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Four killed in Tulsa hospital shooting

By **JOSEPH WILKINSON**
New York Daily News
Tribune News Service

Four people were killed and multiple others were wounded during a mass shooting Wednesday at a medical building in Tulsa, Oklahoma, police said.

The shooter died by suicide, Tulsa police Officer Eric Dagleish told reporters outside the hospital.

Police did not say how many people were wounded.

The active shooter came in at 4:52 p.m. local time, and police were on the scene four minutes later, Dagleish said. Officers engaged the shooter at 5:01 p.m., and he died by suicide shortly afterward.

Police officers locked down the building and went floor by floor to evacuate people and confirm there was only one shooter. Dagleish said the shooter was carrying a rifle and a pistol. He said that investigators had not yet identified the shooter, but described him as a Black man in his late 30s.

Cops did not immediately speculate on a possible motive for the shooting.

"This campus is sacred ground for our community," Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum said. "This has been the facility, more than any other, that has worked to save the lives of people in this city."

Tulsa resident Kalen Davis, told CNN he was waiting in traffic at about 5 p.m. local time when he saw multiple police cars barreling toward the hospital site.

"I just knew that it was a shooting situation because I saw police running with rifles," Davis told CNN. "That's when I got emotional."

Debra Proctor told CNN of the "shocking" scene she witnessed while waiting for a doctor's appointment in another building at the hospital complex.

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Closing Monday



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Signs are up along Indiana 67 warning drivers that a section of the highway will be closed beginning Monday for construction on the bridge (background) over the Norfolk Southern Railroad line. The official detour makes use of Mississinewa Avenue (on the west side of Albany), Indiana 28 and Indiana 1. The work is expected to be complete and the highway re-opened in early November.

Indiana 67 bridge work to begin

By **RAY COONEY**
The Commercial Review

A section of Indiana 67 will be closed beginning next week.

Indiana Department of Transportation on Wednesday announced the planned closure of the highway's bridge on the northwest edge of Redkey.

Road closure signs had already begun popping up on the southwest side of Jay County for planned work on the bridge over the Norfolk Southern Railroad

Line. The road is scheduled to close Monday for the project.

About six tenths of a mile of Indiana 67 will be closed as crews work to replace the bridge deck.

The official detour will use Indiana 1, Indiana 28 and Mississinewa Avenue (on the east side of Albany). (Local traffic can use Main Street and Indiana 1.)

Work on the \$1.74 million project through the State Trans-

portation Improvement Program is expected to be complete in early November.

The work on the bridge is in addition to another INDOT project to pave 2 miles on Indiana 67 in Portland. This week, the road is being paved between the intersection of Meridian and Votaw streets in Portland and the intersection with Indiana 26 west of the city.

That project is estimated at \$954,000.

Work is also being done to make sidewalk ramps ADA accessible along Votaw Street just west of Meridian Street.

Other upcoming INDOT projects in the Redkey area also include construction of a new sidewalk to connect to Redkey Morgan Park, repairs to a bridge on Indiana 1 between county roads 700 South and 800 South and paving Indiana 1 south of the town.



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In remembrance

Attendees at a Memorial Day service at Claycomb Cemetery in rural Jay County listen Monday morning as Redkey American Legion Post 401 past post commander James D. Fulks III leads the ceremony.

Alabama to pay reward to tipster

By **CAROL ROBINSON**
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Tribune News Service

Gov. Kay Ivey said the state will pay reward money to someone who helped in the capture of escaped Alabama inmate Casey Cole White.

Ivey on Wednesday said she has directed the state's finance department to issue \$5,000 to the tipster.

Ivey offered the reward while Casey White and former Lauderdale County jailer Vicky White were on the run for 11 days.

Vicky White took her own life as police closed in on the couple in Indiana.

The governor said she authorized the payout at the request of Lauderdale County District Attorney Chris Connolly.

The tipster, she said, has chosen to remain anonymous.

James Stinson, manager of Weinbach Car Wash

in Evansville, has publicly identified himself as one of the tipsters who notified police after he had a Ford F-150 truck towed from the business on May 3 and later learned the truck was abandoned by the couple.

Thousands of dollars have been raised by the public to pay Stinson.

It is not known if Stinson is the tipster who will receive the reward money from Alabama.

Connolly said he could not comment on the tipster's identity or role in the arrest of Casey White.

"Thanks to the good information from this citizen and the diligent work from law enforcement in Alabama all the way to Indiana, we were able to put the bad guy behind bars where he belongs," Ivey said in a prepared statement. "I look forward to justice being served."

Deaths

Robert Harrold, 80, Portland

Megan Schultz, 25, Redkey

Patricia Hostetter, 83, Pennville

Details on page 2.

Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 88 degrees Wednesday. The low was 60.

Tonight's low will be near 50. Expect sunny skies Friday with a high of 76 and winds gusting to 20 miles per hour. Saturday's high will also be in the mid 70s.

See page 2 for an extended outlook.

In review

Jay School board has scheduled a special meeting for 5 p.m. Monday at General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. It will include discussion of Centegix Lockdown Technology, the assistant principal position at East Elementary School and the assistant athletics director at Jay County Junior-Senior High School.

Coming up

Friday — A look at the career of Jay County High School baseball coach Lea Selvey.

Tuesday — Coverage of Monday's Portland City Council meeting.



Obituaries

Robert Harrold

Oct. 22, 1941-May 28, 2022
Robert B. Harrold, 80, of Portland, Indiana, passed away Saturday, May 28, 2022, peacefully at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Indiana.



Harrold

Bob was born in Muncie, Indiana, on Oct. 22, 1941, a son of the late Olivia (Brewer) and John Harrold. He was a 1959 graduate of Redkey High School and retired from Borg Warner.

Bob formerly attended the Redkey Nazarene Church, and enjoyed playing cards at the senior center, BINGO, board games and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years Dorothy Harrold; one son, Michael Harrold (wife: Cindi); three daughters, Beth Harrold, Annette Lamb (husband: Carl) and Allison Lee (husband: Andy); sister-in-law Joyce Harrold; 12 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; and two brothers, Bill Harrold and James Harrold.

Friends are invited to call Monday, June 6, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at MJS Mortuaries - Redkey Chapel. Funeral services will follow at 1 p.m. with Pastor Carl Lamb officiating. Burial will be held in Hillcrest Cemetery in Redkey, Indiana.

In lieu of flowers, Bob requested donations be made to the Redkey Nazarene Church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to MJS Mortuaries.

Megan Schultz

Oct. 7, 1996-May 22, 2022
Megan Schultz, age 25, a resident of rural Redkey, passed away on Wednesday, May 25, 2022 at her home in rural Redkey. She was a former resident of Fort Wayne.



Schultz

Megan was born on Oct. 7, 1996, in Paradise, California, the daughter of Tonya (Willis) Marsh. She graduated from New-Tech Academy in Fort Wayne in 2014. She married Tim Schultz of Fort Wayne on Dec. 14, 2014.

Megan worked at Colonial Oaks Golf Course in Fort Wayne

as a cook and waitress for four years. She will always be remembered for her selfless loving character; her old-school personality and hilarious jokes, her artistic prowess, her amazing food and, most of all, her smile.

Survivors include: Her husband — Timothy Schultz, rural Redkey, Indiana Her children — Amilia Schultz, Henry Schultz, Charles Schultz and Andrew Schultz Her mother — Tonya Marsh, Fort Wayne, Indiana

Her siblings — Chris Barrozo, Matthew Barrozo and Kristen Marsh Her grandparents — Steve Ansill and Clara Willis, Berne, Indiana

Visitation will be held on Saturday, June 4, from 10 to 11 a.m. at Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 S. 200 West, Portland, Indi-

ana. Memorial services will follow at 11 a.m. on Saturday at the church.

Arrangements entrusted to Williamson-Spencer and Penrod Funeral Home in Portland.

Condolences may be expressed at williamsonspencer.com.

Patricia Joan (Barr) Hostetter, Pennville, March 9, 1939-May 30, 2022. No services are scheduled at this time.

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

Friday 6/3	Saturday 6/4	Sunday 6/5	Monday 6/6	Tuesday 6/7
76/51	76/57	80/62	78/60	77/58
Sunny skies are in the forecast for Friday with wind gusts reaching as high as 20 mph.	Another day of sun is expected Saturday, with the high reaching the upper 70s.	There's a chance of rain and thunderstorms Sunday. Otherwise, warm temperatures.	Monday has a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms. The high will be 78.	More rain is possible Tuesday. Otherwise, partly sunny, with a high in the upper 70s.

Lotteries

Powerball 11-41-56-57-63 Power Ball: 2 Power Play: 2 Estimated jackpot: \$184 million	Hoosier Lotto: 4-30-33-37-38-40 Estimated jackpot: \$13 million
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$189 million	Ohio Midday Pick 3: 4-7-8 Pick 4: 2-0-6-5 Pick 5: 3-3-7-9-8 Evening Pick 3: 7-2-6 Pick 4: 3-1-6-0 Pick 5: 1-6-3-0-5 Rolling Cash: 2-5-8-31-38 Classic Lotto: 7-9-21-35-45-49 Kicker: 9-8-6-8-3-1 Estimated jackpot: \$28.7 million
Hoosier Midday Daily Three: 7-9-1 Daily Four: 3-1-6-2 Evening Daily Three: 4-4-0 Daily Four: 6-6-9-8 Quick Draw: 2-3-7-15-22-24-27-30-31-35-41-48-50-54-58-60-64-68-70-78 Cash 5: 13-19-29-35-36	

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery Corn.....7.53 July corn.....7.53 Wheat8.60	Wheat 10.12 July wheat 10.12
POET Biorefining Portland Corn.....7.58 July corn.....7.61 Aug. corn7.63	Central States Montpelier Corn.....7.25 Late June corn7.25 Beans17.31 Late June beans17.31 Wheat.....10.07
The Andersons Richland Township Corn.....7.33 July corn.....7.33 Beans17.47 July beans17.47	Heartland St. Anthony Corn.....7.08 July corn.....7.11 Beans17.41 July beans17.41 Wheat.....10.23

Today in history

In 1847, Dorothy Carew and Tom Daniel were the first to use Felix Mendelssohn's "Wedding March" at a wedding ceremony. The piece became famous when it was played for the wedding of Victoria, Princess Royal, and Prince Frederick William of Prussia nine years later.

In 1883, the first baseball game to be played under electric lights was held in Fort Wayne.

In 2007, Matt Vagedes and Holly Stein of Fort Recovery High School each brought home state medals, with the former placing third in the pole vault and the later seventh in the discus in the Division III meet in OHSA Track and Field State Tournament at Ohio State University's Jesse Owens Memorial Stadium.

In 2021, Portland Board of Aviation held a groundbreaking ceremony for its project to extend Portland Municipal Airport's runway to 5,500 feet from the previous 4,000 feet. The project had been years in the making, with Federal Aviation Administration approval coming in early 2015. Construction was scheduled to be complete in fall 2022.

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Citizen's calendar

Today 4 p.m. — Portland Board of Works, city hall, 321 N. Meridian St.	General Shanks, 414 E. Floral Ave., Portland. 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.
Monday 5 p.m. — Jay School Board special meeting,	

Deeds

Charlotte L. Norris (deceased) and Darrell A. Norris to Darrick E. Plummer, warranty deed — Part of Lots 23, 24 and 25, Green Park of Pennville

Control Group Rentals to Ian C. Ruiz, warranty deed — Lot 23, Votaws West Addition

Ossie Shoopman (deceased) to Paul Shoopman Jr. and Relda R. Kuncce, deed affidavit — Lots 112 and 113 and Part of Lot 111, Daugherty Addition

Taylor L. Jellison to Amanda L. Stocker, warranty deed — Part of Outlot 3, Fleming Third Addition

John W. Lewis to Mattie M. and Solomon D. Schwartz, warranty deed — Part of Section 11, Jackson Township, 5 acres

Jordan W. Wall to Kelsee and Maurice Grieshop, warranty deed —

Part of Section 10, Jefferson Township, 17.989 acres

Andrea M. and Travis E. Shawver to Aaron R. and Amber L. Brandon, warranty deed — Part of Section 13, Jefferson Township, 2.30 acres

Homan Farms to Eric T. Homan, corporate warranty deed — Part of Section 4, Penn Township, 2.36 acres Susan M. Pugh to the State of Indiana, warranty deed — Part of Section 21, Wayne Township, 0.878 acres Terri Eldridge to Jane E. Hughes, quit claim deed — Part of Section 12, Wayne Township, 2 acres

Tonya Smith to Jordan W. Wall, warranty deed — Part of Section 16, Jefferson Township, 5.75 acres Agbest to Alden H. Glessner, quit claim deed — Lot 5, Sniff and Johnsons Subdivision

Agbest Express to Alden H. Gless-

ner, quit claim deed — Part of Lots 17, 18 and 19, Sullivans Margaret Addition; Lot 4, Sniff and Johnsons Subdivision

Deborah L. and Robert D. McFarland to Deborah L. McFarland, quit claim deed — Part of Section 9, Wayne Township, 5.25 acres

Cassie A. and Steven L. Shultz to Anne Vormohr, warranty deed — Lot 15, Hughs Second Addition

Christopher Parris to Jamie L. Ritchey, quit claim deed — Part of Outlot 15, original plat of Pennville; Lot 10, Jones Addition Green Park

Alan L. and Joan M. Smith to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Roxie L. Zuercher to City of Portland, easement — Part of Section 17, Wayne Township, 0.065 acres

Portland City Court

Judge Donald Gillespie Failed to appear

Martin Alvarez Galvan, Union City, speeding 70 mph in a 45 mph zone; Rickie L. Burkholder, Berne, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone; Jaren R. Crabtree, Muncie, driving with a suspended license; Toby S. Davis, Dunkirk, driving with a suspended license; Ryan Geesy, Anderson, speeding 74 mph in a 40 mph zone; Emily J. Gerrian, Muncie, speeding 78 mph in a 55 mph zone and driving without insurance; Thomas S. McCowan, Muncie, driving with a suspended license; Rafael Mestre, Dania, Florida, speeding 51 mph in a 30 mph zone; Cassandra R. Myers, Portland, driving without a valid license and driving without insurance; Jarnail Singh, Bakersfield, California, disregarding a stop sign

Pre-trials scheduled

Cody A. Barker, Redkey, driving without valid license, July 6; Hunter J. Gillette, Portland, July 6; failure to signal and improper display of renewable plate stickers, July 6; Michael P. Riddell, Portland, driving with a suspended license, July 6; Terry M. Snyder, Dunkirk, expired plates, June 8

Paid by waiver

Eric J. Gallardo, Cleveland, Ohio, driving off the truck route in Dunkirk, \$160.50; Brody D. Speed, Portland, expired plates, \$160.50; Edisher Beria, Brooklyn, New York, driving off the truck route in Dunkirk,

\$160.50; Ashtyn C. Cain, Muncie, expired plates, \$160.50; Jani L. Siegrist, Dunkirk, speeding 69 mph in a 55 mph zone (\$149.50) and failure to register (\$25); Vince Robbins, Portland, speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150; Jason A. Schrader, New Bremen, Ohio, speeding 45 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$150.50; Brandy L. Story, Union City, speeding 52 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$171; Austin Herberling, Fremont, Ohio, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Lindsey E. Moser, Portland, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Amanda R. Johnson, Hartford City, speeding 55 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$171; Lance D. McCowan, Redkey, speeding 77 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Lakwinder Singh, Antioch, California, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Alexander J. Brock, Fort Wayne, speeding 55 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$171; Shan L. Barnett, Fort Wayne, speeding 78 mph in 55 mph zone, \$171; Kimberly D. Norris, Union City, distracted driving, \$160.50; Gregory J. Owen, Portland, speeding 55 mph zone in a 45 mph zone, \$145.50; William J. Overland, Dunkirk, disregarding an auto signal (\$160.50) and following too closely (\$25); Alexander H. Elifritz, Saratoga, speed-

ing 71 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$151.50; George R. Parsons, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Tomas C. Otoniel, Portland, speeding 42 mph in a 35 mph zone (\$142) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Jared A. Gonzales Nieto, Portland, speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph zone (\$145.50) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Kelsey L. DeVoe, Portland, animal at large ordinance violation, \$160; Angellica M. Reynard, Dunkirk, failure to register (\$160.50) and seat belt violation (\$25); MacKenzie D. Bennett, Redkey, speeding 70 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$150.50; Jerry L. Black, Hartford City, speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$145.50; Gilbert S. Lopez, Portland, driving with expired plates (\$160.50) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Alejandro R. Vajar, Portland, driving without a valid license, \$160.50; Jennifer L. Heath, Hartford City, speeding 75 mph in a 55 mph zone, \$171; Lacey L. Bentz, Portland, operating with false plates (\$160.50) and driving without a valid license (\$25); Cynthia A. Zweber-Free, Indianapolis, speeding 40 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$145.50; Brandon C. Kauffman, Portland, failure to signal (\$160.50) and improper window tinting (\$25); Jordan M. Otero, Muncie, speeding 54 mph in a 30 mph zone, \$171.

Four ...

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"Police were everywhere in the parking lot, up and down the surrounding blocks," Proctor said. "They were still arriving when I was leaving."

The shooting comes just eight days after an 18-year-old gunman killed 19 children and two teachers at an elementary school in Uvalde, Texas. Ten days before that, another 18-year-old targeted a Black grocery store in Buffalo, New York, for bloodshed. Payton Gendron killed 10 Black people at the massacre at a Tops supermarket before police detained him.

Capsule Reports

Deer hit

A deer ran in front of a Portland man's vehicle on county road 350 North, causing a collision about 6:38 a.m. Thursday.

Curtis J. Hart, 29, was driving east on the road just west of county road 1100 West when a deer ran in front of his 2005 Pontiac Grand AM. He wasn't able to avoid hitting the animal, causing between \$1,000 and \$2,500 in estimated damage.

SERVICES

Thursday

Batten, Henry: 1 p.m., Keplinger Funeral Home, 509 N. High St., Hartford City.

Friday

Zuercher, Dorine: 11 a.m., Berne Church of the Nazarene, 604 Sprunger St., Berne.

Saturday

Schultz, Megan: 11 a.m., Fellowship Baptist Church, 289 W. 200 South, Portland.

Monday

Harrold, Robert: 1 p.m., MJS Mortuaries, 109 S. Meridian St., Redkey.

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50th anniversary

Ray and Therese Jones



Ray and Therese Jones

Therese and Ray Jones are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary today.

Therese Dorsam married Ray Jones on June 2, 1972, at St. Charles Borromeo Church of Peru.

Ray retired from Saint-Gobain Containers of Dunkirk (now known as Ardagh) in 2011. Therese served as a stay-at-home mother.

They're the parents of Cory Jones of Pendleton and Dustin Jones (Jennifer) of Gas City. They have five grandchildren: Jasmine, Kalen, Samantha, Trevor and Arianna.

The couple planned to celebrate with a family dinner and by renewing their wedding vows at mass on May 28.

AgriVision nominations are now open

Nominations are being accepted for the 2022 AgriVision Award.

It's the highest agricultural honor presented by the state, according to a press release from Indiana State Department of Agriculture. The award was established 16 years ago to recognize Indiana's agricultural leaders keeping Indiana a global center for food and agricultural innovation and commercialization, the press release says.

Any Indiana resident and all sectors of the agriculture industry are eligible for the award. Past winners have contributed to

the industry in various ways, such as developing new technology, managing an agribusiness or organization or working to address a global issue, according to the press release.

Nominations are being accepted through July 1. Forms may be found on the Indiana State Department of Agriculture's website and emailed to the department. The winner will be awarded during the Celebration of Agriculture at this year's Indiana State Fair.

For more information, visit isda.in.gov.

Narcissism bothers siblings

DEAR ABBY: I come from a nice family. My siblings are thoughtful and kind, but one of my brothers is a conversational narcissist. He drones on for hours (if we let him) without asking a single question to engage another person.

He sees nothing wrong with talking endlessly about his work and his acquisitions, which interest no one. He will compare, indirectly, my home with his, assuming that his is far superior and better decorated — never considering that my home is just right for me and that I do not lust for more. All of us listen to him and do our best to show an interest without ever receiving that courtesy in return.

How can we nudge him toward showing an interest in others? In his times of need, I have been there for him and listened to his troubles, and I have gotten the impression that he's kinder than any of us have assumed, given his self-centered ramblings. Is there any way to influence him toward being a more thoughtful conversationalist? — SORE-EARED SIBLING

DEAR SIBLING: Yes, there is. "Someone" is going to have to tell this brother — in as gentle language as possible — that hog-

Dear Abby



ging the conversation is as unwelcome as hogging all the food at the buffet. He should also be told that comparing what he has to that of his siblings, who may have less, comes across as bragging, which makes them uncomfortable.

If no one has the courage to address this, a group intervention may be needed to stanch the motormouth. However, if this is more than any of you want to risk, see this sibling separately one-on-one. If he's not playing to a crowd, he may behave differently.

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DEAR ABBY: My ex-husband and I divorced three years ago after he had an affair and destroyed our lives (including his daughter's, who considered me her only real mom). The divorce took about a year. Since then, he has stopped commu-

nicating with me and pretends I never existed. My stepdaughter, "Dana," however, never let go.

I held on as well for a couple of years, but as time goes on, I am feeling I'm in an increasingly impossible situation. What my ex did and his actions that followed were incredibly cruel. They devastated me.

Staying in touch with Dana has slowly become a painful reminder of that and has made it difficult for me to close this unhappy chapter of my life. I don't want to hurt Dana. I hope that one day she'll understand, but I feel the need to cease contact in order to heal fully. Is this too cruel? — TRAUMATIZED IN FLORIDA

DEAR TRAUMATIZED: What a sad situation. I'm sorry you feel there is no other way to heal from your ex-husband's betrayal than to distance yourself from Dana, who loves you. However, feeling as you do, you must take care of yourself. Please do not "ghost" her. It is important that you explain to her, as kindly as possible, your reasons for ending your relationship, so she understands this is not her fault.

Community Calendar

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

Reunions

Graduates of Portland High School will host an alumni banquet on June 18 at Jay County High School. Honor classes are from the years 1942, 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967 and 1972. All Portland High School graduates are welcome. For more information, call (260) 726-7209.

Jay County High School Class of 1997 will hold its 25th reunion at 7 p.m. June 11 at Jay County Event Center.

Today

CELEBRATE RECOV-

ERY — A 12-step Christian recovery program meets at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each Thursday at A Second Chance At Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St. in Portland. For more information, call Brenda Eads at (260) 726-9625 or Dave Keen at (260) 251-8792.

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.

A BETTER LIFE — BRANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Thursday at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St., Portland.

Come early for a meal. For more information, call (260) 766-2006.

FORGET-ME-NOT — A support group for parents, friends and relatives who have lost a baby through miscarriage, 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) 584-6452.

Friday

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

SOFT SHOULDERS — A support group for anyone suffering from memory loss, will meet at 10:30 a.m. the first Friday of each month in the Fireplace Room at Edelweiss Place at Swiss Village in Berne. For more information, call (260) 589-3173.

CINCINNATUS LEAGUE — Will meet at noon Friday, June 3, at Harmony Cafe in Portland.

Saturday

PORTLAND FARMERS MARKET — Will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. each Saturday in the parking lot at The Rock Church, 1605 N. Meridian St.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — 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.

DUNKIRK HISTORICAL SOCIETY — Is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the first and third Saturday of each month in the former W.E. Gaunt Jewelry building, 113 S. Main St., Dunkirk.

MUSEUM OF THE SOLDIER — Is open from noon to 5 p.m. the first and third Saturday and Sunday of the month. It is located at 510 E. Arch St., Portland. The website is museumofthesoldier.com.

Sudoku

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	4					5		1
	9				1			2
8		3			9	4		
	5			7			1	
5							9	
2	8							
4				8				3

Level: Intermediate

Wednesday's Solution

8	5	7	4	1	6	9	2	3
4	1	9	3	2	5	7	8	6
2	6	3	8	9	7	1	4	5
3	7	8	2	4	1	5	6	9
9	2	1	6	5	8	4	3	7
5	4	6	9	7	3	8	1	2
7	8	5	1	3	2	6	9	4
1	9	2	5	6	4	3	7	8
6	3	4	7	8	9	2	5	1

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

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let's talk

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Where are responsible gun owners?

By MORTON J. MARCUS

A good friend told me recently he bought four guns as insurance against a violent society. I didn't bother to note that he lives in a particularly low-crime city.

There was one murder in his town between 2006 and 2019 (the latest information on City-Data.com). There were 26 reported rapes and 17 robberies in those 13 years. The crime index for his city in 2019 was 76.2 or 28% of the 270.6 U.S. average.

So why is this intelligent, rational Conservative buying guns for "insurance?" He knows there are unstable elements in our society, whipped up by politicians who feed a minority of gun-bearing crackpots and a media selling terror for profits.

Eye on the Pie



He knows a disgruntled person of any age can acquire an automatic rifle and kill a dozen or more innocent people anywhere in the U.S. in a matter of seconds.

My friend and I agree there is little hope elected officials in this country would take even simple steps to reduce the violence and its threats to domestic tranquility.

Domestic tranquility. Remember that phrase? It

appears in the Preamble to the U.S. Constitution and is violated routinely by dishonorable members of the Congress and the Indiana General Assembly.

There is a missing voice in the discussions designed to limit the American plague of violence. Where are the responsible gun owners? Why aren't they leading the protests seeking responsible legislation?

Consider this: We license automobiles and their owners. We require auto owners to carry liability insurance. Let's now license guns and their owners, and require liability insurance for those owners.

Licensing and insurance don't deny citizens the right to

own and use autos. They do not guarantee responsible behavior. Cars do get stolen but do come equipped with safety devices and anti-theft features.

If a gun is stolen or sold, the initial owner should be liable for the harm done by that gun until that theft or sale is reported to the authorities. As we stand today, gun owners deny responsibility when their guns are stolen or misused by a child.

If your grandchild kills or harms someone with your gun, you should be responsible and liable. If you "lend" a gun to your nephew, and he kills someone, you should be responsible and liable. Since you must show proof

of insurance, you will be more careful with your gun, less careless with its storage and less trusting of your family members and neighbors.

It's not difficult to put licensing and insurance rules into the law. We have done it before. We can reverse the deluge of blood by restoring sanity to our laws.

But it will not happen unless gun owners themselves stand forward and demand a set of licensing and insurance rules.

It's time for gun owners to be what they claim to be: responsible citizens.

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Safer America is worth fighting for

By ELLEN ALBERDING

Chicago Tribune
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The mass slaying of 19 schoolchildren and two teachers evokes a pain that is almost too hard to express. Compounding this pain is anger — anger at knowing that the deaths of these children, the families in Buffalo, New York, the churchgoers in California and the shootings that happen seemingly every day in Chicago are preventable.

My outrage is fueled by frustration with elected leaders who choose to ignore the will of the people to act on gun violence. It is a frustration that sometimes allows resignation to set in. It is hard to be hopeful that things will change when, nearly 10 years after Sandy Hook, we are more awash in guns than ever before. The U.S. has more guns per capita than any other nation in the world. That is why we have the highest rates of lethal violence in the world.

And yet I still believe. I believe in an America where we no longer have to live with the persistent threat of gun violence. Where we can send our kids to school and have them return to us unharmed. Where the elderly can go to the grocery store without having their twilight taken from them. Where we can enter houses of worship and not leave with empty thoughts and prayers for the dead.

For more than 25 years, The Joyce Foundation has invested in gun violence prevention research. And that research shows that change is possible. There are policies that can make a difference. The common denominator? Reducing access to guns.

Here are just a few things lawmakers can do right now to save lives:

—Expand background checks to make it harder for potentially dangerous people to get access to a gun. Roughly 90% of Americans support this measure, and it works. When Connecticut strengthened its background-check permitting law, that state saw a 40% reduction in homicides and a 15.4% reduction in suicides. In contrast, after Missouri repealed its permitting law and background check requirement in 2007, that state saw a 16.1% increase in firearm suicide and a 25% increase in firearm homicide.

—Implement extreme risk protection orders that allow law enforcement to temporarily remove weapons from people who are identified as being a risk to others or them-

Ellen Alberding



selves. In a 2019 study of California's version of the extreme-risk protection law, researchers described more than 20 cases in which the orders had been applied, including threatened mass shootings. The authors concluded policy can play a key role in preventing tragedies. Another study of Connecticut's extreme risk protection order law estimated that for every 10 to 11 orders issued, the policy prevented one firearm suicide.

—Create law enforcement partnerships with community-based groups to intervene and reduce violence. A study of focused deterrence strategies, which combine law enforcement, community mobilization and social services to reduce criminal behaviors, showed that they consistently produced significant declines in shootings in several cities.

These and other evidence-informed policy solutions can have a meaningful, lifesaving impact on all types of gun violence, and all enjoy broad, if not near-universal, public support. Policymakers must enact these solutions now. We can't wait any longer.

Record numbers of Americans have purchased guns since 2020. This comes as a growing body of evidence shows that gun ownership and possession is associated with higher risks of injury and death. And at any moment, the U.S. Supreme Court is expected to issue a ruling in *New York State Rifle & Pistol Association v. Bruen* that is likely to expand people's ability to carry even more firearms in public. I fear an even greater surge in gun deaths and mass shootings will follow.

We don't have to live this way.

We have the tools we need to save lives, strategies that have been proved to work. The evidence supports these strategies — and so do the vast majority of the American people. Our leaders need to listen to us, follow the evidence and enact lifesaving common sense gun laws.

A vision of a safer America is still worth believing in — and fighting for.

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Blame inflicts damaging stigma

By MARK FOLLMAN

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In the aftermath of major mass shootings, politicians and pundits depict the killers as crazed monsters and blame mental illness as the fundamental cause. The same story has played out since the horrific massacre May 14 at a supermarket in Buffalo, New York, where an 18-year-old allegedly motivated by racist ideology is accused of murdering 10 people. But this misleading narrative is not supported by scientific evidence and is counterproductive to solving America's epidemic of mass shootings.

The claim that mental illness produces such attacks implies that mass shooters are insane, as if they are disconnected from reality and act based on no rational thinking. This goes hand in hand with the common theme that these offenders "snap," which suggests they commit impulsive acts of violence, bursting forth from nowhere. Both explanations are wrong.

Over the last decade, I've studied scores of mass shootings and looked deep into the field of behavioral threat assessment, an emerging method where experts in mental health, law enforcement and other disciplines work together to prevent planned acts of violence.

Extensive case history shows that mass shooters don't just suddenly break — they decide. They develop violent ideas that stem from entrenched grievances, rage and despair. In many cases they feel justified in their actions and regard killing as the sole solution to a problem. They arm themselves and prepare to attack, choosing where and when to strike. Often this is a highly organized and methodical process.

The suspected Buffalo shooter, Payton Gendron of Conklin, New York, spent months becoming radicalized online and readying himself to kill, according to law enforcement authorities and written documents they say Gendron posted online. He acquired weapons and tactical gear, practiced shooting, detailed his ideological hatred of Black people and

others, and surveilled intended targets.

Gendron had a history of troubling behavior, according to authorities, including a threat he made last June as a graduating high schooler to commit a murder-suicide. Under New York law, he was taken into custody by state police and given a psychiatric evaluation; the results are not publicly known. Gendron was released within two days, and authorities said he claimed to have been joking with his threatening comments — a form of deception that has figured into other shootings.

In 2018, a deep investigation of 63 rampage shooters conducted by experts with the FBI's Behavioral Analysis Unit showed that only a quarter of the offenders were known to have been professionally diagnosed with a mental illness of any kind. While it's possible that some suicidal attackers may have gone undiagnosed, only three of the 63 perpetrators, or about 5% of the total examined, had a known psychotic disorder.

Blaming mental illness for mass shootings inflicts a damaging stigma on the millions of people who suffer from clinical afflictions, the vast majority of whom are not violent. Extensive research shows the link between mental illness and violent behavior is small and not useful for predicting violent acts; people with diagnosable conditions such as schizophrenia or bipolar disorder are in fact far more likely to be victims than perpetrators of violence.

Yet no person who commits a mass shooting is, in a basic sense, mentally healthy. So if we want to do more to reduce these attacks, we need to better understand the behaviors and circumstances that lead up to them.

Threat assessment experts have found that in a majority of cases

warning signs are noticeable to people who are in the orbit of would-be shooters. These don't fulfill any predictive checklist — as the public commonly expects due to the notion of criminal profiling — but compose a set of actions and conditions that indicate potential danger. They also reveal opportunity to intervene.

The warning signs include threatening comments, personal deterioration, patterns of stalking and other aggression, as well as fixating on guns, graphic violence and previous mass shooters. Many perpetrators express a desire for infamy, including Gendron, who allegedly described his own hateful screed as a manifesto and wrote of how livestreaming his attack would help get sensational media coverage.

Threat assessment teams seek to use constructive measures to steer troubled individuals away from violent thinking and planning. That can include fostering better social connections and improving a subject's education, work or living circumstances. Case management often does involve mental health interventions, such as counseling or even a period of hospitalization if necessary.

A clearer picture of Gendron's school and family background has yet to emerge. But as with so many past attacks, the initial case evidence points to a deeper trail of identifiable warning signs and a period of time in which effective intervention may well have been possible.

In a country saturated with firearms that are easy to obtain, mass shootings are a complex problem with no simple solution.

But making mental illness the bogeyman detracts from making progress on stopping these attacks. That's going to take everything we've got: strengthening our nation's gun laws, quashing a surge in violent political extremism, raising cultural awareness of shooter-warning signs — and, yes, investing in a lacking mental health care system to give troubled people the help they may need before it's too late.

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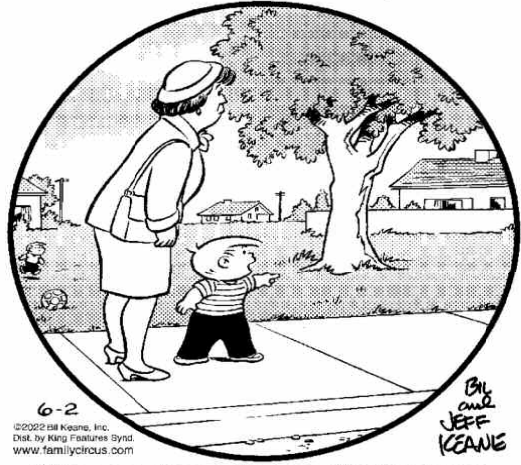
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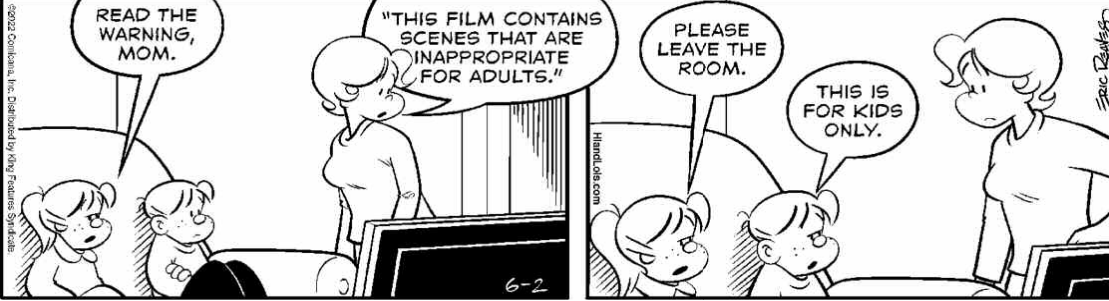
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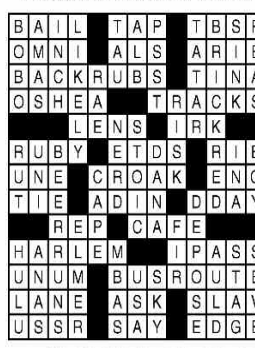
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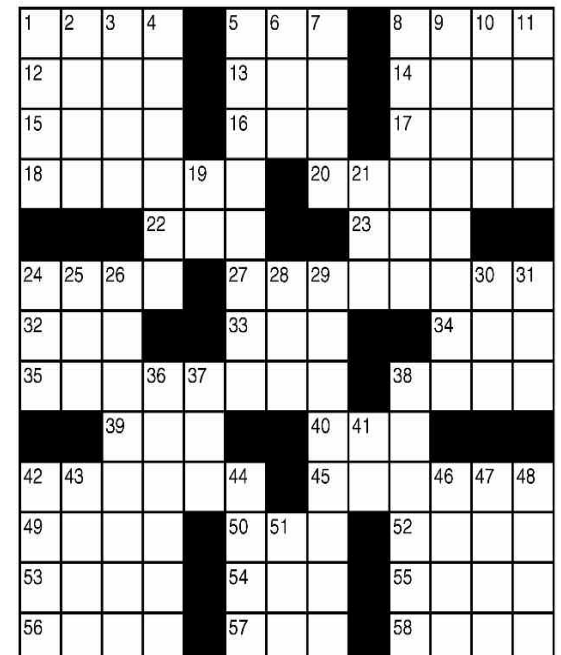
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Sports

Strong state

Discus field is loaded as Jay's Bilbrey heads to Bloomington

the three preliminary throws will get three more throws in the finals.

The top nine athletes in each event earn a state medal.

Bilbrey enters the meet as the No. 24 seed based on regional results. She was the runner-up at the regional meet at Ben Davis with a toss of 116 feet.

That effort came a week after she had set a new career best of 123 feet, 10 inches, to win the sectional championship at Delta.

The state field is loaded, led by prohibitive favorite Hadley Lucas of Bloomington North. Her regional throw of 161 feet, 9 inches, puts her almost 20 feet ahead of the remainder of the field.

Each of the top 11 throwers cleared the 130-foot mark at their regional meets. Each of the top 17 hit 125 feet or better.

That marks a significant jump in the event. Last season Ashlyn Terrill of Lebanon earned the last state medal at 123 feet, 6 inches. (In 2019 — the 2020 meet was canceled because of the coronavirus pandemic — the ninth-place finisher at the state meet was North Central's Briyann Robinson at 129 feet, 6 inches.)

(The last Jay County thrower to medal in the event was Maria Murphy, whose toss of 126 feet placed her eighth in 2012.)

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Jay County High School junior Gabi Bilbrey spins through the circle on one of her discus attempts during the regional meet May 24 at Ben Davis. Bilbrey finished second in the regional and will compete in the IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Finals at 3 p.m. Friday at Indiana University's Robert C. Haugh Complex in Bloomington.

By **RAY COONEY**

The Commercial Review

The state field is strong.

In recent years, a throw in the high 120s could earn a state medal. This time, it looks as if it will take a toss of at least 130 feet to even have a chance.

That's the tall task facing Gabi Bilbrey.

The Jay County High School junior is targeting her career best as she prepares to compete in the discus at the IHSAA Girls Track and Field State Finals Saturday at Indiana University's Robert C. Haugh Complex in Bloomington.

"My goal for Friday is to definitely just be better than at regionals, beat my PR (personal record)," said Bilbrey, who will compete at 3 p.m. Friday as the meet gets started with the discus, pole vault and long jump. The top 10 athletes from

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Thwait's extends scoreless streak

MIDLAND, Michigan — Nick Thwait's followed up his first win with a shutout appearance.

The 2018 Fort Recovery High School graduate tossed one shutout inning for the Fort Wayne TinCaps on Tuesday in their 9-1 victory over the host Great Lakes Loons.

Thwait's, who picked up his first win with the TinCaps last week against the Quad Cities River Bandits, entered the game in the eighth inning with his team leading 9-0. He needed just eight pitches to induce two fly balls and a line out in a one-two-three inning.

He has gone four consecutive appearances without allowing a run for Fort Wayne (18-28). He has a 4.19 ERA thus far in 2022 with 20 strikeouts in 19.1 innings.

All Circuit splits

Doubleheader action in Portland

Local roundup

Junior League Major softball saw Masonic Lodge top All Circuit Electrical 5-4 Wednesday and then All Circuit bounce back to defeat Jay County Monuments 16-4.

In Rookie softball action, Wings and Rings edged Portland Optimist 8-7.

Hallie Schwieterman hit a home run in both games for All Circuit, with Carley Trinidad also hitting one in the win over Jay County Monuments. Emily Young added a single, a double and a triple in the victory.

Nevaeh Armstrong, Erin Aker

and Eva Carter accounted for the three hits for Masonic Lodge in its opening win over All Circuit. Natalie May and Opal Garrett each had a hit for Jay County Monuments in its game-two defeat.

Paisley Day drove in the game-winning run for Wings and Rings to cap a 4-for-4 evening. Emma Wilhelm, Emme Theurer, Kendyl Walker and Kendall Evans all had three hits.

Ousters make state

Squads that knocked local sectional championship teams out of their postseason tournaments have advanced to the state level.

The Delta High School girls tennis team and Lincolnvie High School softball team will both compete in state tournaments beginning Friday.

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