including Westlake, spread disinformation about him.
Former Portland police officer Kyle Denney filed the other claim against the city, Jay County Probation Office, Westlake and probation office employee Ashley Reynolds. He alleges that statements were made against him, including allegations of misconduct



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SVADF-YFAIIME GUU BXBBXR
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VAHHU-XRRMNKMIAD?
Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I THINK THE BIG
AREA ABUTTING A COFFEE SHOP FOR PATRONS'
CARS SHOULD BE CALLED A PERKING LOT.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: G equals Z

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

Heads up

- 1) What 1961 novel takes place
on the island of Pianosa?
- 2) Marvin Harrison caught 143 passes in
the 2002 NFL season. Who are the only two
players to catch more in a single season?

1) Catch-22
2) Michael Thomas (149) and Cooper Kupp (145)

11-10 CRYPTOQUIP

ESZB BDMKWZ TLMDWK JZSGZ
LS WLLMWAL ZCKDMSC T
KWTTOD KWKKWET GOLX LXOAJ
TJOZ: LXD MXOZS MOUDM.
Saturday's Cryptoquip: IF A PRODUCT MAKES
A HUGE, THICK-SKINNED ZOO MAMMAL
SNEEZE AND ITCH, IS IT HIPPO-ALLERGENIC?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals M

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to lungs.
Each number corresponds to a letter.
(Hint: 20 = L)

A. 23 20 16 26 7 20 17
Clue: Air sacs

B. 18 6 7 5 3 14 1 2
Clue: Air passages

C. 20 1 5 22 2
Clue: Breathing organs

D. 9 1 20 12 7 5 23 6 11
Clue: Having to do with the lungs

Answers: A. diaphragm B. bronchus C. lungs D. pulmonary

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell
something pertaining to breathing.

HOTUM

Answer: Mouth

GUESS WHO?

I am an actress born on November 6, 1988
in Arizona. I appeared on stage for the first
time as a youth. I've played several
prominent roles, and won my first
Academy Award in 2016 in a musical
romantic comedy film about pursuing
dreams in Los Angeles and a second in
2023 for a dark comedy role.

Answer: Emma Stone



People FACT:

A significant
percentage of
adopted children
are in this age
range.

Answer: Ages 0-5

How they say that in...

English: Adopt
Spanish: Adoptar
Italian: Adottare
German: Adoptieren

Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-20.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals on the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

9		10	20
	3		28
	20	6	34
31	24	27	

Solution

9	02	8
11	5	01
01	1	6

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

NOV 8

1602: The Bodleian Library at the University of Oxford is opened to the public.

1889: Montana is admitted as the 41st American state.

1972: The American pay television network Home Box Office (HBO) launches.

NEW WORD

FOSTER

bring up a child that is not one's own by birth

TAKE A BREATH WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.

WORDS

AIRFLOW
ALVEOLI
APNEA
ASTHMA
BRONCHI
CAPILLARIES
CARBON DIOXIDE
CILIA
DIAPHRAGM
DYSPNEA
EMBOLISM
GAS EXCHANGE
HEMOGLOBIN
HYPERCAPNIA
HYPOXEMIA
LUNGS
OXYGEN
PERFUSION
PNEUMONIA
RESPIRATION
SPIROMETRY
TIDAL VOLUME
VENTILATION
VITAL CAPACITY

Get Scrambled

Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

TPDOA A BBYA

Answer: Adopt a baby

Did You Know?

Adoption can be a unique and fulfilling way to start a family and provide for a child in need.

Get the PICTURE?

Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

Answer: Baby bottle

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Entangle-
ment
4 Tech whiz
8 Thick
chunk
12 Gilbert
and
Sullivan
princess
13 Assess
14 Give a
hoot
15 Lass
16 "By Jove!"
17 Yemen
neighbor
18 John le
Carré spy
novel
21 Eggs
22 Gallery
display
23 Alan
Ladd
western
26 QB's
goals
27 Lucy of
"Kill Bill"
30 Sound
from Big
Ben
31 — de
deux
32 Berth
place
33 Suitable
34 Baseball
great
Seaver
35 Scalawag

36 Com-
mand to
Fido
37 Help
38 Porky
Pig's
sign-off
45 Memory
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46 Seethe
47 Stein filler
48 Carolina
college
49 Unrivaled
50 Wye
51 Super-
man's
alias
52 Stretches
(out)
53 "Uh-huh"

3 Island
near
Java
4 Feel
mournful
5 Cushy
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6 Some
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guesses
7 iPhone
features
8 Saddle
9 Genie's
home
10 Shrinking
sea
11 Nota —
19 Pro-
tracted
20 Hesitant
sounds
23 Govt.
lender
for some
start-ups

24 Jump
insect
25 Busy
insect
26 High-
land
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28 Post-op
area
29 Guitar's
kin
31 Fit for
drinking
32 Nitwit
34 Frank
McCourt
memoir
35 Weap-
ons of
war
36 Artery
insert
37 Skirt
style
38 Arduous
journey
39 Swiss
cheese
feature
40 Like
— of
bricks
41 Take a
gander
42 Indolent
43 Swiss-
born
painter
Paul
44 Leak
out
slowly

Solution time: 26 mins.

Yesterday's answer 11-8

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35 36 37 38 39 40 41 42 43 44 45 46 47 48 49 50 51 52 53

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ J 10 7 6
♥ 7
♦ Q 8 2
♣ A K 9 4 3

WEST EAST
♠ Q ♠ A Q J 10 9 8 5 2
♥ 6 4 3 ♥ 10
♦ AKJ976543 ♦ 8 6 2
♣ — ♣ 8 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A K 9 8 5 4 3
♥ K
♦ —
♣ Q J 10 7 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 5 ♦ Dble Pass
5 ♣ Pass 6 ♣

Opening lead — three of hearts.

A deal containing two voids, a nine-card suit, an eight-card suit and a seven-card suit is rare indeed. But such deals do occur, and this one popped up in the 1982 Vanderbilt Teams when two of the top entries in the field met head-on.

At the first table, the bidding went as shown. Norman Kay opened one spade, and Kyle Larsen leaped to five diamonds. Edgar Kaplan doubled, and after Ron

Von der Porten passed, Kay over-ruled the double by bidding five spades. Certain that Kay would not have rejected the double unless he was void of diamonds, Kaplan raised Kay to six.

Looking at only the North-South cards, Kay's judgment in overriding the double and Kaplan's decision to bid a slam were surely right. But, unfortunately, they ran into bad luck and exceptionally fine defense.

Larsen led the heart three to East's ace, catching South's single-ten king. It did not take Von der Porten long to find the winning defense. Realizing that his partner probably had nine diamonds for his vulnerable five-diamond bid, as well as the 6-4-3 of hearts, Von der Porten decided that his best chance was to find West with a club void. Accordingly, he returned a club, Larsen ruffed, and the excellent slam contract bit the dust.

There was nothing to the play at the second table, where Sidney Lazard and his son Sid Lazard Jr. were North-South. Their final contract was six clubs, which could not be beaten by any defense and, in fact, made seven when the defense did not lead a heart. As a result, their team gained 990 points on the deal.

Tomorrow: Insurance policy.
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Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

All roads lead to Rome

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 4 3 2
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A K 7
♣ Q J 5 4

WEST EAST
♠ K 10 5 ♠ J 8 7 6
♥ K Q J 7 3 ♥ A 9 8 5
♦ 6 5 2 ♦ 10 9 8 4
♣ 6 3 ♣ 8

SOUTH
♠ A Q 9
♥ 4
♦ Q J 3
♣ A K 10 9 7 2

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ 1 ♥ 2 ♣ 2 ♥
4 ♣ Pass 5 ♣ Pass
Opening lead — king of hearts.

This deal occurred in a team-of-four match and is notable chiefly because it illustrates how there is often more than one good story in any given deal.

At the first table, West led the king of hearts against five clubs and continued with the queen after East signaled with the nine. Declarer ruffed, played the A-Q of clubs, trumped the ten of hearts, cashed the Q-K-A of diamonds and led a spade from dummy, finessing the nine.

West won with the ten but had to return a spade or yield a ruff-and-discard. Either way, South was sure to make the contract.

At the second table, West also led the king of hearts against five clubs. But here, East overtook the king with the ace and returned a low spade, hoping to forestall a potential endplay against his partner.

Declarer finessed the nine, losing to the ten, and West then played the queen of hearts. South ruffed and, virtually certain that West had the king of spades, decided to play for a squeeze. Accordingly, he led all his remaining trumps, discarding a spade from dummy, and then cashed the Q-K-A of diamonds, producing this position with West not yet having played to the last diamond:

North
♠ 4
♥ 10
West
♠ K 5
♥ J
East
♠ J 6
South
♠ A Q

West could not afford to part with the jack of hearts, so he discarded the five of spades. This did not help him in the least because declarer, confident of what was going on, led a spade to the ace, felling the king, and so also made five clubs.

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12 As well
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15 Student
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25 Bit of
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26 Chai, e.g.
28 Doles
(out)
31 Saint
Peters-
burg's
river
33 Polite
address

35 Proboscis
36 Espresso
froth
38 LBJ's
party
40 Carly —
Jepsen
41 Asta's
mistress
43 Neaten
45 Foursome
47 Fuss
48 Texter's
"As I
see it"
49 Charac-
ter's pre-
vious life
54 Tall tree
55 Map
within a
map
56 Soccer's
Hamm

57 Aviate
58 Change
59 Festive

DOWN

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2 Privy
3 In favor of
4 Minor
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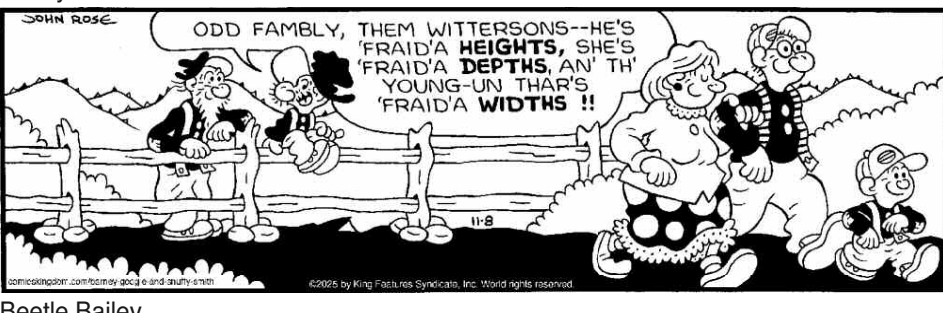
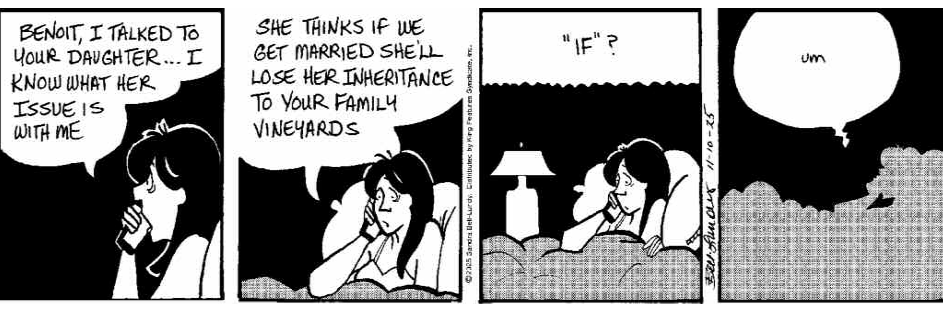
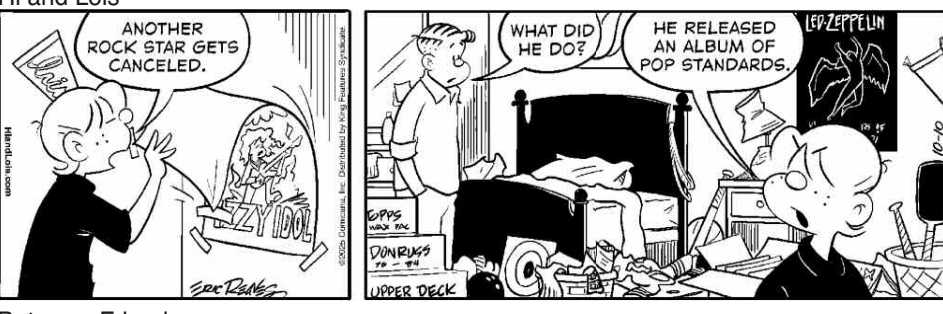
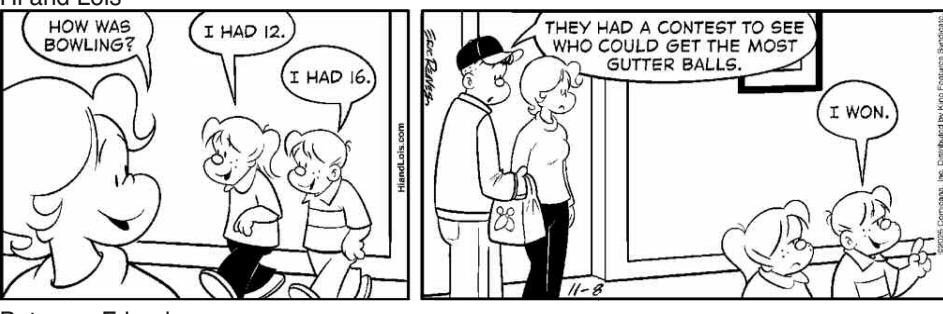
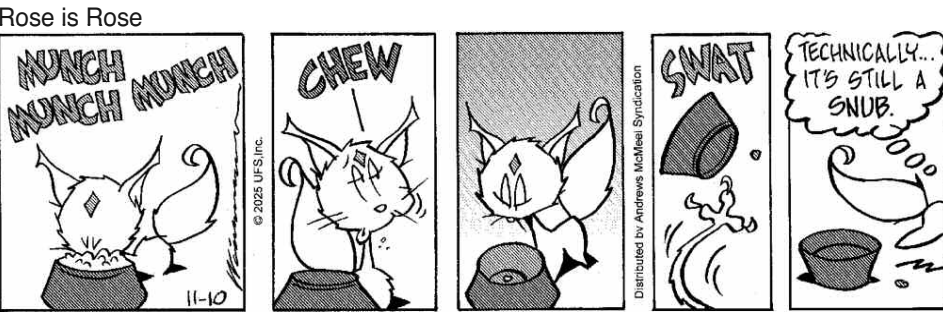
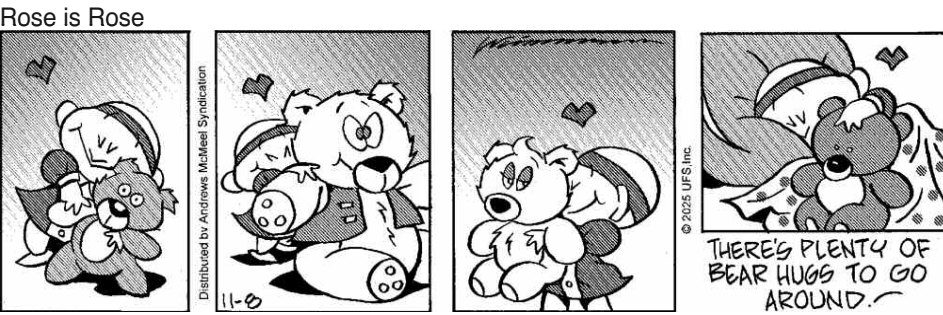
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of Egypt
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42 "A Bell
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45 Squabble
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53 "Rah!"

Solution time: 21 mins.

Saturday's answer 11-10

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

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GOODS-TOOLS
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Long ride, quick work

Post's record day sends FR to regional semis

By **ANDREW BALKO**
The Commercial Review
BEAVER, Ohio — Despite having a home game and being eight seeds higher, the Eagles knew not to underestimate their opponents from the northwest. Yet, the Tribe's defense clipped the Eagles' wings as their schedule couldn't prepare them for a Midwest Athletic Conference opponent. The 12th-seeded, No. 10 Fort Recovery High School football team rolled to a 38-6 victory over the fourth-seeded Eastern Eagles on Friday in the OHSAA Division VII Regional 28 quarterfinal. The victory kept FRHS (7-5) undefeated in the playoffs against teams outside the MAC and earned it a date with No. 1 Marion Local on Nov. 14 in the regional semifinal. The Flyers won their 75th consecutive game in the regional quarter final, stomping Lehman Catholic 42-12.

This is the first time the Indians have advanced to the regional semifinal since 2016, when they fell to Minster. "Proud of how our guys finished through four tough quarters of football," FRHS coach Wes Wenning said. "To come out on a three-hour bus ride and play with some field conditions that were tough on both sides really put a damper on the game plan and the things you had to do, so just proud of our guys and the way they finished." While the Tribe moves on, it ends the season for the Eagles (10-1). EHS came into the quarterfinal undefeated and had scored an average of 44.8 points per game this season. The Tribe defense held tight nearly the entire game. The Indians gave up one score to Eastern in the second quarter, but it required the Eagles to complete a 27-yard pass on a fake-punt play on fourth-and-10 as well as an 11-yard pass from Eric



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Breaker Jutte of the No. 10 Fort Recovery High School football team fights to gain some yards during the OHSAA Division VII Regional 28 quarterfinal at Eastern that the Indians won 38-6 on Friday night. Jutte scored a pair of first-quarter touchdowns before Alex Gaerke and Colson Post connected four times in the final three periods to take down the undefeated Eagles.

Manley Jr. to Boston Webb on fourth-and-8. Outside of that drive, FRHS only allowed four first downs. Three of them came on the drive to start the first quarter when Brody Barga used his head to break up a pass on fourth-and-goal from the 11-yard line to force a turnover on downs. "When you see them in film, and watched them live last week, they're not a 12 seed," said EHS coach Scott Tomlison, who started the program back in 2014. "They play in one of the best small school leagues in the state for a reason. But we felt like on film we really matched up well with them. We really expected

to keep it close and win the thing at the end. "But, I don't know what it was, we just never clicked tonight. ... I hate to make excuses and say it's from not playing a good team for three weeks since South Gallia. But we have been sitting for three weeks without playing and we were just never was able to get rolling." While the defense did its job, the offense provided all the support it could need. Breaker Jutte scored twice in the first quarter — first on a 54-yard run down the left sideline and again on a 31-yard pass from Alex Gaerke — to put the Indians up 13-0. Following the opening

quarter, the Tribe got a large amount of its offense from Gaerke connecting with Colson Post. "I'm so proud of Colson Post, No. 4, for seeing this season through," Wenning said. "There have been games where he's had zero targets and then there's games like tonight where we called his number a number of times and he ended up having four touchdowns. He's just a guy who stayed ready all the way through." The pair connected three times in the second quarter for 106 yards, including touchdowns of 44 and 23 yards. The connection didn't end there as the duo continued to find success

throughout the second half. Getting consistent offensive production was a big focus during practice throughout the week, and the final two scores from Post and Gaerke helped put the game to bed. "Our whole motto this week was, 'Finish,'" said Gaerke, who was 10-for-17 for 270 yards. "So whenever we were down there, (even if) we had a couple penalties, we could rely on No. 4 to get us in the end zone." The pair connected again with 13.8 seconds remaining in the third quarter for an 18-yard TD on fourth-and-goal. Once Fort Recovery got the ball back, Gaerke wasted no time dropping

Box score

No. 10 Fort Recovery
Indians (7-5)
at Eastern Eagles (10-1)

OHSAA Division VII
Regional 28 quarterfinal

Ft. Rec. 13 12 7 6 —38
Eastern 0 6 0 0 —6

First Quarter

FR — Breaker Jutte 54 run
(Alex Gaerke kick), 6:35.
FR — Jutte 31 pass from
Gaerke (kick failed), 3:32.

Second Quarter

FR — Colson Post 44 pass from
Gaerke (pass failed), 9:43.
E — Boston Webb 11 pass
from Eric Manley Jr. (kick
blocked), 3:29.
FR — Post 23 pass from
Gaerke (run failed), 1:09.

Third Quarter

FR — Post 18 pass from
Gaerke (Gaerke kick), 13.8.

Fourth Quarter

FR — Post 35 pass from
Gaerke (kick failed), 11:26.

Team Statistics

Rushes - yds	26-150	E 26-71
Comp-Att-Int	10-18-0	10-27-0
Passing yds	260	131
Total Plays	44	53
Total Offense	410	202
Punt ret - yds	2-34	2-12
Kickoff ret - yds	2-48	5-75
Sacks - yds lost	4-12	0-0
Ints - yds	0-0	0-0
Fumbles - lost	0-0	1-0
Penalties - yds	4-20	5-30

Individual Statistics

Rushing — Fort Recovery —
Reece Wendel 12-60, Breaker
Jutte 2-51, Alex Gaerke 10-31,
Braylon Dilworth 1-8, Brodie Hart
1-0. Eastern — Jack Montgo-
mery 20-85, Eric Manley Jr. 6-
(-14).

Passing — Fort Recovery —
Gaerke 10-17-0 260, Dilworth 0-
1-0 0. Eastern — Manley Jr. 9-
26-0 175, Braylon Alexander 1-1-
0 27.

Receiving — Fort Recovery —
Colson Post 5-159, Brody Barga
3-70, Jutte 1-31, Troy Post 1-0.
Eastern — Boston Webb 4-55,
Manley Jr. 1-27, Montgomery 1-
15, Trey Kelly 1-14, Benjamin
Bower 2-13, Christian Smith 1-7.

the ball to Post for a final 35-yard touchdown. (The score also broke the school record for receiving touchdowns in a single game held by several players, including Wenning.) "Just (Alex Gaerke) being able to put balls on a dime tonight helped a lot," Post said. "He does the same thing in practice, so practice like you play. ... "I didn't know that I broke the record. But now that I know that it was (Wenning) I broke it from, it feels awesome."

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Girls wrestling invitational at Monroe Central — 8:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Boys bowling in tournament at Community Lanes — 8 a.m.; Girls bowling in tournament at Community Lanes — 8 a.m.; Girls basketball scrimmage vs. Russia — 10 a.m.

Tuesday
Jay County — Girls basketball vs. South Side — 6 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Girls basketball scrimmage at Lincolnview — 6 p.m.

Thursday
Jay County — Girls wrestling vs. Muncie Central/Richmond — 6 p.m.; Junior high boys basketball scrimmage vs. Fort Recovery — 5:30 p.m.
Fort Recovery — Middle school boys basketball scrimmage at Jay County — 5:30 p.m.

TV schedule

Today
9 a.m. — Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
10 a.m. — MotoGP: Portugal Grand Prix (FS1)
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Everton at Fulham (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Georgia at Mississippi State (ESPN); Indiana at Penn State (FOX); BYU at Texas Tech (ABC); Colorado at West Virginia (TNT); James Madison at Marshall (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — College basketball: Alabama at St. John's (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Sunderland at Arsenal FC (NBC)
1 p.m. — College football: Ohio State at Purdue (BTN)
2 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)
2:30 p.m. — College football: Maryland at Rutgers (FS1)
3 p.m. — College football: Eastern Washington at Montana (NBC)
3 p.m. — Premier League soccer: Chelsea at Wolverhampton Wanderers (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Texas A&M at Missouri (ABC); Oregon at Iowa (CBS); Syracuse at Miami (ESPN); Kansas at Arizona (ESPN2); Iowa State at TCU (FOX)
4:30 p.m. — College football: Washington at Wisconsin (BTN)
6 p.m. — College football: Air Force at San Jose State (FS1)
6 p.m. — College hockey: Michigan Tech at Northern Michigan (FOX)
7 p.m. — College football: Cal at Louisville (ESPN2); Wake Forest at Virginia (ESPN)
7 p.m. — College basketball: Arkansas at Michigan State (FOX)

7:30 p.m. — College football: LSU at Alabama (ABC); Navy at Notre Dame (NBC); Nebraska at UCLA (FOX)
9 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Denver Nuggets (FDSN Indiana)
9:30 p.m. — College football: UNLV at Colorado State (FS1)
10:30 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Clippers (ESPN)
10:30 p.m. — College basketball: Oklahoma at Gonzaga (ESPN2)

Sunday
8 a.m. — MotoGP: Portugal Grand Prix (FS1)
9 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Aston Villa at AFC Bournemouth (USA)
11:30 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Manchester City at Liverpool FC (USA)
12 p.m. — Formula 1: Brazilian Grand Prix (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — Horse racing: America's Day at the Races (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Kansas City Current at Gotham FC (ABC)
1 p.m. — NFL: New York Giants at Chicago Bears (FOX); New England Patriots at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (CBS)

1 p.m. — College basketball: Indiana at Marquette (ESPN)
2 p.m. — College basketball: Texas A&M at Oklahoma State (ESPN2)
2:30 p.m. — Grand Slam of Curling: Tahoe (FDSN Indiana)
3 p.m. — Women's college basketball: USC at N.C. State (ESPN)
3 p.m. — NWSL soccer: Portland Thorns at San Diego Wave (ABC)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Detroit Lions at Washington Commanders (FOX)
4:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Florida State at UConn (FS1)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Pittsburgh Steelers at Los Angeles Chargers (NBC)
8:30 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Golden State Warriors (FDSN Indiana)
8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Washington at Baylor (ESPN)

Monday
6:30 p.m. — College basketball: Maine at Rutgers (BTN); Columbia at UConn (FS1)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: Philadelphia Eagles at Green Bay Packers (ABC)
8:30 p.m. — College basketball: Santa Clara at Xavier (FS1); Cleveland State at Northwestern (BTN)
10:30 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Oklahoma at UCLA (FS1)

Tuesday
6 p.m. — Women's college basketball: Clemson at South Carolina (ESPN2)
6:30 p.m. — College basketball:

Navy at Penn State (BTN); Wake Forest at Michigan (FS1)
7 p.m. — NHL: Toronto Maple Leafs at Boston Bruins (TNT)
8 p.m. — College football: Ohio at Western Michigan (ESPN2)
8 p.m. — NBA: Boston Celtics at Philadelphia 76ers (NBC)
9 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Utah Jazz (FDSN Indiana)
9:30 p.m. — NHL: Anaheim Ducks at Colorado Avalanche (TNT)
11 p.m. — NBA: Denver Nuggets at Sacramento Kings (NBC)

Wednesday
7 p.m. — College football: Toledo at Miami-Ohio (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NBA basketball: Orlando Magic at New York Knicks (ESPN); Milwaukee Bucks at Indiana Pacers (FS1)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: New York Rangers at Tampa Bay Lightning (TNT)
9:30 p.m. — NBA basketball: Los Angeles Lakers at Oklahoma City Thunder (ESPN)
9:30 p.m. — NHL hockey: New Jersey Devils at Chicago Blackhawks (TNT)

Thursday
6 p.m. — Men's college basketball: Pittsburgh at West Virginia (FS1)

6:30 p.m. — Men's college basketball: San Jose State at Michigan State (BTN)

7 p.m. — Men's college basketball: {Purdue at Alabama (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — NHL hockey: Anaheim Ducks at Detroit Red Wings (FOX)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Troy at Old Dominion (ESPN)
8:15 p.m. — NFL football: New York Jets at New England Patriots (FOX)

Local notes

Tournament announced
Secret Families Christmas Charity of Jay County will host a golf tournament at 10 a.m. on Nov. 15 at Portland Golf Club on Nov. 15. Entering a team costs \$260, or a business can sponsor a hole for \$50. Registration begins at 9 a.m. with a shotgun start to follow. Lunch will be provided. The deadline to register a team is Nov. 8. For more information contact Don Hall by emailing don@gowithevolve.com or calling (765) 744-2247.

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