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Republicans roll



Jay County Commissioner-elect Duane Monroe grins while chatting with his wife Rhonda (right), Krista Muhlenkamp (foreground left) and Sue Bailey on Tuesday during a gathering of local Republicans at John Jay Center for Learning. Monroe totaled 81% of the vote as the Republican dominated Democrat Blake Watson in the race for the south district seat.

Monroe dominates race for county commissioner; 76.6% of local voters support Trump for presidency

Bv RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review whelmingly Renublicans

Their support for former president Donald Trump was even greater than in his first two runs for office.

Republican Duane Monroe dominated the only local contested race, defeating Democrat Blake Watson by a 79% to 21% margin for the Jay County Commissioner south district seat in Tuesday's election.

earned at least 67% in all

state and federal races. licans had a more than 6advantage straight-ticket voting with 1,921 compared to 350 for Democrats.

conservative values the Republican Party tries to stand for," said Jay County GOP chair Jenae Blasdel.

Monroe rolled in his

Trump pulled 76.6% of second bid to become a said Monroe at a gather- REMC and all those who the local vote in his suc-Local voters over-cessful bid to reclaim the sioner. After finishing at John Jay Center for Monroe has backed White House as the GOP second in a three-way Learning on Tuesday ly expressed support for behind Brian McGalliard in the 2020 the future. From day In Jay County, Repub- Republican primary, he one, this has never been won a head-to-head in rematch in May with 67.7% of the vote. Early voting tallies, which are available shortly after "I think people like the the polls close at 6 p.m., showed Monroe with 79% of the vote Tuesday. Those numbers held as he out-polled Watson

6,148-1,590. "I'm pretty excited,"

evening. "I'm excited for about Duane Monroe; it's been about Jay County, the people of Jay County. And it's going to be that way at the beginning of my term and at the end of the term.

He thanked his wife Rhonda, sons Josh and Jacob, supporters, employer Jay County

Monroe has previous-County Jay ment Corporation, making bridge repairs a priority and maintaining the county's current assets.

"I just want to get back to the way it should be, not arguing," he said. "Handling the things that need to be handled the right way. I just feel like there needs

to be unity. See Local page 2

Trump to return to the White House

By HAILEY BRANSON-POTTS

Los Angeles Times

Donald Trump was elected the 47th president of the United States on Wednesday.

The former president's decisive victory over Vice President Kamala Harris — after an extraordinary campaign in which he was convicted of felony charges and survived two assassination attempts — was confirmed shortly after 5:30 a.m. when he secured more than 270 electoral votes after picking up the key battleground states of Georgia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

Trump, who won the electoral college in 2016 but not a majority of votes, was also on track to win the popular vote.

'This will forever be remem-

bered as the day the American people regained control of their country," Trump told a crowd at around 2:30 a.m. Wednesday from a stage adorned with star spangled banners at his campaign headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida.

president former declared himself the winner before most news outlets had called the race.

Trump said the election, which saw more than 137 million Americans cast ballots, represented a "historic realignment" of American interests and was a "massive victory for democracy and for freedom.

"I will not rest until we have delivered the strong, safe and prosperous America that our children deserve," he added.

See Trump page 2



Tribune News Service/Getty Images/Chip Somodevilla

Former President and now President-elect Donald Trump points to supporters with former first lady Melania Trump during an election night event Tuesday at the Palm Beach Convention Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. The Associated Press and other news outlets called the election for Trump about 5:30 a.m. Wednesday.

JCDC looking at its **future**

Richards will continue to help as needed

By RAY COONEY The Commercial Review

A committee will be appointed to chart a course for Jay County Development Corporation.

organization's The board of directors held a special meeting following an executive session Tuesday to discuss the future following last week's announcement that execudirector Travis Richards is resigning effective Nov. 15.

The board:

·Agreed to an hourly rate of \$46.95 per hour for Richards to continue working on an as-needed basis through the end of the year. "We have some major projects going on, especially READI (Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative 2.0), that we want to make sure are taken care of,' board president Angela Paxson.

 Approved the appointment of a committee to look at the executive director's job description, compensation and benefits. The group, to be appointed by Paxson, will make recommendations at the organization's regularly scheduled Dec. 3 meeting.

Richards reiterated Tuesday that his decision to leave Jay County Development Corporation was primarily family related. He has led the organization for six years. He will become me production manager at Sonoco in Port-

"I think that what Travis has done over the years needs to be complimented," said board member Mike Medler. "It's appreciated what you've done for this entire community and county."

Several board members commented in agreement, as did Rob Weaver of

WPGW Radio. "This standing ovation that he received at the awards program said a lot," he said, referencing the reaction after Jay County Development Corporation won the Not-forprofit of the Year Award during the Jay County Community Awards in

May. During the community update portion of the meeting during which each board member is invited to share information, Jay County Commissioner Rex Journay told the board that the county declined an offer of \$1 million through the state's Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI) 2.0 toward an effort to develop 68 acres of county-owned land on the west side of Portland. He explained that the funding is not enough to launch the project, a planned \$25.5 million in total over a series of phases for commercial space and housing. See **JCDC** page 2

Coming up

Friday — The inaugural All-GPC volleyball team will be revealed.

Saturday — Coverage of Thursday's Portland Board of Works meeting.

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

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 75 degrees on Election Day. The low was 64.

The forecast calls for a low in the mid 30s tonight. Expect mostly sunny skies Friday with a high around 60. Rain is expected Saturday evening.

See page 2 for an extended out-

In review

Jay County Public Library will host a Home Alone Safety Class for third through sixth graders from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday. Attendees will learn about safe habits, preventing unsafe situations, what to do in situations such as power outages and weather emergencies. Registration is required by calling (260) 726-7890.



Local/Nation

Continued from page 1 There have been no public announcements from Indiana Economic Development Corpoawards for the East Central County. (Officials have reached

Also Monday, the board:

•Heard from Richards that JCDC has received its \$50,000 allocation from The City of ration regarding READI 2.0 Portland for its services in "That's great," said Region or from East Central Richards, noting that the Indiana Regional Partnership, organization was down to which is leading the eight-coun-ty region that includes Jay account. "We're in a position where we can carry on into the out to applicants that were pre- new year." (JCDC has not liminarily selected for funding.) received any funding from the ty input meeting from 4:30 to town Dunkirk

county this year during a con- 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 13, at tinued contract dispute.)

·Was reminded about the following upcoming events:

designer purse bingo at 6 p.m. Friday

Saturday at Jay County Junior-Senior High School

John Jay Center for Learning

—A sportsman's dinner and gun raffle at 5:30 p.m. Sat-Pennville Park Board's urday and an all-you-can-eat breakfast in support of Secrete Families Christmas Charity of The Delta Theta Tau Jay County from 7 to 11 a.m. craft show from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, both at Portland Elks Lodge

-The turkey drop at 10 -An Arts Place communi- a.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, in down-

—The Arts Place Holiday Benefit Auction at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22

-A "shop hop" with visits to businesses in Portland, Pennville, Dunkirk and Redkey on Nov. 22 and 23. (LifeStream buses will provide transportation.)

-Feel the Warmth of Christmas from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, in downtown Dunkirk

CR almanac

Friday 11/8	Saturday 11/9	Sunday 11/10	Monday 11/11	Tuesday 11/12
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62/37	61/47	66/47	59/42	60/45
Friday's forecast shows mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of rain at night.	Mostly sunny on Satur- day with the chance of rain increasing throughout the day.	Sunday has a 90% chance of showers throughout the day with a slight chance of thunder- storms.	Mostly sunny skies on Monday when the low will be in the low 40s.	Mostly sunny skies on Tuesday, when the high will be in the mid 60s.
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Lotteries

\$75 million

Powerball

Estimated jackpot:

Mega Millions

2-24-25-52-58 Mega Ball: 9 Megaplier: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$334 million

Hoosier

Tuesday Midday Daily Three: 6-3-8 Daily Four: 1-0-3-5 Quick Draw: 14-20-22-24-25-31-32-35-36-37-42-

Evening Daily Three: 5-6-7 Daily Four: 5-2-2-8 Quick Draw: 1-2-15-16-21-22-28-30-31-33-36-42-43-46-49-53-63-68-72-80

Ohio

Tuesday Midday Pick 3: 2-0-3 Pick 4: 2-4-5-7 Pick 5: 2-0-5-0-1 Evening Pick 3: 5-9-6 Pick 4: 7-2-5-2 Pick 5: 3-8-4-2-8 Rolling Cash: 10-16-20-25-28

Estimated jackpot:

\$100,000

Markets

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Today in history

the first African American to be elected as a governor as he won the race in Virginia, defeating Republican J. Marshall Coleman

Beans.....9.77

In 1991, Magic Johnannounced his retirement from basketball because he was HIV positive. He returned to the sport to play for the Dream Team in the 1992 Summer Olympics and to the NBA for part of the 1995-96 season.

In 2000, the presidential election ended in a virtual tie with Democrat Al Gore leading Republican George Bush by less than 600,000 votes out of more than 104 million cast and the Electoral College count hinging on disputed bal-

In 1989, Democrat lots in Florida. It took Douglas Wilder became until a Dec. 12 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court to deny a Florida recount and thus make Bush the winner in the Electoral College, 271-

> In 2016, Jay County Hospital proposed a twoyear agreement to Jay county Commissioners that would allow the hospital to take over management of Jay Emergency Medical Service, which at that time had been struggling financially. Commissioners and Jay County Council later approved the agreement. Approximately a year later, the hospital announced final details for its plan to become part of the IU Health network.

—The CR

Citizen's calendar

Today

4 p.m. — Portland land. of Works, Board mayor's office, city hall, 321 N. Meridian of Trustees, communi-St.

5:30 p.m. — Portland Portland. Commission, Plan Community Resource Center, 118 S. Meridian building, 131 S. Main St.

Monday

9 a.m. — Jay County Commissioners, audicourthouse, Wednesday torium,

120 N. Court St. ty Election Board, vot-courthouse, 120 N. ing room, courthouse, Court St.

120 N. Court St., Port-

4 p.m. — Jay County Public Library Board ty room, 315 N. Ship St.,

6 p.m. — Dunkirk Board of Works, city 7 p.m. — Dunkirk City Council, building, 131 S. Main

6 p.m. — Jay County 3:45 p.m. — Jay Coun- Council, auditorium,

Continued from page 1 The county will have two new

commissioners in January as Republican Doug Horn was uncontested Tuesday for the north seat. He defeated former three-term commissioner Mike Leonhard in the Republican primary in May for the seat currently held by Republican Rex Journay, who chose not to seek a second term.

Atop the ballot, Jay County voters overwhelmingly supported Donald Trump in the presidential race for the third time. His 76.6% of the vote was more than against President Joe Biden (75.1%) in 2020 or Hillary Clinton (71%) in 2016.

The Kamala Harris/Tim Walz ticket earned just 21.5% of the vote in Jay County.

In other voting in Jay County for federal offices, Republican Jim Banks won by a 76.8% to 20.5% margin over Democrat Valerie McCray for U.S. Senator and Republican Marlin Stutzman picked up 75.8% of the vote against Democrat Kylie Adolph (20.2%) for U.S. Representative in Indiana's 3rd District. Banks, the 3rd District's current Congressman, was polling at about 58.9% with about half of the state's precincts reporting and will claim the seat being vacated by Republican Mike Braun. Stutzman reclaims the seat he gave up in 2016 to run for the Senate as he was at 65.1% of the vote across the district.

Braun earned the least support among Republicans in Jay County but still pulled more than two-thirds of the vote in his race for Indiana governor. He came in at 67.8% compared to 25.1% for Democrat Jennifer McCormick.

The Associated Press called the race for Braun within an hour of polls closing at 6 p.m. Tuesday.

In the other state races, Jay County voters backed Republicans ed an amendment to the state con-

Prescott headed to statehouse representing District 33, which includes Jay County

Todd Rokita 75.5%-24.5% over Des-stitution to remove the state supertiny Wells for attorney general and J.D. Prescott 74.8%-25.2% over Democrat John Bartlett for state representative in District 33. Both were projected to win, with Rokita at 59% of the vote statewide and Prescott at nearly 73% in District

"I'm really looking forward to it," said Prescott, who earned his fourth term. "I'm just really thankful to the voters of the district who have given me this opportunity to continue to serve.'

For the 2025 session, he said he is excited about working with Braun, streamlining state government agencies and crafting the two-year budget. He also noted property taxes as a key issue.

"Most of the discussion has been around homeowners, which that's very important, we need to make sure we get property tax relief for homeowners," said Prescott. "But our community is really a rural, agriculture-heavy community and the vast majority of the property taxes here in Jay County, Randolph, Blackford, Delaware and Henry ... it's really a rural, ag base. So we need to make sure we have that in mind — any tweak that we do for homeowners, if we're not careful, it could shift that tax burden to ag."

Jay County voters also support-

intendent of public instruction from the list of officeholders in line for ascension to the office of governor

They were also in favor of the retention of Indiana Supreme Court Justices Loretta Rush, Mark Massa and Derek Molter and Fourth District Court of Appeals Judge Rudolph Pyle III, all by 70% or higher.

Voter turnout was up slightly in Jay County from the 2020 election, coming in at 68.5%. (Totals in the previous three presidential years were 68% in 2020, 64.7% in 2016 and 65% in 2012.) Out of 11,998 voters who are registered, 8,216 cast ballots. Of that total, 52.8% voted before election day.

Republicans uncontested in addition to Horn were incumbent Matt Lehman for state representative in District 79; Brian Hutchison for Jay Circuit Court Judge; Jonelle Foreman for treasurer; Brad Daniels for surveyor; incumbent Matt Minnich along with Michael Brewster and Bryan Alexander for three county council seats; Brayden Fields for coroner; and Missy Elliott for Jay Circuit Court clerk.

Jon Eads (District 1), Aaron Clark (District 4) and Chad Towell (District 6) were uncontested in the non-partisan election for Jay School Board.

Trump

golden age of America."

Trump built his third campaign for the White House on the issues of immigration and economy, appealing to Americans who were weary of liberal elites and the status quo. He promised to secure the Southern border and deport millions of people living in the country illegally, impose tariffs that would revive the economy and restore American manufacturing, and withdraw the nation from the international

stage. He also threatened to use the U.S. military after the election against "radical-left lunatics," including Democrats, who he has dubbed the "enemy from within.'

His closing campaign slogan — "Kamala Broke It. Trump Will Fix It" emphasized Harris' role in the Biden administration and positioned himself as the candidate of change.

Harris, who sought to make history not only as the first female president but also as the first Black and Asian American female president, became the second female candidate in eight years to become the Democrats' presidential nominee only to fail to secure enough votes to win.

The Harris team has yet to comment on Trump's win. Before 11 p.m. Tues-day, Jen O'Malley Dillon, the chair of Harris' campaign, sent staff a memo noting it was a "razor thin

"We feel good about what we're seeing," she wrote to staff, noting they had exceeded turnout expectations in Philadelphia. "Let's finish up what we have in front of us tonight, get some sleep, and get ready to close out strong tomorrow."

It turned out to be a dev-

Continued from page 1 astating night for Democ-

Trump flipped Pennsylvania, Georgia and Wisconsin - states Democrats won in 2020 — winning by clear margins of several percentage points. He kept hold of North Carolina. On Wednesday morning, he was several percentage points ahead in Arizona, Michigan and Nevada, but the races were not called.

Republicans also secured control of the Senate after Tim Sheehy in Montana, Deb Fischer in Nebraska, Bernie Moreno in Ohio, and Jim Justice in West Virginia secured a number of contested seats.

The House remains up for grabs as election officials continue to count votes. Republicans hope to hold their House majority. Early Wednesday, the Associated Press reported that Rep. Mike Lawler, who holds a suburban New York seat, managed to eke out a second term.

SERVICES

Thursday

Hofstetter, Charles: I p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St.,

Saturday

Mast, Edward: I p.m., Countryside Christian Church, 1212 E. 100 South, Winchester.

Groves, JoAnn: 1:30 p.m., Downing & Glancy Funeral Home, 100 Washington St., Geneva.

Arnold, John: 5 p.m., Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home, 208 N. Commerce St., Portland.

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Tickets are available for 'Sound of Music'

County Civic Theatre's latest production.

Tickets are on sale for "The Sound of Music." Shows are scheduled for 7 p.m. Dec. 5, 6, 7, 13 and 14, and 2 p.m. Dec. 15. Advance tickets are \$10 for students and children and \$12 for adults, and they're available by visiting bit.ly/JCCTTSOM, calling (260) 726-4809 or at Arts Place, 131 E. Walnut St., Portland. Ticket prices will increase Dec. 1.

Unlock the box

Recovery

Taking Note

Library's twist on escape rooms has a few days left.

Unlock the Box, an "escape room in reverse," is being offered at the library through Monday. Participants can use hidden clues in the room to Public solve puzzles and riddles, lead-

unravel a mystery, according to a press release from the library. Registration is ongoing for this year's free event, "A New Sheriff In Town." Call (419) 375-2869 to register.

Also, the library will host an evening with Jim Waechter, a local Vietnam War veteran and co-founder of Portland's Museum of the Soldier, at 6 p.m. Nov.

Award launched

Nominations are open for the Hoosier First Responder Medal ing.

ing them to unlock keys and of Honor. The new state award will honor firefighters, emergency medical responders, law enforcement and others "who distinguish themselves conspicuously by gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of the first responder's life above and beyond the call of duty.'

For more information about nominations, visit in.gov/dhs/special-recognitions.

Festival of trees

The holidays are approach-

annual holiday celebration in Fort Recovery, will be celebrated at Fort Recovery Public Library from Dec. 9 through Dec. 31 during normal business hours. Visitors to the library during that time may vote on their favorite decorated tree.

Fort Recovery Friends of the Library members are looking for businesses, organizations, clubs, families or individuals interested in participating.

To learn more call (419) 375-2869 or email tlefevre@seolibraries.org.

Drunk dials are too much to handle for friend

DEAR ABBY: I have been friends with a couple for 30 years. Both are alcoholics. They function, work at farmers' markets, are sociable, have a house and pay their bills. Yet, at least once, maybe twice a month, they get totally wasted and the wife calls me and rambles on incoherently. I suspect they get drunk even more frequently, but, thankfully, I don't get a call every time they are on a binge.

relationships in which I drank too much to numb myself. Thankfully, I have been out of such toxicity for years. But I'm having increasing difficulty dealing with these drunken phone calls. I suspect I'm the only person my friend you can't understand calls because she knows what she's saying. Say few others would under- if it happens again you

Dear Abby



I'm weary from these calls. How do I deflect them? — TIRED EAR IN **ARIZONA**

DEAR TIRED EAR: Put an end to those calls I have been in terrible by being frank with your friend about the effect they have on you. Do this while she is sober. Tell her you do not want her calling you after she has been drinking because her speech is so slurred that

through. Let her calls go to voicemail. If you would like to maintain any sort of relationship with this couple, see socially only when they are (reasonably) sober.

DEAR ABBY: When I was a teenager, my immigrandparents brought back hand-knit sweaters from Ireland, the country in which they were born, for everyone in our family. I cherish mine and take care of it, even though I've outgrown it.

Years later, a close friend asked to borrow this sweater for her neighbor's child, who needed "something Irish" for a show-and-tell event at school. The kids were asked to bring items that

and if it does, follow When I refused to loan my heirloom sweater, my friend told me she'd already promised her neighbor she could borrow it. She became very angry, accused me of being selfish and hasn't spoken to me for a couple months.

We live in the same town, so I run into her sometimes. She's cordial but distant and clearly still upset with me. Bear in mind that I hardly know my friend's neighbor — the one who wanted to borrow my sweater for her child. But even if I did, I wouldn't loan this heirloom to anyone. Was I wrong? SENTIMEN-TAL IN MICHIGAN

DEAR SENTIMEN-TAL: You were neither selfish nor wrong! Your "friend" was out of stand her slurred babble. will hang up the phone, had to do with Ireland. line. She should never

the use of property that wasn't hers. And for her to ice you now for refusing to give it to her and risk that something so precious to you could be damaged is plenty nervy. My advice is to follow her example. Be cordial but distant, and do not permit her to make you the bad guy for saying no.

DEAR ABBY: We have vegetarian and vegan friends. Over the years, when we have invited them over for a celebration, we (omnivores) always make sure to include dishes that they will enjoy. But when they invite guests for dinner, they never — ever include a meat dish, not even a piece of chicken.

I have asked around **polite regrets.**

have promised anyone and, apparently, that's the experience of everyone. Don't you think a little reciprocity is in order? As it is, the hospitality rule seems decidedly onesided. If the vegans worry about (to them) inedible leftovers, they can always provide a doggy bag for their guests. -– ONE-SIDED IN THE WEST

DEAR ONE-SIDED: Please consider this your wake-up Many vegans and vegetarians do not want meat, chicken or fish in their kitchens. If, in addition to what they provide, you feel the need to consume animal protein, consume some before you go to their home or afterward. If this does not suit you, respond to their invitation with

Marriage licenses

Gerald D. Bromagem IV, 21, Dunkirk, and Skylee M. Stewart, 19, Dunkirk

Amos S. Coblentz, 26, Portland, and Lydia H. Schwartz, 30,

Makayla D. Reynolds, 28, Portland, and Logan B. VanSkyock,

24, Portland

Aubrie N. Schwieterman, 21, Portland, and Gavin U. Myers,

Katherine D. Barlow, 42, Redkey, and Hendrik M. Ehrke, 42,

Juliana K. Blount, 25, Port-

Portland

Dylan R. Lawhead, 22, Portland, and Rachel D. Louck, 23,

and Cody D. Knisely, 22, Dunkirk Sofia A. Barcus, 21, Yorktown,

land, and Luke J. Nichols, 24, and Juan P. Wiggins, 21, Portland

> Sara C. Miller, 43, Portland, and Kenneth R. Piercy Jr., 50, Portland

Matrece S. Coblentz, 20, Portland, and David J. Troyer, 24, Portland

Haley R. Stone, 27, Portland, and Arley J. Vaughn Jr., 19, Richmond

Neesha L. Cox, 32, Redkey, and

Kristen L. Bickel, 26, Sidney, Ohio, and Christopher A. Link, 29, Sidney, Ohio

Caden M. Green, 20, Dunkirk

Community Calendar

Notices will appear in Thursday at A Second Friday Community Calendar as Chance At Life Ministries, space is available. To sub*email* land. mit an item, news@thecr.com.

Today

SMART RECOVERY -A group for those struggling with addiction that focuses on motivation, coping with cravings, managing thoughts, feelings and behavior, and living a balanced life meets at 11 a.m. each Thursday in the IU Health Jay Outpatient Behavioral Health Center, Entrance C, 510 W. Votaw St., Portland.

CELEBRATE RECOV-ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each 584-6452.

21, Fort Wayne

Pennville

Paige S. Finch, 22, Dunkirk,

228 S. Meridian St. in Port-

PORTLAND LIONS CLUB — Will meet the first Thursday of the month at Portland Lions Civic Center, 307 W. 100 North. The meal will be served at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

FORGET-ME-NOT — Asupport group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby miscarriage, through birth or illness will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Vincent Randolph Hospital, Winchester, in community room 1. For more information, call Kimberly Sibery at (765) 964-6075 or Nikki Bosworth at (765)

PAST RECOVERY SERV-ICES — Peer Addiction Support Team recovery support group meets at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. each Friday at the Jay County Drug Prevention Coalition office at 100 N. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3259.

Saturday

ALCOHOLICS ANONY-MOUS — Will meet at 10 a.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 251-3336 or (260) 729-7000.

Sunday

A BETTER LIFE - BRI-ANNA'S HOPE - A faithbased recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 5 to 6:30 p.m. each Sunday at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

Monday

PORTLAND BREAK-FAST 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 COALI-PREVENTION TION — 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.

PREGNANCY CENTER — Free pregnancy testing with ongoing support during and after pregnancy. The center is located at 216 S. Meridian St., Portland. Hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call (260) 726-8636. Walk-ins accepted.



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Half-page color - \$350 (only three available)

Half-page black and white - \$300



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Sudoku

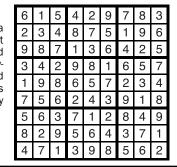
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Wednesday's Solution

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



Legislators: This is state's economy

By MORTON J. MARCUS

Just a few days from now our new, re-elected and holdover members of the Indiana General Assembly will meet.

Here's a refresher course on a very few facts they might find useful.

Many politicians like to talk about per capita personal income as a measure of economic wellbeing. But personal income is a compound of great complexity, including dollars that are estimated to satisfy theoretical constructs only an economist might imagine.

For example, dividends, interest and rent received into your retirement account aren't dollars you're likely to spend until sometime down the road. Yet, an estimate of them, based on actual formal concept of income.

Eye on the Pie



dollars received and reported to the IRS from taxpayers in your area, is included in personal income.

Worst still, the rental value of the home you own is part of your personal income. As the occupant of your home, you are imagined to pay rent to yourself as the owner of the property. It may not be what a normal person thinks of as income, but it does satisfy a

income in 2023 was \$61,243, 12.3% below the national fig-

A number more in line with our conventional understanding of economic relationships is the average earnings per job. This number also has its "distinct" aspects. It is not total earnings divided by the number of persons employed, but by the number of full- and parttime jobs. One person may hold more than one job. The result is an amount lower than that which we usually consider as

In 2023, Indiana's average earnings per job was \$69,005, 7.3% below the national level.

Compensation per job goes

employee benefits. Among these are insurance not required by government programs, allowance for parking and/or transportation, payments for health related services (exercise club memberships), education and pension

Indiana's compensation per job in 2023 was 11.2% below that of the nation.

When many Hoosiers see these data, they are put at ease because the cost of living in Indiana is widely reported to be lower than that of the nation as a whole. The Regional Price Parity Index for Indiana, developed by the U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, for all items in *Email him at mortonjmar*beyond earnings to include 2022 was 8.2% below the nation- cus@gmail.com.

Indiana's per capita personal expenditures firms make for al level; for housing it stood 30% below the U.S. figure.

> This makes paying lower wages in Indiana seem fair to employer and employee alike. But on reflection, it is clear wages are the ability to pay, and wages determine housing and other prices. The mortgage broker asks for your pay slips not your grocery bills.

Why are wages lower in Indiana than elsewhere in America?

Simply stated, the goods and services we produce are not as highly valued by domestic and international markets. Commodities don't compete well with comedies.

Marcus is an economist.

Housing effort shows progress

The Virginian-Pilot Tribune News Service

Too many of our veterans struggle with homelessness and hopelessness. Across the U.S. and here in Virginia, we must continue efforts to give those who have served the support they need to have safe, rewarding lives when their time in uniform is over.

The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs said in September that it had found shelter for 43,116 homeless veterans between October 2023 and August of this year. That exceeded the agency's goal of housing 41,000 veterans in fiscal year 2024, which ended Sept. 30.

While it's great that the VA surpassed its goal for housing homeless veterans in the fiscal year that just ended, it's disturbing that so many of those who have served our country were without a place to live.

Homelessness is often problems shared by many veterans. Substance abuse, post-traumatic stress disorder, disabilities, loneliness, depression and other mental and emotional health problems are all too common. Some veterans have trouble adjusting to the finding jobs that utilize housing program. meir skills.

rate among veterans, espeolder veterans. National statistics show that veterans are at a 57% higher risk of suicide than those who have never served. The National Veter-Suicide Prevention Annual Report for 2023 said that about 17 veterans die by suicide each day, up 11% from the year before.

So it's worrying that over the last vear, the national suicide hotline for veterans has been plagued with technical problems. Multiple service outages made it difficult and at times impossible for veterans in a crisis

The veterans' hotline reached by dialing the national 988 hotline number and then pressing 1 has counselors working around the clock. Sometimes a veteran contemplating suicide needs immediate attention. Often, the veterans just need to talk to someone who will listen and suggest help so the situation doesn't become crit-

Sen. Jon Tester of Montana, chairman of the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, has urged the VA to homes and hope for a fulfill-

Guest **Editorial**

bility a priority. It's tragic

Meanwhile, there is some progress in the battle homelessness. against Since early 2020, the number of homeless veterans has fallen by more than 4%; since 2010, the decline has been more than 52%.

Harris administration have made preventing and eliminating veteran homelessness a top priority. The goal is to get veterans into housing first and then help them stay there.

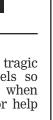
related to other chronic more than \$800 million in civilian workplace and help through their joint

These efforts are impor-All those problems con- tant, because the percenttribute to the high suicide age of veterans who are homeless is disproportionately high. About 10% of Americans have served in the military, but nearly 13% of homeless adults are vet-

> veteran population, has worked hard to reduce homelessness. Back in 2015, Virginia became the first state to meet the federal government's definition of effectively ending homelessness among veterans every known veteran had a home except those who declined help. Concentrated efforts in the Peninsula and South Hampton Roads helped reach that milestone.

Then came the disruptions of COVID and soaring housing costs, and the numbers of homeless veterans

began to rise again. Whether they were drafted into military service, as is the case with many older veterans, or volunteered to serve since the draft ended in 1973, our veterans deserve thanks, respect and honor. They also deserve continuing support to help them build safe, healthy lives — lives with decent



when a veteran feels so hopeless, but worse when that veteran calls for help and isn't heard.

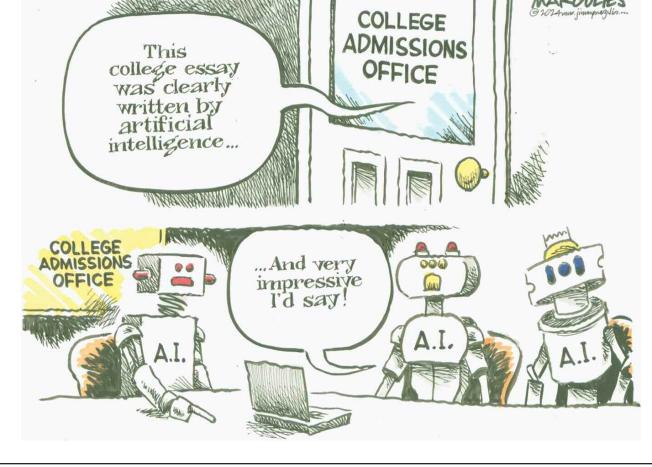
The VA and the Biden-

Åmong other efforts, the

VA in August awarded grants through its programs for homeless veterans and families. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and the VA announced during the summer that changes are making it easier for more veterans to get

Virginia, with its large

make hotline service relia- ing future.



Cathedral is worth admission

honest, European churches are

already pretty commercialized;

before the fire, Notre Dame itself

charged a fee to enter its bell

tower. Meanwhile the cathedral

itself was often so crowded it was

difficult to appreciate, from either

a religious or aesthetic standpoint.

So if a fee drives some visitors

crowding is a fee of another sort,

even if its nominal price remains

at zero. Notre Dame, because of its

role as a tourist attraction, has

long been driving away and dis-

And why are so many tour

groups welcome in Notre Dame?

Because they bring significant

income to Paris and France. Local

businesses of course favor this

outcome, and can pressure the gov-

ernment to continue to encourage

the flow of visitors. To acknowl-

edge this reality is also to accept

that the status quo ex ante, that is

without a fee, was based on ram-

pant commercialization of church

So here is my proposal: First,

charge a fee — but make it €10

rather than €5. If seeing Notre

Dame is worth only $\in 7$ or $\in 8$ to

someone, I don't mind excluding

them, for the benefit of those who

really want to see the place. The

crowds should diminish — and if

they don't, just raise the admis-

sion fee. St. Paul's in London, by

couraging truly religious uses.

To put it another way: Extreme

away, that could be a good thing.

By TYLER COWEN

Bloomberg Opinion Tribune News Service

For believers, the question is literally sacrilegious: When should a church charge an admission fee? After all, a church is where many people go to be with God. It is a place of refuge. And it should be open to all, regardless of wealth. If Satan tempts, a church is a sanctu-

And yet the most famous cathedral in the world, Notre Dame in Paris, is contemplating an admission fee when it reopens in December. French Culture Minister Rachida Dati has argued for a fee of five euros, claiming it would raise €75 million, which would be enough to "save all the churches in Paris and France." That too might be seen as a religious priority, especially given France's fiscal difficulties.

The Catholic Church opposes the plan, citing a 1905 law stipulating that churches must stay open to the public for free. The government says that charging "cultural visitors" is permissible, provided they are not there for religious services.

I am neither a Catholic nor a proponent of the French cultural policy, and reject the premises of both sides. I am, however, a relatively frequent visitor to Paris as well as Notre Dame, so have a modest stake in this debate. I am also an economist, and would like to propose a compromise: Use the revenue from an admission fee to help support the cathedral's original purpose.

The commercialization churches has some major downsides — but an admission fee can be a partial antidote to commercialization, not its apogee. To be the way, charges £25 for adult blog.

Tyler Cowen



admission, and in Paris charges €11. Anyone who can afford to visit Paris can afford to pay more than €5 to see Notre Second, assign a priest, nun or

other religious counsel to the church, to service any religiously minded visitor who might require assistance in matters of the soul. If need be, that person can walk the God-searching visitor to a nearby church where visits are free. Admission fees will help fund this service, which would be symbolically important even if little used.

Third, set aside further time for Notre Dame to be a quiet and more religious place. Maybe make admission free for one day per week — but only for residents of Paris. Since most visitors stay in Paris for more than a day, the determined tourist still should be able to see the church.

If nothing else, this special day can serve as a referendum on whether one of the world's most inspiring Catholic sites can generate local loyalty. If not, that is valuable information in its own right. Perhaps it can serve as a prod to improve aesthetic education in local schools. For the religiously minded, this plan has another benefit: If even a single soul is saved by this arrangement. it is worth it.

One of the fundamental insights of economics that a price can be more than just monetary. Religion might benefit from recognizing this, too.

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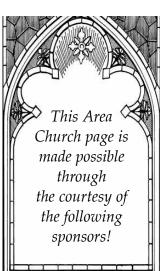
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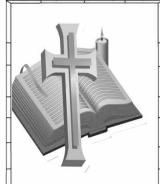
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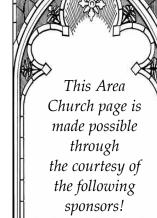
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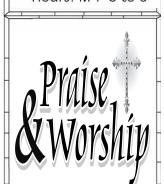
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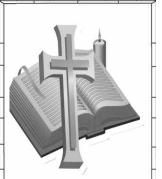
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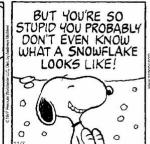
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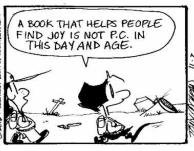




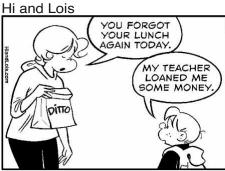


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Opening lead — jack of spades.

It is generally acknowledged that defense is the most difficult part of the game. For an example of fine defense, consider this deal where East-West performed to perfection and, as a result, took the first seven tricks against South's three-heart

West led the jack of spades, and East correctly concluded that the only good reason his partner could have for not leading a club initially was that he didn't have one to lead.

So, after dummy played low, East won the spade with the ace and returned the deuce of clubs, confi-dent that West would ruff.

West ruffed, as expected, and then had to decide whether to lead spade at trick three (in the hope that East had been dealt the singleton ace) or whether to return a low diamond (hoping East had the

ace).

This was not a difficult decision.

The meaning of East's return of the deuce of clubs — when it was clear from the bidding that East was not leading his fourth-best club

was easy to interpret. East was indicating, via a suit-preference sig-nal, that he wanted West to lead a diamond - the lower-ranking of the two remaining side suits — after he ruffed the club. Had East desired a spade lead, he would have returned a high club instead.

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Will Dodgers keep core of World Series roster?

Los Angeles Times Tribune News Service

ANTONIO SAN front office had arrived in San Antonio on Monday for Major League Baseball's annual general managers meetings, pressure already was being applied on Andrew Friedman and Co.

Less than a week removed from winning the Series, several Dodgers voiced their desire for the team to keep its core intact for next year for a title defense.

At a fan event Monday morning, Kiké Hernández pounded that drum, stating his wish to remain with the Dodgers as he enters free agency following an upand-down regular season but a monstrous October performance.

"I really, really hope I'm back next year so we can run it back," Hernández said to more than 500 fans at a Raising Cane's restaurant in Alhambra, California, receiving raucous applause. "So make sure you guys talk to Friedman and those guys, and let them know.'

Manager Dave Roberts not-so-subtly hinted the same during an interview on Mookie Betts' "On Base" podcast, when asked what was on his holiday wishlist for the team.

"I want to bring back a guy we had in the bullpen this year," he said with a sly grin, referring to free agent Blake Treinen, who became the Dodgers' most trusted reliever in the playoffs.

"I would love for Santa to bring me another bullpen arm who is a high-leverage free agent," he said, seemingly alluding to the Dodgers' other veteran free-agent reliever, Joe

homers for us in the postseason ... and is from a Latin American country," Before most of the Dodgers he added with a laugh, a description that applied to both Kiké Hernández and fellow free-agent outfielder

Teoscar Hernández. The front office already started putting plans into action this week. The team picked up its club options veteran shortstop Miguel Rojas and backup catcher Austin Barnes. Longtime pitcher Clayton Kershaw declined his player option but intends to return on a new contract. Teoscar Hernández said he would "do everything in my power to come back" too.

However, much work remains to be done.

On Monday, the Dodgers declined to extend a oneyear, \$21-million qualifying offer to pitcher Walker Buehler, leaving the door open for other teams to attempt to sign him.

Another starting pitcher and key trade deadline acquisition Jack Flaherty, also is on the market, where he might fetch offers beyond what the Dodgers are willing to spend.

The Dodgers almost certainly will have to make additions too. Their rotation remains in need of reinforcements, in a year when the free-agent market is headlined by two former Cy Young award winners whom they've had interest in, Blake Snell and Corbin Burnes, and might include 23-year-old Japanese star Roki Sasaki if he is posted by his Nippon Professional Baseball club.

The lineup will need to be bolstered either too, through the addition of an outfielder (the Dodgers have the money and track record to appeal to this year's biggest free agent, "And I want to bring a Juan Soto) or a full-time onship series.)

guy that had a couple big shortstop (Willy Adames. another longtime target of the Dodgers, is the biggest name among that position group on the market).

Still several Dodgers felt like the roster proved itself greater than the sum of its parts in the playoffs. They overcame a litany of starting pitching injuries by creating a clubhouse culture that Kiké Hernández compared to the 2020 World Series-winning squad.

"It took every single one of us in the locker room to do what we accomplished, and that doesn't happen without the unit," Hernández said. "That is the one thing that stands out the most about our October run, is how close we were. It brings memories back to 2020. That's why we did well

"But in 2020, we were all locked in a hotel for a month. And this year, to be able to be that together throughout a whole month, when everybody gets to go back home after games, you can only hope to be able to bring the whole group back and run it back next year again."

In many ways, the Dodgers' approach to both Hernándezes will serve as a signal of how strong that hope is in the front office.

Hernández Teoscar should be in line for a big payday after his 33-homer campaign, and a robust market might test how far the Dodgers are willing to go to keep him.

Kiké Hernández offers a different proposition, with the club having to weigh his regular-season struggles (he batted just .229 and had a below-league-average on-base-plus-slugging percentage) with his postseason heroics (he batted .294 and hit two key home runs in the division and champi-



The Commercial Review/Andrew Balko

Hummer heaves it

Jay County High School freshman Raylin Hummer fires up a shot during Tuesday's scrimmage against Huntington North. The Patriots will open their season on Nov. 12 at South Side.

Sports on tap

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Jay County — - Girls wrestling at North Miami –

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Jay County — Girls wrestling at New Pales-

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Hornets (FDSN Indiana) 7 p.m. — College basketball: North Carolina at Kansas (ESPN2)

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- College basketball: IU Indianapolis

East Carolina (ESPN) 8 p.m. — NHL: Utah Hockey Club at St. Louis Blues (FDSN Indiana)

7:30 p.m. — NBA: Phoenix Suns at Dallas

8 p.m. — College football: Florida Atlantic at Mavericks (ESPN)

8 p.m. — College basketball: Mount St. Mary's at Maryland (BTN)

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Calling it a career

Grant Zgunda retires from teaching, coaching football at Jay County

By ANDREW BALKO

The Commercial Review Grant Zgunda has had a storied career.

After 27 years, a state finals appearance, two trips to the semistate, six sectional championships and a final four seasons leading the Patriots he's decided it's time to hang it up.

After notifying the Jay County High School athletic department on Monday, Zgunda officially submitted his letter of resignation as the JCHS football coach on Tuesday prior to his retirement from teaching at the end of the 2024-25 school year.

'When I came to Jay County, I remember the interview and I remember saying 'I've got about four to six years left in me in education," Zgunda said. "This is the fourth year, so I'm going to go ahead and get out of everything. It has nothing to do with any kind of giving up or whatever, it was just kind of a part of the plan all along. It's time for me to spend some more time with my family. I'm going to retire from education at the end of the year, so that's the reason."

Zgunda began his career as an assistant coach in the 1980s before getting his first coaching job at Madison-Grant in 1993. He led the Argylls to a 4-5 season before ripping off four winning seasons at MGHS.

In 1998, Zgunda took the coaching job at Delta, where he established his legacy. During his 18year tenure, he led the Eagles to a 169-45 record and seven Hoosier Heritage Conference championships. During his time at DHS, the Eagles won six sectional championships (2000, 2001, 2005, 2008, 2009 and 2015) and made it all the way to the state championship in 2001. Delta never had a losing season under his guidance, with the worst season coming in at 6-4 in 2013.

He then took a break from coaching for five seasons and stepped into the athletic director role at DHS. Zgunda returned to teacher at JCHS and will retire from that position at the end of the school year.)

Through four years with Jay County, Zgunda had a 12-29 sectional win since 2017 with a able to get more wins."

42-7 victory over Bellmont this past season. The Patriots' best season under his tenure came in 2023, as the team finished 4-6.

"He's spent the last several years coaching us, being a part of our team and overall done a phenomenal job," said JCHS athletic director Alex Griffin. "Everyone I talk to – I've only been here this year – but as I look back, or you talk to families, general patrons or those tied to the administration, it's obvious that our boys have continually improved.

"I was talking to coach yesterday and when he looks at the team coming up next year he's like, 'We're in a good spot.' He's not walking away leaving nothing ... I think that was good for him to know and important for him to know and that just speaks volumes to his character. That's why he's a hall of fame coach.'

Griffin currently plans to post the position sometime in the month of December, but the school will wait for the new year so the new school board members can join the process before the search gets serious. (Jon Eads, Chad Towell and Aaron Clark were elected to Jay School Board in Tuesday's election. For more on the election, see page 1.)

When reflecting on his time at Jay County, Zgunda mentioned his appreciation for the opportunity to lead the Patriots as well as his wish to have found more success during his tenure.

"I just want the Jay County Community to know that I'm thankful for the opportunity to be there for four years," Zgunda said. "It's been tremendous between the turf field and new facilities and people are hungry there for winning football...

"I feel bad that we weren't able to get more wins. I wish I would have been able to help that happen. I don't know that there's any blame there for anyone. Our players worked extremely hard and we had some close games where we weren't able to get the win. But we also had some big wins coaching in 2021, when he took like at Huntington and Woodlan the job leading the Patriots. (He last year. We could have beat is also a physical education Kokomo last year, so there were a lot of games we were right there.

"I feel positive about it. I know a lot of people won't see it that way, but our kids played hard. The main thing for me is that I record and led the team to its first feel bad for them that we weren't



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Jay County High School football coach Grant Zgunda calls for his team to kick the point after touchdown following the score on the opening drive in the 35-13 loss at Heritage Oct. 18, 2024. After leading the Patriots for four years, Zgunda will retire from coaching and teaching at Jay County.

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Embiid suspended for three games

By GINA MIZELL The Philadelphia Inquirer

Tribune News Service

PHILADELPHIA 76ers center Joel Embiid has been suspended three games without pay by the NBA for his locker room altercation with Philadelphia Inquirer columnist Marcus Hayes, the league announced Tuesday.

The suspension will begin with the next regular-season game that Embiid is eligible and able to play, according to the NBA's news release. The 2023 MVP has been sidelined for the first six games with a left knee condition, following meniscus surgery in February.

After Saturday's Sixers loss to the Memphis Grizzlies, Embiid yelled his disapproval that Hayes mentioned his late brother and son, both named Arthur, in an Oct. 23 column that criticized the All-Star center for missing the start of the season. After Hayes attempted to apologize, Embiid "reached out with his left hand and struck me on the right side of my neck with his open hand, and shoved me a step backward in the same motion," Hayes said.

"Mutual respect is paramount to the relationship between players and media in the NBA," Joe Dumars, the league's executive vice president and head of bas-

ketball operations, said in a

release. "While we under-

stand Joel was offended by

the personal nature of the original version of the reporter's column, interactions must remain professional on both sides and can never turn physical."

In a statement, Inquirer editor and senior vice president Gabriel Escobar said, "Marcus is an experienced and accomplished columnist who offers sharp and illuminating commentary grounded in his observations. You are free to disagree with what he says, but a physical assault is unwarranted and untenable and we are taking this matter very seriously."

The Sixers' upcoming games are at the Los Angeles Clippers on Wednesday and at the Los Angeles Lakers on Friday. The Sixers then host the Charlotte Hornets on Sunday night before back-to-back home games against the New York Knicks and Cleveland Cavaliers next Tuesday and Wednesday, respectively.

ESPN reported that Embiid will lose \$1,063,778 in pay during the suspension.

Without Embiid, who arguably is the league's most dominant player when healthy, the Sixers have gotten off to a disappointing 1-5 start. Fellow perennial All-Star Paul George, the team's prized offseason acquisition, also missed the Sixers' first five games before making his season debut Monday against the Phoenix Suns.