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Tournament triumph

Jay County High School quarterback celebrates after connecting with Benson Ward for a 42-yard touchdown pass near the end of the second quarter against Belmont in the sectional opener on Friday. Bailey threw for one TD and rushed in two more while gaining 204 yards of combined offense in the 42-7 victory, the Patriots first in a sectional game since 2017. For more on the game, see page 10.

Plan gets final OK

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

A new plan for downtown Portland is in place.

Portland Redevelopment Commission on Friday approved a confirmatory resolution for its Portland Downtown Economic Development Plan.

Friday's vote, which followed a public hearing during which they was no comment, was the final step for local government to approve the plan. (It will now be sent to the county auditor's office and uploaded to the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance (DLGF) website.)

The plan details what redevelopment commission funds can be spent on, including acquisition and construction of projects or property, enhancing public safety, providing financial incentives, updating zoning ordinances, job training, housing attraction, public amenities, park improvements, infrastructure, tourism, sidewalks and streetscapes, transportation enhancement and utility projects. It also sets out goals such as beautifying the city, creating an environment that encourages small business and increasing housing options.

The plan also creates a new residential tax increment financing (TIF) district around the Hood Building, home of The Graphic Printing Company. The redevelopment commission purchased the building from the company, publisher of four regional newspapers including The Commercial Review, in December 2023 with the intention of targeting the second, third and fourth floors for development. (The company has continued to operate at the site, renting the first floor and the basement.)

The redevelopment commission gave initial approval to the Portland Downtown Economic Development Plan in December 2023. It has since been approved by Portland Plan Commission and Portland City Council before returning to the redevelopment commission Friday, with members Rusty Inman, Reda Theurer-Miller, Dave Teeter, Joe Johnston and Mike Simons approving it unanimously.

The board members also approved putting out a request for proposals for redevelopment of the Hood Building. If there are no proposals submitted for the site, the redevelopment commission would be able to negotiate directly with developers.

Also related to the TIF district, the board approved work completed by Baker Tilly on a tax impact statement that was sent to local taxing units.

The redevelopment commission also approved its 2025 spending plan, which must be submitted to the (DLGF).

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Progress continues on wastewater project

By RAY COONEY
The Commercial Review

Portland Board of Works on Thursday approved the latest pay request for the ongoing project at the city's wastewater treatment plant.

Board of works members Jerry Leonhard, Steve McIntosh and Mayor Jeff Westlake approved a \$382,500 pay request from James S.

Work includes installing wet weather pump station

Jackson Company of Bluffton for work completed thus far. The project involves construction of a wet weather pump station at the wastewater treatment plant. (Jutte Excavating of Fort Recovery will put in an equalization basin.)

The board also approved a change order with Jutte for slight changes to the scope of the project that resulted in a \$1,980 cost reduction.

Jeff Hersha of Fort Wayne's Jones and Henry Engineers told the board about plans to bring in three backup generators for the project. He explained that using three smaller units as opposed to one unit would result in quicker delivery and better energy efficiency.

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Candidates spar in final gubernatorial debate

By WHITNEY DOWNARD
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U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, a Republican, fended off attacks from both Democrat Jennifer McCormick and Libertarian Donald Rainwater in the final gubernatorial debate of the election season Thursday night.

All of the candidates are vying to succeed Gov. Eric Holcomb, who is term limited.

"Senator Braun admitted tonight that he is the ultimate insider with lots of government experience, and he's done a lot of things in government," Rainwater summarized near the debate's conclusion. "... which means all the things that you're frustrated with the federal government or the state government, he's right in the thick of it. And if you want change, he's not going to change anything."

McCormick joined in by repeatedly tying Braun to the ultraconservative views of his running mate, Micah Beckwith, a self-proclaimed Christian nationalist. In a media availability following the debate, McCormick defended the tactic, noting that the 70-year-old Braun would be the state's oldest governor if elected, putting Beck-

with "one heartbeat away" from the office.

"We've not had such an extreme candidate in that position that I can remember in my adult life ... he's also clearly calling the shots. Let's just call it what it is: this isn't the Braun-Beckwith ticket, this is the Beckwith-Braun ticket," McCormick said. "And that is showing us what to expect if he were to get elected."

She pointed to a recent video in which Beckwith said he would fire state employees who use pronouns in their email signatures.

Braun, for his part, implored voters to review each candidate's past accomplishments, rather than promises.

"Look at the track record of whether you get something done — not whether you're going to say you're going to do it," Braun said. "And I can give you proven leadership with results and take Indiana to a place we've not been before."

Questions submitted by Hoosiers to the Indiana Debate Commission ran the gamut, ranging from education and incentivizing affordable housing to property taxes and views on abortion.



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Candidates for Indiana governor, from left, Democrat Jennifer McCormick, Republican Mike Braun and Libertarian Donald Rainwater take part in the final gubernatorial debate Thursday.

Each of the three candidates have released their own property tax visions, which have been scrutinized for their potential impact on state and local budgets.

Both Braun and Rainwater signaled their continued support for school vouchers, which are typically used by wealthy families

who eschew public school systems. McCormick has called for a pause on the program and more accountability for schools getting public dollars.

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Deaths

David Taylor, 88, Pennville
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Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 67 degrees Friday.

The forecast calls for a high in the upper 50s today under mostly sunny skies. Sunday's high will be around 60. Lows this weekend will be in the 30s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Museum of the Soldier will partner to host a special exhibit and program from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at Mercer County Historical Society, 130 E. Market St., Celina, Ohio. It will feature displays of military weapons and uniforms from World War II as well as an exhibit of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Admission is free.

Coming up

Tuesday — Results from the JCHS runners at the regional cross country meet.

Wednesday — Coverage of next week's Jay County Commissioners meeting.

Thursday — Preview of the JCHS football team's sectional semifinal game.



Obituaries

David Taylor

May 3, 1936-Oct. 24, 2024
David Alonzo Taylor, age 88, a resident of Pennville, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 24, 2024, in Muncie, Indiana. David was born May 3, 1936, in Knox Township, Jay County, the son of Wilbur and Dortha (Lefevre) Taylor. He graduated from Pennville High School in 1954 and married Hazel Chadwick on July 9, 1959. David was a veteran of the U.S.

Army and served from 1959 to 1961. David farmed in his youth and retired from 3M in Hartford City. He was a member of Union Chapel Church and Gideons International. David enjoyed woodworking, fishing and hunting. Survivors include: His wife of 65 years — Hazel Taylor, Pennville, Indiana



Taylor

Children — David Alan Taylor (wife: Melissa), Portland, Indiana, and Stephanie Penrod, Montpelier, Indiana
Five grandchildren — Caitlin Spradlin, Megan Price, Wil Taylor, Justin Penrod and Breanna Penrod
Six great-grandchildren
He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur and Dortha Taylor; and siblings Edward Taylor, June Bedwell and Delores Kellogg.
Visitation will be held on

Monday from 4 to 8 p.m. and 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland. Funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. Pastor David Cassidy will officiate and burial will follow at IOOF Twin Hill Cemetery in Pennville. Military graveside rites will be conducted by American Legion Post #211 of Portland.
Memorials may be directed to Gideons International.

Condolences may be sent to williamsonspencer.com.
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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.

CR almanac

Sunday 10/27	Monday 10/28	Tuesday 10/29	Wednesday 10/30	Thursday 10/31
61/34	68/54	79/59	80/62	74.46
Skies will be sunny with a high of 61 degrees.	Expect mostly sunny skies with a high of 68.	The forecast calls for partly sunny skies with a high of 79.	The temperature will reach an unseasonably high 80 degrees under sunny skies.	Showers are expected with otherwise mostly cloudy skies and a high of 74 degrees.

Lotteries

Hoosier
Midday
Daily Three: 9-1-1
Daily Four: 9-8-7-4
Quick Draw: 3-5-13-15-16-19-22-28-30-38-40-45-47-53-59-60-72-73-74-76
Ohio
Midday

Pick 3: 9-9-0
Pick 4: 5-1-2-8
Pick 5: 4-6-6-7-5

Powerball
Estimated jackpot: \$20 million

Mega Millions
Estimated jackpot: \$229 million

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....3.85 Dec. corn.....3.95 Wheat.....4.69	Oct. beans.....9.37 Wheat.....5.19
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....3.85 Dec. corn.....4.15 Jan. corn.....4.24	ADM Montpelier Corn.....3.80 Nov. corn.....3.80 Beans.....9.45 Nov. beans.....9.45 Wheat.....5.09
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....3.85 Nov. corn.....3.80 Beans.....9.37	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....3.77 Nov. corn.....3.77 Beans.....9.33 Nov. beans.....9.33 Wheat.....4.99

Today in history

In 1825, the Erie Canal, which connected Lake Erie and the Hudson River, opened. The \$7 million project created a 363-mile canal 40 feet wide and 4 feet deep. It took eight years to complete.

In 1881, the O.K. Corral in Tombstone, Arizona, was the site of the legendary gunfight between the Earp family — Wyatt, Virgil and Morgan Earp with friend Doc Holliday — and the McLaurys and Clantons.

In 1905, the St. Petersburg soviet (workers council) was formed during the Russian Revolution of 1905, which pushed Tsar Nicholas II to try to transform the country's government from an autocracy to a constitutional monarchy.

In 1911, singer Mahalia Jackson was born in New Orleans. She made her first recording in May 1937 and went on to become known as the "Queen of Gospel Song."

In 1970, boxer Muhammad Ali beat Jerry Quarry in his return to the ring. He had been banned from boxing after he refused his draft order into the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

In 1975, William E. Davis suffered a broken back in a fall at his Penn Township Farm and was in intensive care at Fort Wayne's Parkview Hospital. He was manager of Portland's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office.

In 1984, the movie "The Terminator" was released. The film made more than \$78 million at the box office and served as a launchpad for the careers of director James Cameron and actor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

In 2020, United Way of Jay County annual campaign co-chair Barbara Street announced a push for new ways to donate with in-person fundraising opportunities limited in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic. "We're trying to reinvent how we can touch people," she said. —The CR

Citizen's calendar

Monday
3:30 p.m. — Jay County Solid Waste Management District Board, 5948 W. Indiana 67, Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting, General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland.
5 p.m. — Jay County Commissioners, auditorium, courthouse, 120 N. Court St., Portland.

Tuesday
6 p.m. — Redkey Town Council special meeting, park cabin, 50 Mooney St.
7 p.m. — Pennville Town Council public hearing and meeting, Pennville Town Hall, 105 N. Washington St.

Nov. 4
5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7:30 p.m. — Fort Recovery Village Council, village hall, 201 S. Main St.

Plan ...

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Portland building and business owner Emily Goodrich also presented two requests to the commission — one for funding to assist with a water line issue and another to expand the riverfront district.
Goodrich explained to the commission that a "shoot-off" of a water line that goes to a display window at Patriot Sportswear has been the subject of frequent problems. She has been advised that there is no longer a way to fix the "shoot-off" anymore. She noted that the line the "shoot-off" comes from runs under the Hawkins Building and its annex (101 through 111 N. Meridian St.) and is unmetered until a four-way split at the east side of the building. When there is an issue and water needs to be shut off, it effects the bulk of the building including Patriot Sportswear, Patriot Fitness and Blessings Photography.
She said the building needs a new water line from the city main to the four meters.
Goodrich added that city water department superintendent Doug Jackson has advised her that a new line would be the responsibility building owner. She asked the redevelopment commission for funding for a new line, presenting potential solutions ranging from \$11,412.10 to \$15,500.
Several redevelopment commission members expressed their feeling that the responsibility for run-

ning a line from the main to the meters should be the responsibility of the city. City attorney Wes Schemenauer recommended that Goodrich take the issue to the city's board of works.
Goodrich also asked about the possibility of expanding the city's riverfront district to include the Good-Rich Brewery & Taproom property at 128 E. McNeil St. She explained that she'd like to add on to the existing building to install a commercial kitchen in order to provide space for start-up restaurants on a short-term basis.
Through the riverfront district, a business can be provided with a liquor license if they sell at least \$150,000 in food annually, have more than 50% of their sales in food and are open for at least 300 days per year. Portland's district was created in late 2021 and includes Meridian Street from Water Street to about Arch Street and also extends west along Walnut Street to just past Commerce Street and Main Street to between Ship and Pleasant streets.
CWC Latitudes consultant Ed Curtin, who works with the redevelopment commission, pointed out that for an area to be made part of the riverfront district it must be located within a designated economic development area, redevelopment project area, urban renewal area or redevelopment area, an economic development project district or a community revitalization enhance-

ment district. The McNeil Street site currently does not meet any of those criteria.
Curtin said the city council would need to establish one of the above areas or districts if it is interested in expanding the riverfront district.
In other business:
•Portland clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips provided the financial report, which shows it has a balance of \$992,960.30.
•Theurer-Miller told commission members that Portland Main Street Connect will be hosting meetings for downtown building and business owners at 1 and 6 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 20, at Community Resource Center. Information will be provided about funding opportunities, building permits, occupancy and safety.
•Phillips reminded commission members that a new state law goes into effect July 1 that will require that all government meetings are livestreamed and recorded. For that reason, the redevelopment commission meetings that are currently held at Community Resource Center will shift to city council chambers at the fire station. (Recording and livestreaming equipment has been installed in council chambers and was tested this week.)
•Following a question from Inman, all commission members said they are willing to continue serving in 2025. (They are appointed to one-year terms, with two seats appointed by the mayor and three by city council.)

Progress ...

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"It's going well so far," he said of the overall project.
In other business, the board:
•Approved a lease agreement with SCUS, doing business as Save the Children, for the city-owned building at 406 E. Arch St. It is a five-year agreement with rent at \$1/year. Save the Children will be operating Head Start in Portland.
•OK'd the purchase of a

salt spreader for the city's street department from Kalida Truck Equipment of Kalida, Ohio, at a cost of \$12,300. Street department superintendent Matt Shauver requested the purchase as part of an effort to put new equipment in a rotation.
•Tabled a request from rural Portland resident Kyle Love for a waiver of his sewer bill after his house was significantly damaged in the Sept. 22 tornado. Love explained that it may be up to a year before his house is inhabitable again. Clerk-treasurer Lori Phillips noted that by ordinance, anyone who is connected to the sewer system must be charged. Portland Mayor Jeff Westlake suggested Love seek reimbursement from his insurance company. After a discussion, during which Love suggested the ordinance be amended for natural disasters like a tornado, the board tabled the issue.
•Approved the purchase of a 2018 Jeep Compass from Gas Capital Motors of Dunkirk for \$18,112 to be used as a vehicle for the mayor. Portland City Council previously approved up to \$25,000 for the purchase.

SERVICES

Today
Bechtol, Kim: 10:30 a.m., Mary Help of Christians Catholic Church, 403 Sharpshurg Road, Fort Recovery.

Tuesday
Taylor, David: 11 a.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.
Pendleton, John: 2 p.m., Waters Funeral Home, 501 W. Washington St., Hartford City.

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Heartbreak is just part of the game

By JOHN KRULL
TheStatehouseFile.com

Baseball exists to break our hearts.

My beloved Cleveland Guardians fell to the detested New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series. The Guardians won only one game in the best-of-seven series, but that one victory was the stuff of song and story — a come-from-behind gem in which rookies and role players touched greatness to triumph in an extra-innings contest.

That was Cleveland's one moment of glory during the series. For the rest of it, the Guardians were overmatched, a young team with a rookie manager trying to trade blows with seasoned pros.

After the Guardians went down to defeat in the last game, my son called me.

He, too, is a diehard Cleveland fan. He lives in New York now and enjoys going to Yankee Stadium wearing Cleveland gear when the Guardians are in town. "This one stings," he told me over the phone.

John Krull



Yes, it does, for all sorts of reasons.

I've been a Cleveland Indians/Guardians fan — the team changed its name a couple of years ago — for as long as I can remember.

I was born in Cleveland. One of my earliest memories is of going with my father more than six decades ago to the old Municipal Stadium to see the Tribe play a game. I was maybe three at the time, so I didn't understand much of what was going on.

But I loved being there with my dad, hearing the crowd roar from time to time while he tried to explain what was going on.

Dad loved baseball. A gifted natural athlete blessed with superb coordination, he might

have been able to compete at a high level except for two things.

He was afflicted with a hereditary eye disease that compromised his sight and, for reasons that elude me, his father and stepmother discouraged his interest in sports.

My son shared his grandfather's love for the game.

I took my boy to his first game — in Cleveland, of course — when he was four. Like his dad, he didn't understand much of what was going on at first, but he enjoyed the crowd and the energy.

Later, when he began to play baseball, my son mastered the minutiae of the game, analyzing each contest with a devotion that was almost religious in its rigor.

For years, over every Labor Day holiday weekend, my father, my son and I went on baseball trips. If the Tribe was in town, we always went to Cleveland.

One of my fondest memories is of going to a Sunday game. After the contest ended, the (then) Indians invited kids and

the adults with them to run the base paths.

I trailed behind, watching my father, then in his 80s, trotting along beside his nine-year-old grandson, both of them laughing with joy as they rounded third and headed for home.

When Cleveland battled the Chicago Cubs in the 2016 World Series, my son and I went to the first game, watching from seats so high in the stands that clouds seemed to float by.

Cleveland won that game, and we drove back home late that night in a state of elation. Our team, though, came up short in what was one of the greatest World Series in history. We lost the seventh and deciding game in extra innings. During the course of the series, both teams scored exactly the same number of runs.

One of the few consolations in defeat was that my father — who always had been a Cubs fan — finally saw his team triumph.

Dad died in the summer of 2023.

About a week after his death, my now grown son and I helped

my daughter move into her new apartment in Boston. On the way back to Indiana for my father's memorial service, my son, my daughter and I stopped in Cleveland to see a ballgame — and thought of our departed father and grandfather over the course of the nine innings.

When my son called after Cleveland's latest departure from postseason play, we ended the conversation the way baseball fans always do. We reassured ourselves that there would be another season ahead of us.

After the call ended, I thought about how many such conversations I'd had with my father and my son.

About how lucky I was to share the game with them.

And about how much I miss my father.

Baseball exists to break our hearts.

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Freedom must be for everyone

By HOWARD L. SIMON
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Tribune News Service

This June, after the U.S. Supreme Court rebuffed efforts by social media patrons and some states to challenge restrictions imposed by social media platforms, Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis angrily claimed that "the Court majority has rubber-stamped a way for the federal government to censor speech that it doesn't like."

The context is in part a response to the earlier "deplatforming" of former President Donald Trump.

This attack on social media restrictions has its origins in the allegation that Dr. Anthony Fauci, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Biden administration "colluded" or "pressured" Facebook and X to remove posts with misleading or false information about COVID-19 and vaccines.

The presumption is that all contact between Fauci and the CDC with social media companies constituted unconstitutional "jawboning" in which the companies were coerced or threatened if they did not take down the disinformation. Essentially, it is indirect government censorship.

Nevertheless, this month DeSantis' Department of Health sent cease and desist letters to Florida television stations threatening criminal prosecution unless they stopped airing advertisements urging a "Yes" vote for Amendment 4.

The DOH letter claimed an Amendment 4 ad is "not only false; it is dangerous." (Not surprisingly, it took about 24 hours for a federal judge to issue a temporary restraining order against the DOH.)

This is what it means to be a phony defender of freedom of speech.

You can't claim that you are a defender of free speech if you only defend speech that advances your cause.

And you are certainly not a defender of free speech if you threaten to use government machin-

Howard L. Simon



ery to silence speech you don't like.

The honest defense of free speech is to defend speech you disagree with, even speech that angers and outrages you.

One of the best descriptions of an honest defense of free speech remains that of Justice Louis D. Brandeis, who almost a hundred years ago urged that: "If there be time to expose through discussion, the falsehoods and fallacies, to avert the evil by the processes of education, 'the remedy to be applied is more speech, not enforced silence.'"

What is true of freedom of speech is true of freedom more broadly.

How, with a straight face, DeSantis can welcome people to "The Free State of Florida" while restricting the freedom to read, the freedom of women to access health care and the freedom to have open discussions in university classrooms is one of the great political and psychological mysteries of Florida history.

If the story of America's often violent pursuit of Thomas Jefferson's credo that "all men are created equal" didn't make you feel uncomfortable, you missed something.

No one, including DeSantis, is defending and advancing freedom of speech if they only advance freedom for some and restrict freedom for others.

To mangle a famous phrase from an earlier, but not dissimilar, season of political follies, hypocrisy in defense of freedom is no vice, and fidelity to free speech principles applying equally to all points of view is no virtue.

Simon served as executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida from 1997 to 2018.



Do we want a monopoly instead?

By VINCENT TROMETTER
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Political courage has never been harder to find in Washington. A prime example of this is opposition from President Joe Biden's administration and presidential nominees Donald Trump and Kamala Harris to the Nippon Steel-U.S. Steel deal — despite the fact that the alternatives are U.S. Steel going bust or forming a trust reminiscent of Andrew Carnegie.

The holdup is purely political. The leader of United Steelworkers, David McCall, has been vocal that his buyer of choice is Ohio-based steelmaker Cleveland-Cliffs, spurring Biden, Trump and Harris to pledge fealty to the union so their campaigns can ring out votes in Pennsylvania.

Unlike most promises we hear during election cycles, whoever wins the White House could have to put their words into action. The Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), the interagency body tasked with conducting national security reviews of foreign investments in the country, is expected to make a decision after the election as to whether the proposed transaction between Nippon, Japan's largest steelmaker, and U.S.

Steel poses a national security risk. If CFIUS finds national security concerns, it could withhold clearance of the transaction until measures are taken by the parties to mitigate risk. If risk mitigation is not possible, CFIUS submits the case to the president, who has 15 days to approve or deny the transaction, thus forcing the issue on a lame-duck Biden or, depending on who wins the presidential election, Trump or Harris.

Since all are against the deal, they

Vincent Trometter



will have difficulty approving the transaction, even if they are shown the facts everyone can see after a few Google searches.

Blocking the deal is not going to stop Pennsylvania's Mon Valley plant and Indiana's Gary Works plant from aging out or U.S. Steel from seeking another buyer. If Nippon Steel was out of the picture, the only other buyer in play would be Cleveland-Cliffs, creating a monopoly in which one company controls 95% of U.S. iron ore, 60% of automotive-grade steel and all the silicon-infused electrical steel production crucial for electric vehicles. To put it in stark terms, it would create the type of trust that our antitrust laws were created to combat.

Such a monopoly would be severely detrimental to the country and our industrial capacity. In an October 2023 letter submitted to congressional committees focused on competition, the U.S. automotive industry raised concerns that such concentration of power over the materials needed for car production would cut into the profitability of their companies. This is because the more a firm becomes dominant in the marketplace, the more it will base prices on the level of which buyers have the ability to pay — and not supply and demand. Similar to U.S. Steel price fixing in the early 20th century, research and

development efforts could also suffer since there would be less incentives for the dominant firm to drive costs down, a situation only amplified because of high tariffs stifling foreign competition.

Not only would this mean job loss in the auto sector, but it also would destroy downstream jobs, slow steel innovation, inhibit electric vehicle rollout and put a big gaping hole in the Biden-Harris (and Republican vice presidential nominee JD Vance's) antitrust vision.

McCall, Biden, Harris and Trump all have it wrong. The politicians are basing their words on their own nativism and McCall's flawed belief that Cleveland-Cliffs would be a better partner for USW. Nippon has, from the start, "promised to honor existing agreements with the United Steelworkers (USW) trade union." Nippon has, from the start, promised: "No transfer of any of U.S. Steel's production capacity or jobs outside the United States. No layoffs or plant closures or idling of U.S. Steel facilities as a result of the transaction."

A collapse of this deal would stem the flow of international investment in this country and create an economic landscape that runs counter to the growth goals by everyone in the White House and seeking the presidency.

How much is a few ten thousand votes worth? God forbid politicians are forced to be skeptical when they are forced to put their patriotism and careers on the line. In the absence of their courage, let's hope they do what they do best — lie.

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—Thomas Jefferson

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10-26 CRYPTOQUIP

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ASMLRV. RVTR GTJ, DR ITM
UDR DM NMS UNNR.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHEN I WITNESSED SOME BUSY BEAVERS CARRYING TWIGS, STONES AND MUD, THAT WAS DAMMING EVIDENCE.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: U equals F

CRYPTO FUN

Solve the code to discover words related to business. Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: 15 = E)

A. 14 8 8 15 1
Clue: Valuable thing

B. 6 9 2 15 8 1
Clue: Provide money

C. 24 2 15 16 12 15 14 18
Clue: Costs or expenses

D. 21 17 18 23 15 1
Clue: Estimate expenses

Answers: A. asset, B. invest, C. overhead, D. budget

Trivial Review

(Answers are printed below, upside down.)

A river runs through it

1) The Kaukonahua Stream is the longest river in what state?
2) At 230 meters in some places, what is the deepest river in the world?

2) The Congo
1) Hawaii

10-28 CRYPTOQUIP

KTNL JTN OJIQNLJ HTNB
UDSOJNLNQ JTN UIJDL SL M
HDUGANJNAE MKBIA KME, TN
KMO AMUY-YMOJNQ.

Saturday's Cryptoquip: I FEEL LIKE EVERY SOCK MUST MEASURE TWELVE INCHES IN LENGTH. THAT WAY, IT CAN FIT IN ONE FOOT.
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: T equals H

RUN A BUSINESS WORD SEARCH

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

WORDS

ACCOUNTING
ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS
AFFILIATE
BALANCE
BUSINESS
CAPITAL
CATEGORY
COSTS
EARNINGS
EMPLOYEE
EQUITY
EXPENSE
GROSS
LIABILITIES
LOCATION
MARGIN
MARKETING
PAYABLE
RECEIVABLE
RETURN
SHEET

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to business.

XEAST

Answers: Taxes

GUESS WHO?

I am a singer born in California on October 25, 1984. As the daughter of two pastors, I was only allowed to listen to Gospel music growing up. Eventually I found my way to popular music, and had several hits involving kissing, being a dream and having a tiger's eye.

Answer: Katy Perry

What's the Difference?

Find the four differences between these pictures.

A

B

Answers: 1. Extra spiders on counter, 2. Eye is different in Jack-o-lantern in back, 3. Bow in girl's hair is missing, 4. Bat on window

THIS DAY IN HISTORY

OCTOBER 25

1760: King George III succeeds to the British throne on the death of his grandfather.
1940: Benjamin O. Davis Sr. is named the first African American general in the United States Army.
2001: Microsoft releases its Windows XP operating system.

NEW WORD

DECEIVE

cause to believe something that is not true

CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

40 Many debuts subject
1 LP corp. recruits line abbr.
6 Mis- 42 NBC play 25 —
givings weekend 4 MSN, -Magnon
12 Meal show for one 26 Escalade,
13 "No ques- 44 Actress 5 "Hurry!" for one
tion!" Perlman 6 Really 28 Golden
14 Acting 46 Cilium enjoys breakfast
company 50 "I'm not roll
15 Big guitar listening 8 PC port 30 — culpa
brand ...!" 9 Pickup 31 Work unit
16 Get 52 Bit of places for 33 Pea
lippy baby talk commuters holder
17 Whis- 54 Arthurian 34 Unpaid
pered isle 10 "Iliad" TV ad
"Hey!" 55 Range setting 39 Acrylic
19 Pink 56 They're 11 Dispatch fiber
Floyd's nuts 12 ACLU 41 Job
Barrett 57 Comes in issues openings
20 Grand last 18 Family 42 Duel
22 Plopped moniker prompter
down DOWN 21 Trendy 43 Cathedral
24 TV 1 Olympian 23 "Caught area
watchdog queen ya!" 45 Prince in
org. "Frozen"
27 Con- 47 Screen-
cerning writer
29 Abode James
32 Present- 48 Brady
giver's Bunch
purchase trio
35 Nitwit 49 Sizzling
36 Labels 51 Pie —
37 Hang low mode
38 Altar 53 Tic-tac-
promise toe loser

Solution time: 26 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 10-26

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

A self-inflicted wound

South dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ K Q J 4
♥ 9 8 6 2
♦ 9 5 2
♣ 4 3

EAST
♠ 8
♥ 10 7 5 4 3
♦ Q 10 7 4
♣ J 6 2

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 7 5
♥ A
♦ A K 8
♣ K 9 7 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts.
Assume you're in four spades and West leads a heart. You win with the ace and, let's say, cross to dummy with a trump and lead a club to the king. West wins with the ace and, deducing your intended game plan, returns a trump.
You win and lead another club, but West takes it and plays a third round of trump, leaving you with two club losers in your hand, only one of which you can ruff. As a result, you eventually go down one, losing three clubs and a diamond.
An unlucky hand, you might say, since the contract would have come home easily had East had the ace of clubs, or had the trumps been divided 2-2, or had West not defended so well.
But when you examine the matter more closely, you are forced to admit that the person chiefly responsible for the unhappy outcome was none other than yourself. You could have assured the contract if you had simply led a low club from your hand at trick two, after which nothing could have stopped you from ruffing two clubs in dummy. The trump lead to dummy at trick two opened a Pandora's box that allowed further trump leads by the enemy to frustrate your plans.
It might seem totally unnatural to lead a club away from the king instead of a club toward the king, but that is the kind of play you must sometimes make to ensure a contract. The right play is the right play — even if it seems unnatural.

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CROSSWORD By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

37 Most destitute
1 Urban haze
5 Pen name
8 "Yeah, right"
12 Half a sextet
13 Com- motion
14 Wine valley
15 "If it — broke ..."
16 Beats
18 "For shame, for shame!"
20 Battery-powered two-wheelers
21 Anna's sister in "Frozen"
23 Actress Arthur
24 Fruity liquor
28 "Shool!"
31 Uncle (Sp.)
32 Mottled pony
34 Med. plan option
35 Chorus syllables

DOWN

22 Sleep lab study
24 Cardinal cap letters
25 Espio- nage org.
26 Restrain
27 Move to the rear
29 Mornings (Abbr.)
30 Nanny's charge
33 Classic theaters
36 Cochine, for one
38 Tel Aviv's land
40 Publicity
42 Trucker with a handle
43 Utah ski resort
44 Spu- mante source
46 Evening, informally
47 "Hair-spray" mom
48 Revo- lution period
50 Lobed organ

Solution time: 21 mins.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER 10-28

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 54 55 56 57

Contract Bridge By Steve Becker

Famous Hand

South dealer. North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ A 10
♥ 6 5 2
♦ A K 10 9 8
♣ Q 5 2

EAST
♠ J 4 3 2
♥ J 4
♦ 7 5 4
♣ A 10 9 3

SOUTH
♠ K 7 5
♥ A 7 3
♦ J 3 2
♣ K 8 7 4

The bidding:
South West North East
Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass
Opening lead — queen of hearts.

This deal occurred more than 60 years ago in one of the many world championship confrontations between the United States and the legendary Italian Blue Team. Although Italy, as it always did in those days, won the match, the Americans scored a substantial pickup on the deal, thanks to a combination of good luck at one table and a bit of chicanery at the other.

When Lee Hazen and Harry Fishbein held the North-South cards, they reached three notrump

as shown. West led the queen of hearts, asking East to play the jack if he had it. When East produced that card, hearts were continued. Fishbein taking his ace on the third round.

Fishbein got over the first hurdle when he tried the diamond finesse and it worked. With eight tricks assured, the contract now hinged on whether East or West had the ace of clubs.

After cashing five diamonds, Fishbein led a club to the king, and after it held, he cashed the A-K of spades to make his contract and score 600 points.

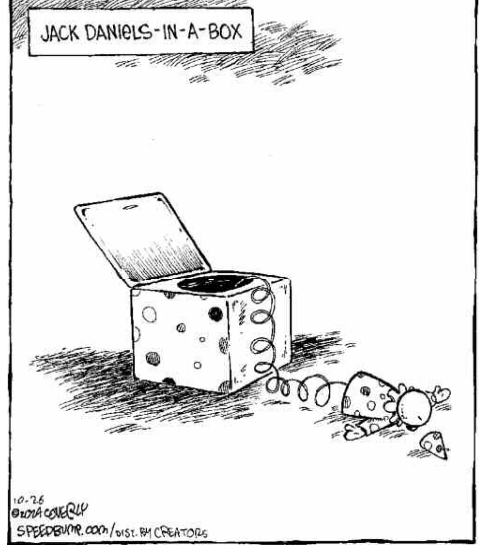
At the other table, things took a radically different turn when the bidding went:
South West North East
Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥
After West's weak two-bid and North's pass, East, Sidney Lazard, gazing at a poor hand that he knew was faced by an equally unimpressive holding, decided the situation called for desperate measures. Putting on a bold show of strength, he leaped to game, and everyone passed!

The ruse was eminently successful. West, Sam Fry, went down three for a loss of 150 points, but this, combined with the result at the other table, gave the U.S. a 450-point pickup on the deal.

Tomorrow: A delectable concoction.
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11
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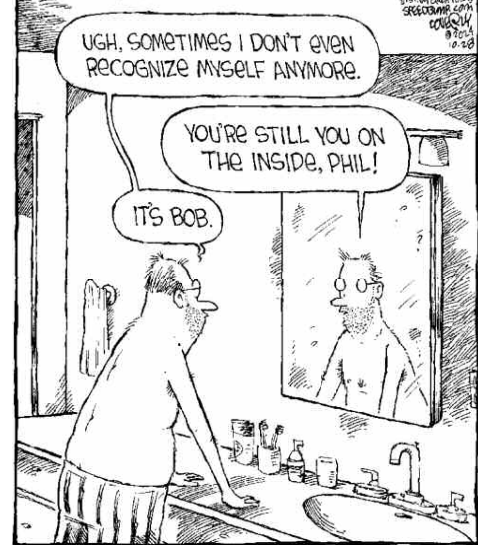
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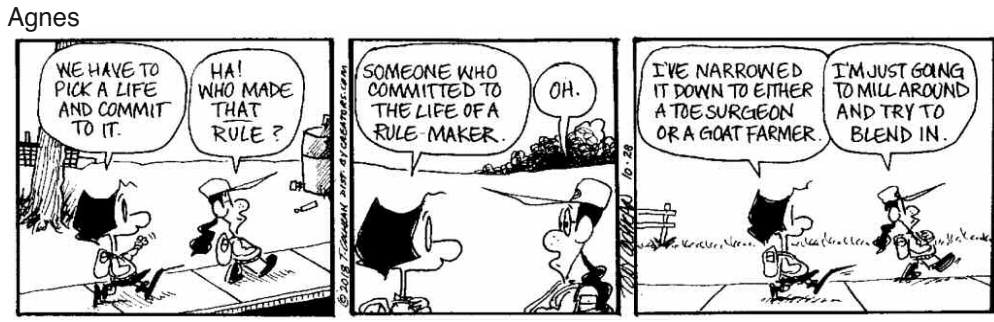
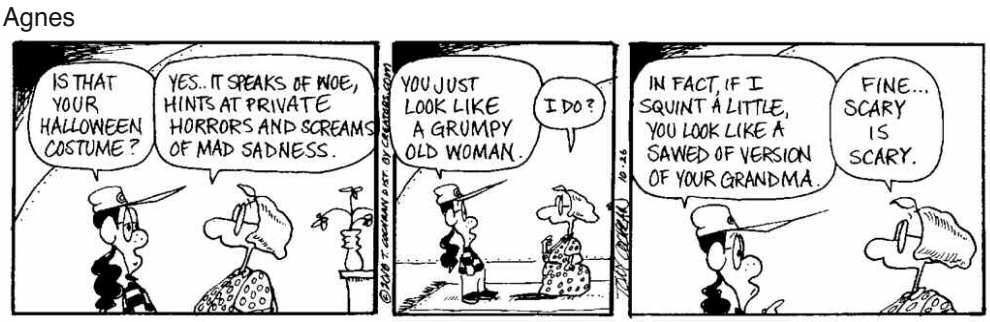
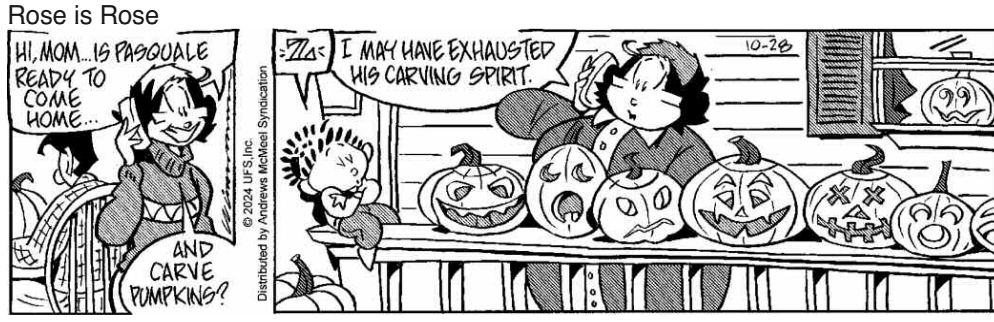
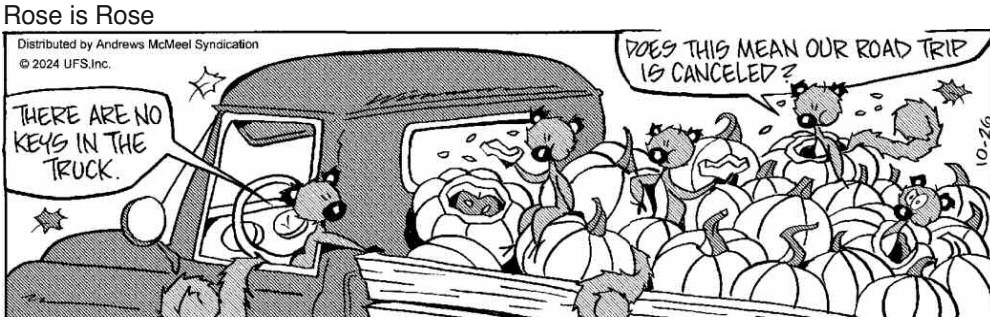
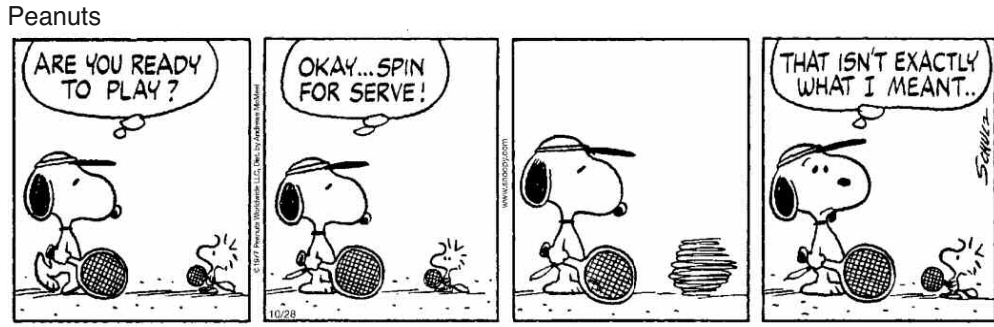
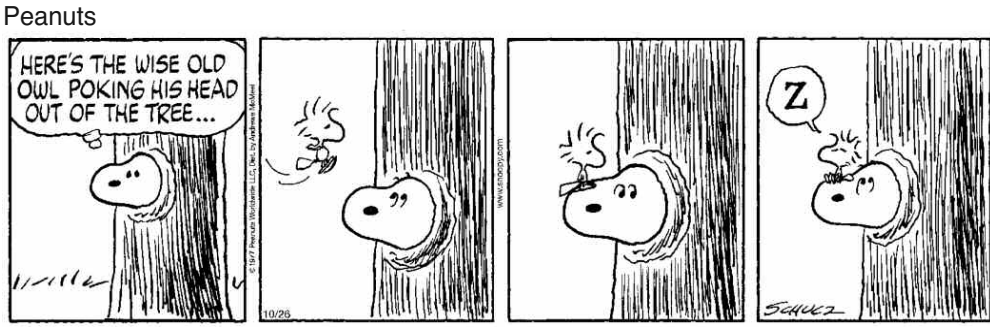
THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane



SPEED BUMP Dave Coverly



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We Deliver

Maybe it's a chuckle from reading a vintage Peanuts cartoon. Maybe it's a column by a member of The CR staff. But we try to keep our sense of humor.

Laughter

The Commercial Review *We Deliver*

2024 girls soccer All-GPC team

Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year Jordan Bunch

Delta High School junior

Jordan Bunch was selected as the inaugural Graphic Printing Company Player of the Year for girls soccer.

"I'm very honored to have this," she said. "It's a super cool thing for me. I never really thought I was at that talent level. This season has been a growing season ... so, I think the progression from last year to this year from (Mason Turner's) coaching and our team coming together has helped me become a better player and has encouraged me to put in the extra work so I can be there for them."

Bunch came into the season with the goal of dishing out 15 assists. She hit that goal on Sept. 24 against Jay County and added two more to finish with a team-high 17. The Delta junior also led the team with 16 goals.

"That's actually my favorite thing, is having assists and being able to help others be able to have those goal scoring opportunities," Bunch said. "I think trust is just the big thing. In general as a team, we want more goals and it doesn't matter who scores."

Bunch played a pivotal role leading the team to its first sectional victory and title game appearance since 2016.

"She's meant everything," Turner said. "She's stepped up a lot in terms of leadership and making sure we stay as one. She's a hard worker out there in the field. She's really vocal and makes sure we're keeping our spirits high. She does a great job of distributing in the middle and finding the net when it's needed. So, she's done great for our team."



All-Graphic Printing Company first team

Forwards

- Mia Bollinger (Delta junior) — five goals, four assists
- Morgan DeHoff (Jay County senior) — 14 goals, nine assists
- Aubree Jarrells (Delta junior) — 15 goals, 13 assists

Midfielders

- Jayla Huelskamp (Jay County senior) — five goals
- Grace Jarrells (Delta junior) — 12 goals, eight assists
- Aixa Lopez (Jay County junior) — 13 goals, eight assists

Defenders

- Ariel Beiswanger (Jay County sophomore) — one goal
- Sarah Bohanon (Delta senior) — four goals, two saves, two assists
- Brianna Jones (Delta junior) — two saves, one assist, one goal against

Goalkeeper

- Ruth Sherck (Delta junior) — 204 saves, 20 goals allowed, one assist

Honorable mentions

- Tessa Frazee (sophomore), Jay County — Defender
- Evelyn Gulley (junior), Blackford — Goalkeeper, 93 saves, 26 goals allowed
- London Lloyd (freshman), Jay County — Forward, seven goals, three assists
- Izzy Mays (sophomore), Blackford — Forward, 11 goals, one assist



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First ...

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The Jay County defense had faltered briefly in the second quarter to allow the only Brave points of the game, but it locked down in the second half.

On the first play of Belmont's opening drive of the third quarter, Will Franze got stood up on a rush for a 1-yard loss. Selking dropped back on the second play, but received immediate pressure. Lucas Strait managed to get a hand on the ball before Schoenlein caught it around the 25-yard line and took it to the house for his first career TD. (More than two decades earlier, Addington caught a fourth-quarter touchdown pass — the first of his career — from Patriot quarterback Cameron Hummel to lift JCHS over the Braves in a sectional opener.)

"Lucas tipped the ball and I was right behind him to catch it," Schoenlein said. "The first thing I thought was to run for a touchdown.

"I can't believe I caught the ball, made a touchdown, first career touchdown. I was just so excited."

The defense stepped up in other ways in the second half as well. The Patriots sacked the Belmont quarterbacks five times — Selking took four hits and Easton Curtis took one — after the intermission. Rhysin Blowers and Corey Emery took Selking down on back-to-back plays, Strait got to him once and Isaac Dues hit both quarterbacks once. (Jay



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Brady Jetmore, a Jay County junior, takes the ball for a 21-yard reception for a first down after facing second-and-20 against Belmont on Friday. JCHS beat the Braves 42-7 for its first postseason victory since 2017.

County had six total sacks for a loss of 44 yards.)

"That was our game plan to get after the quarterback," Zgunda said. "We blitzed and brought our outside linebackers in to bring six-seven guys a lot tonight. ... Isaac Dues was phenomenal. Austin Schoenlein was phenomenal, really happy for him. Lucas Strait, he's just a phenomenal player."

The Patriots didn't

have much trouble scoring against Belmont (0-10). They went to the ground early and often, scoring their first three TDs on rushes from A.J. Myers (2 yards), Leighton Brown (11 yards) and Bailey (2 yards).

After getting off to a strong start, the Patriots faltered a few times at the end of the second quarter. They pushed the lead to 20-0, but a roughing the passer call that erased third-and-13 eventually

allowed the Braves their only touchdown on a 20-yard pass from Selking to Cole Barger as two Patriot defenders slipped on the grass.

The offense had a miscue as well with a false start that eventually created a third-and-7 situation. Ward and Sean Bailey made up for the mistake with a 42-yard TD pass to go up 26-7 at the half.

Bailey also broke out for a 60-yard rushing

touchdown in the third quarter to finish the night.

"It's the five guys up front," Bailey said. "That's all that matters right there. If they can block, we can move the ball. And I trust in the block."

The win secured the goal coming into the season of bringing a sectional victory back to Jay County.

"This is amazing," Bailey said. "That was my

Box score

Jay County Patriots (3-7) at Belmont Braves (0-10)				
IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 28 quarterfinal				
Jay Co.	14	12	16	0 — 42
Belmont	0	7	0	0 — 7
First Quarter				
JC	— A.J. Myers 2 rub (Myers kick), 5:46.			
JC	— Leighton Brown 11 run (Myers kick), 0:17.			
Second Quarter				
JC	— Sean Bailey 2 run (Kick blocked), 4:12.			
B	— Cole Barger 20 pass from Daniel Selking (Jack Riehm kick), 1:42.			
JC	— Benson Ward 42 pass from Bailey (2-point fail), 0:25.			
Third Quarter				
JC	— Austin Schoenlein interception 25 (Myers run), 11:08.			
JC	— Bailey 60 run (Myers run), 2:02.			
Fourth Quarter				
No scoring				
Team Statistics				
	JC		B	
Rushes - yds	40-271	15-27		
Comp-Att-Int	7-11-0	13-26-1		
Passing yds	111	124		
Total Plays	51	41		
Total Offense	382	151		
Punt ret - yds	0-5	0-0		
Kickoff ret - yds	2-36	5-102		
Ints - yds	1-25	0-0		
Fumbles - lost	2-1	0-0		
Penalties - yds	3-30	5-53		
Sacks - yds	6-44	2-19		
Individual Statistics				
Rushing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 12-93, Leighton Brown 11-86, A.J. Myers 12-72, Isaac Dues 1-8, Garrett Bennett 2-6, Wyatt Foster 2-8. Belmont — Oliver Werling 2-27, Will Franze 5-26, Austin Manley 1-(-3), Easton Curtis 1-(-10), Daniel Selking 6-(-13).				
Passing — Jay County — Sean Bailey 7-11-0 111. Belmont — Daniel Selking 11-22-1 106, Easton Curtis 2-4-0, 18.				
Receiving — Jay County — Benson Ward 1-42, Brady Jetmore 1-21, Grant Wendel 2-20, Aiden Phillips 1-18, Rhysin Blowers 1-9, Garrett Bennett 1-1. Belmont — Oliver Werling 2-29, Gavin Krull 3-29, Austin Manley 2-25, Cole Barger 3-23, Aidan Wernhoff 1-8.				

End ...

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Heitkamp caught a third of Stephey's completed passes for 124 yards. Chase Bishop led the

Wildcats with 78 rushing yards and two TDs on just four attempts.

Reece Wendel generated about

half of the yardage for Fort Recovery, running 22 times for 73 yards.

Wendel totaled six tackles for

the Indians while Gavin Evers and Brodie Hart each had five.

Caden Grisez notched an interception.

FRHS has had eight consecutive losing seasons since going 7-4 in 2016. (It won the Division VII state championship in 2015.)

Pacers fall in New York

By KRISTIAN WINFIELD
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

NEW YORK — Rick Carlisle knew the challenge that awaited his Indiana Pacers at Madison Square Garden — a new-look Knicks team and a fired-up crowd hungry for revenge.

Carlisle knew the same fans his Pacers eliminated in Game 7 of last season's Eastern Conference semifinals hadn't forgotten the sting of being one game shy of a Conference finals appearance. He knew that this new-and-improved Knicks team wouldn't be the same depleted squad his deep Pacers ran off the Madison Square Garden floor last year.

And he knew all too well the electricity that pulses through the World's Most Famous Arena. Ahead of Friday's tipoff against the Knicks, Carlisle spoke candidly about the challenge his Pacers faced in their second game of the regular season.

"There's certainly nothing easy about it. It's gonna be hard," the coach said on Friday. "They're a top team. They're projected to be way up there. Regardless of what happened in Boston the other night, they're coming home, [and] we're coming off of last year's playoffs. On your third

day of the regular season, this will be the closest thing to a Game 7 atmosphere and feel. So it's a privilege to have the opportunity to compete in that environment and this venue, and we've gotta embrace that and keep understanding how hard it's gonna be."

After the Celtics clinically dismantled the Knicks in the season opener, the Knicks paid it forward with a dominant 123-98 blowout victory over the Pacers in their home opener at Madison Square Garden.

Tyrese Haliburton, the Pacers' All-Star point guard, was held scoreless. He dished out five assists but missed all eight of his field-goal attempts, including seven from beyond the arc. Several of those were uncontested looks that fell short.

As Haliburton struggled to find his footing, Mikal Bridges stepped up to steal the show. The Knicks' newly acquired third star — who cost New York five first-round picks in a deal with the Brooklyn Nets — struggled to hit a 3 in the preseason or in the first half against Boston. But on Friday, Bridges was unstoppable, shooting 8 of 12 from the field and 2 of 3 from downtown, finishing with 21 points and five assists on the night.

Sports on tap

Local schedule

Today
Jay County — Cross country regional at Huntington University — 10:30 a.m.
Fort Recovery — Cross country regional at Troy — 10 a.m.; Volleyball district finals vs. Miami Valley Christian Academy at Butler — 6 p.m.

TV sports

Today
10 a.m. — Premier League: AFC Bournemouth at Aston Villa (USA)
12 p.m. — College football: Notre Dame at Navy (ABC); Nebraska at Ohio State (FOX); Washington at Indiana (BTN); Oklahoma at Ole Miss (ESPN); Tulane at North Texas (ESPN2)
12 p.m. — NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series: Baptist Health 200 (FS1)
12:30 p.m. — Premier League: Fulham at Everton (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — College football: Northwestern at Iowa (BTN); Illinois at Oregon (CBS); Maryland at Minnesota (FS1); Missouri at Alabama (ABC); BYU at UCF (ESPN); Texas Tech at TCU (FOX)
3:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Wisconsin at Purdue (NBC)
4 p.m. — College football: Oregon State at Cal (ESPN2)
7 p.m. — College football: Florida State at Miami (ESPN); West Virginia at Arizona (FS1)
7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Montreal Canadiens (FDSN Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Penn State at Wisconsin (NBC); Michigan State at Michigan (BTN); LSU Texas A&M (ABC)
8 p.m. — College football: Kansas at Kansas State (ESPN2)
8:08 p.m. — MLB World Series: New York Yankees at Los Angeles Dodgers (FOX)
10 p.m. — NHL: Carolina Hurricanes at Seattle Kraken (CBS)

10:15 p.m. — College football: Cincinnati at Colorado (ESPN)
11 p.m. — College volleyball: Penn State at USC (BTN)

Sunday
10 a.m. — Premier League soccer: Newcastle United at Chelsea (USA)
1 p.m. — NFL: Indianapolis Colts at Houston Texans (CBS); Green Bay Packers at Jacksonville Jaguars (FOX)
1 p.m. — College volleyball: Kansas State at Iowa State (ESPN2); Louisville at SMU (ESPN)
2:30 p.m. — NASCAR Cup Series: Stright Talk Wireless 400 (NBC)
3:30 p.m. — NBA: Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers (FDSN Indiana)
4 p.m. — NFL: Buffalo Bills at Seattle Seahawks (FOX)
4 p.m. — Formula 1: Mexico Grand Prix (ABC)
4:25 p.m. — NFL: Chicago Bears at Washington Commanders (CBS)
7:30 p.m. — College volleyball: Northwestern at Indiana (BTN)
7:30 p.m. — MLS: Charlotte FC at Orlando City (FS1)
8:20 p.m. — NFL: Dallas Cowboys at San Francisco 49ers (NBC)
9:45 p.m. — MLS: Vancouver Whitecaps at Los Angeles FC (FS1)

Monday
6:45 p.m. — MLS: New York City at FC Cincinnati (FS1)
7 p.m. — NBA: Indiana Pacers at Orlando Magic (FDSN Indiana)
8:08 p.m. — MLB World Series: Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Yankees (FOX)
8:15 p.m. — NFL: New York Giants at Pittsburgh Steelers (ABC)
9 p.m. — MLS: Houston Dynamo at Seattle Sounders (FS1)

Tuesday
6 p.m. — College soccer: Michigan State at Ohio State (BTN)

6:45 p.m. — MLS: New York Red Bulls at Columbus Crew (FS1)
7 p.m. — NHL: St. Louis Blues at Ottawa Senators (FDSN Indiana)
7:30 p.m. — College football: Louisiana at Texas State (ESPN2)
7:30 p.m. — NBA: Dallas Mavericks at Minnesota Timberwolves (TNT)
7:30 p.m. — NHL: New York Rangers at Washington Capitals (ESPN)
8:08 p.m. — MLB World Series: Los Angeles Dodgers at New York Yankees (FOX)
9 p.m. — MLS: Minnesota United at Real Salt Lake (FS1)
10 p.m. — NBA: New Orleans Pelicans at Golden State Warriors (TNT)
10 p.m. — NHL: Los Angeles Kings at San Jose Sharks (ESPN)

Local notes
Final race
The final race in the Adams County 5K Challenge is the Rainbow Lake 5K Run/Walk, will take place on Nov. 26. Preregistration can be done at adamscounty5kchallenge.com.
Turkey Trot sign-up open
Cooper Farms will be hosting its 17th annual Turkey Trot Saturday, Nov. 2 at the Cooper Farms Turkey Harvesting Plant in St. Henry, Ohio. Participation costs \$15. All proceeds benefit EverHeart Hospice. The race will begin at 10 a.m. There will be splits at each mile of the 3.1-mile course. There will also be chip timing for participants operated by Speedy Feet. Water will be provided throughout the race, as well as a to-go turkey meal at the end. You can register by visiting bit.ly/cooperfarmsturkeytrot, or search for "Cooper Farms Turkey Trot 5k" on speedy-feet.com.

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Lucas Strait of the Jay County High School football team wraps up Belmont's Will Franze for a one-yard loss during the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 28 opener on Friday. Strait tipped a pass on the next play, allowing senior Austin Schoenlein to pick the ball off and return it 25 yards for his first career TD in the 42-7 victory.

Schoenlein scores TD on interception return as Jay County ends seven-year sectional drought

By ANDREW BALKO
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DECATUR — Twenty-two years ago to the day Mark "Tank" Addington scored his first career touchdown against the Braves to help the Patriots to a win in the sectional opener.

On Friday night, a Patriot repeated history.

Defensive lineman Austin Schoenlein intercepted a pass from Daniel Selking and took the ball the 25 yards to the end zone, scoring his first career touchdown as the Jay County High School football team rolled to a 42-7 victory over the Belmont Braves in the IHSAA Class 3A Sectional 28 opener on Friday.

With the victory, Jay County (3-7) snapped a six-game losing streak and claimed its first postseason win since 2017.

"This is all about (the players)," said JCHS coach Grant Zgunda. "I'm happy for them that they get the chance to get a win."

"We've come close here a few times in the last six weeks

and that's a long stretch to go without winning a game.

"I'm just happy for them, as far as history goes. They played hard. I just like this team. They work hard and get better and better each week."

The Patriots move on to host Bishop Luers (6-4), which beat Norwell 42-7 Friday.

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No. 2 'Cats end FR's season

Indians finish 2024 season at 2-8

MINSTER, Ohio — The season is over.

Fort Recovery High School's football team fell behind by 21 in the first quarter Friday night, quickly erasing any hope of an upset to get a playoff berth in a 49-7 loss to the Division VII No. 2 Minster Wildcats.

The loss marked the end of the season as the Indians (2-8, 1-7 Midwest Athletic Conference) will finish outside of the top 16 in Division VII Region 28 and miss the playoffs for the second consecutive season.

Minster (8-2, 6-2 MAC) drove 65 yards in six plays on its first possession, with Brogan Stephy tossing a 28-yard touchdown pass to James Niemeyer less than three minutes into the game. The Wildcats added two more TDs in the final four minutes of the first period, with Connor Schmiesing running in a 1-yard score and Stephy hitting Caleb Clouse with a 25-yard pass.

Fort Recovery was unable to do much to slow the Wildcats, who racked up 484 yards of offense with Stephy connecting on 12 of 17 passes for 274 yards — an average of nearly 23 yards per completion. Stephy added two more TD passes in the second quarter — 18 yards to Clouse and 76 yards to Dylan Heitkamp.

Minster extended its lead to 49-0 before Isaac Roessner tallied the lone touchdown for the Indians on a 41-yard run with two minutes remaining.

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