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## Planning effort sets key priorities

*Foundation initiative looked at local issues*

By RAY COONEY

The Commercial Review

The Portland Foundation recently wrapped up a lengthy process that looked at key challenges impacting Jay County, setting six priorities on which to take action moving forward.

The foundation was awarded a \$100,000 Community Leadership Grant as part of the seventh phase of Lilly Endowment's Giving Indiana Funds for Tomorrow (GIFT VII) initiative in fall 2020. Over the course of the last year and a half, foundation staff and community leaders have worked toward developing a strategy to "combat the interrelated issues of the opioid epidemic, high child poverty, low post-secondary educational attainment and low workforce development skills."

"The whole goal at the end of this project was to begin moving the needle in these areas," said Doug Inman, executive director of The Portland Foundation. "They're not solvable problems any time soon. (But we want to) make sure things are moving forward in a good direction."

After an initial community meeting in early 2021, two committees were formed to address the inter-related challenges the foundation had identified. An additional steering committee led the overall direction of the process.

Those groups, which included local government officials, law enforcement, local educators, representatives from various organizations and others, ended up focusing on six areas of need to address. They are:

- Affordable, quality early care and education
  - Education and workforce development
  - Chronic school absenteeism
  - Improved system of care (support for families dealing with mental illness, substance abuse, domestic violence, etc.)
  - Parenting skills
  - Drug abuse prevention
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## Bubbly personalities

The holiday weekend was full of 4th of July festivities, including parades in Portland and Dunkirk, activities at Dunkirk City Park and Jay County Fairgrounds, the Firecracker junior league baseball and softball tournaments at Redkey Morgan Park and fireworks in Dunkirk, Redkey and Portland. Pictured above, former Jay County High School band directors Kelly Smeltzer and Dave Humbert greet the crowd while serving as grand marshals of the 4th of July parade through downtown Portland. Prior to Smeltzer's retirement last month, they were the only band directors in the 47-year history of the school. Below, children play in bubbles that served as one of the attractions during the Fourth of July Festival at Dunkirk City Park.



## State spending on voting machines

By LESLIE BONILLA MUNIZ

Indiana Capital Chronicle  
indianacapitalchronicle.com

Indiana plans to pay a home-grown election equipment company more than \$12 million to retrofit thousands of electronic-only voting machines to boost election security and voter confidence despite doubts from some experts on the move's effectiveness.

Indianapolis-based MicroVote will receive about \$12.3 million for about 5,030 printers in 45 Indiana counties using electronic-only setups to count votes, according to the Secretary of State's office. In March, state lawmakers handed

the office a July 2024 deadline — five years shorter than the previous December 2029 deadline.

That'll be in time for the 2024 presidential elections.

"[The printers] will allow us to better do audits. ... And it'll be easier to do recounts, because we have a paper record now," said Secretary of State Spokesman Allen Carter.

### Security concerns

MicroVote's paperless Infinity Voting Panel and its add-on printers passed Indiana's Voting System Technical Oversight Program security testing in a 2020 report.

But researchers have found sig-

nificant software vulnerabilities in electronic-only voting machines in reports going back two decades, according to a 2018 literature review from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

Those weaknesses have been on full display at cybersecurity conference DefCon, at which hackers continue to breach dozens of machines, some within minutes or wirelessly.

And because there's no backup, it's difficult to pick up on errors. A 2019 report by University of South Carolina Professor Duncan Buell found the state's electronic-only machines incor-

rectly logged hundreds of votes. The state's election commission included them in its official results.

A slim majority of Indiana voters — 54% — voted on direct-recording electronic devices in 2020, according to a white paper from Indiana University's Public Policy Institute. That's significantly higher than the 14% of voters who use electronic-only machines nationwide.

### An investment

Indiana hopes to drop that number to zero.

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## Man arrested in connection to shooting

By ANNIE SWEENEY, ROSEMARY SOBOL, ROBERT MCCOPPIN and JAKE SHERIDAN

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

CHICAGO — The search for a 22-year-old man who authorities suspected of opening fire at the Highland Park Independence Day parade, killing at least six people and wounding more than two dozen others, ended Monday evening when he was taken into custody on the North Shore.

The arrest of Robert "Bobby" Crimo III came about eight hours after the mass shooting, which stunned the Chicago area and country as it celebrated the Fourth of July.

Late in the afternoon Monday, Highland Park police Chief Lou Jogmen had identified Crimo as the person of interest, saying he was believed to be driving a 2010 silver Honda Fit.

Crimo was spotted by North Chicago police near U.S. Highway 41 and Buckley Road. An officer tried to stop Crimo, but

he briefly fled before being stopped, Jogmen said.

More than 100 law enforcement agencies had helped throughout the day to search for the suspect after he opened fire from a rooftop along the parade route. The police dragnet had started with a perimeter around the core of Highland Park, gradually spreading to include police activity in nearby neighborhoods and finally other suburbs.

Crimo was described as a longtime resident of the suburb

who posted online videos under the moniker "The Awake Rapper."

An archive of 17 YouTube videos apparently belonging to Crimo alternates between wholesome and foreboding.

In one video, a teen who looks like Crimo happily skateboards and roughhouses with his pals. Another captures what appears to be a police-escorted government motorcade leaving an airport before a man who appears to be Crimo swivels the camera to his tattooed face.

A black-and-white video, taken with a selfie stick, shows a glum figure that looks like Crimo walking through a neighborhood. In another, a newspaper with a Lee Harvey Oswald headline can be seen over his shoulder.

The most chilling video is the final one in the series, uploaded eight months ago, which features footage of a young man in a bedroom and a classroom along with cartoons of a gunman and people being shot.

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### Deaths

**Evelyn McMillan, 87, Portland**  
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### Weather

Jay County had a high temperature of 90 degrees on Independence Day. The low was 72.

A heat advisory is in effect until 10 p.m. tonight. The low will be 73 with showers and thunderstorms likely. Expect a high of 91 Wednesday with more rain likely. See page 2 for an extended outlook.

### In review

United Way of Jay County and Second Harvest Food Bank will partner for a free food tailgate at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Jay County Fairgrounds.

Income verification is not required.

### Coming up

**Wednesday** — Coverage of tonight's Portland City Council meeting.

**Friday** — Results from the Jay County Summer Swim Team's meet against North Adams Central.





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A leader has been assigned to each of those areas.
Dave Bennett of Community Foundation Research Institute in Grabill and John Peirce of Peirce Consulting guided the effort.
The work included gathering data that shows the extent of some of the local challenges, such as Jay County's lack of daycare availability (it had 12 available per 100 children in 2020 compared to an average of 21.3 statewide), an increase in absentee rates at schools (92 elementary school students were considered chronically absent in 2021 compared to 47 two years earlier) and drug overdose death (there were 13 in 2017 and 11 in 2019).
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-Doug Inman,
The Portland Foundation

identified job," said Inman. "They did a great job leading the community through this process. It was a good process to start with four defined issues and work toward determining a way to change those in the future. ... It was well worth the time and effort."
Some efforts are already being made toward addressing the areas

identified by the committee, including The Portland Foundation's push for a daycare and early childhood education center at the former Judge Haynes Elementary School.
There may be an opportunity to address others through the state's Hoosier Enduring Legacy Program (HELP), in which Jay County

is one of the inaugural participants. HELP is designed to assist communities in deciding how best to use the federal coronavirus relief funding — in Jay County's case, nearly \$4 million — it received through the American Rescue Plan Act.
Inman said the most important thing for the foundation and the community is to keep pushing toward the goals laid out by the committees that worked through the planning process.
"I think keys to success are just going to be making sure we continue to talk about (these) issues, that this document is not put on a shelf," he said. "These are too important to the community's future to just say, 'Hey, we did this,' and then put it away forever."

Obituaries

Evelyn Mae McMillan, Portland, Oct. 31, 1934-July 2, 2022. Services will be at 1 p.m. July 23 at Brockman Boeckman Funeral Home, Fort Recovery.

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

Table with 5 columns: Wednesday 7/6, Thursday 7/7, Friday 7/8, Saturday 7/9, Sunday 7/10. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts (91/70, 87/69, 83/62, 82/58, 81/58).

Lotteries

Powerball Monday 15-16-24-31-56
Mega Millions Estimated jackpot: \$370 million
Hoosier Monday Midday Daily Three: 3-1-3
Ohio Monday Midday Pick 3: 9-6-4

Markets

Cooper Farms Fort Recovery
Wheat 7.83
Aug. wheat 8.25
Central States Montpelier
Corn 6.70
Late July corn 6.60

Today in history

In 1810, P.T. Barnum, who entered into a partnership with circus manager James Bailey in 1880 after developing a traveling show featuring circus acts, animals, exhibits and novelties over the previous decade, was born in Bethel, Connecticut.
In 1971, the 26th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution was certified. It granted voting rights to citizens 18 and older.
In 1989, the first episode of "Seinfeld" aired on NBC.
In 1996, scientists successfully cloned a mammal for the first time

Citizen's calendar

Today 5:30 p.m. — Portland City Council, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
7 p.m. — Portland Park Board, council chambers, fire station, 1616 N. Franklin St.
Wednesday 7 a.m. — Jay County Board of Health, health department, 504 W. Arch St., Portland.

Capsule Reports

Backing accident
A Geneva woman backed her vehicle into a parked car outside Wind Rush Apartments in Portland about 8:35 p.m. Friday.
Dawn L. Johns, 38, was backing up her 2003 Dodge Grand Caravan at the apartments, 997 Boundary Pike, when she crashed into a 2005 Chrysler Sebring, registered to Miriam D. Willis of Portland.
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500. Johns was cited with an infraction for driving without insurance.

Golf cart crash
A Portland woman crashed her golf cart into oncoming traffic at the inter-

section of Wayne and Arch streets in Portland about 10:50 a.m. Monday.
Rose M. Archer, 65, told Portland police she and her passenger, 65-year-old Marvin Archer of Portland, were in her 1995 Club Car golf cart north on Wayne Street and stopped at the intersection with Arch Street. She didn't notice a westbound 2011 GMC Terrain, driven by 40-year-old Michael J. Wooslager of Portland, and continued into the intersection. Archer's cart hit the driver's side of Wooslager's vehicle, ejecting her from the cart.
Archer and Wooslager both complained of leg injuries, according to the accident report.
Damage is estimated between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

Spending ...

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Through House Bill 1116, Indiana legislators chopped several years off an older deadline, giving the Secretary of State's office until July 1, 2024, to get the job done.
Forty-seven counties already use the add-on printers or have voting machines with some paper component, according to the Secretary of State's office.
Indiana plans to close the gap by retrofitting its remaining counties' electronic-only machines with printers that experts call voter-verifiable paper audit trails. Counties won't be buying any equipment themselves, according to the office.

MicroVote is the only one of four Hoosier election equipment manufacturers with products impacted by the mandate, Carter said, so Indiana's buying the add-ons from the same company.
"It's really only one piece of equipment. There really wasn't a bidding process, because there wasn't multiple different types of VVPATs that we could utilize from different vendors," said Jay Phelps, the office's director of elections modernization. "It was just literally, here's the option and this is how we move forward."

Is it worth it?
The plan received mixed reviews from voting rights advocates and election experts.
"The suspicious part of

me ... says, 'Well, that was a windfall for MicroVote, wasn't it?'" said Barbara Tully, who leads nonprofit Indiana Vote by Mail.
She suggested that Indiana instead invest in paper voting and ballot-marking devices, and that it legalize ballot drop-boxes.
In contrast, election watchdog Common Cause Indiana "chose not to oppose" HB 1116 despite the "clunky, expensive retrofit" it requires, said executive director Julia Vaughn.
MicroVote — with its contracts, customer loyalty and influence — was one factor. But so was the rise in election result skepticism.
"Given the tenor of the national debate, I think it's important to fill up any holes you can in terms of people's confidence in the election," Vaughn said.
Andrew Downs, an associate professor of political science at Purdue University Fort Wayne, said he initially wasn't a fan of voter-verifiable paper audit trail technology because paper reintroduced old doubts and arguments about voter intent that electronic voting machines had closed.
But, Downs said, "I have come around to the idea that VVPAT is beneficial because it gives comfort to voters, and [it's] beneficial because it allows election administrators another mechanism for auditing results."

Felony arrests

Intimidation
A Bryant man was arrested this morning for intimidation and related charges.
Ronald A. Hopkins, 61, 7450 N. 100 West, was preliminarily charged with two Level 5 felonies for intimidation and confinement and two Level 6 felonies for domestic battery and pointing a firearm.
He's being held in Jay County Jail on a \$15,000 bond.
Domestic battery
Two Jay County residents were arrested recently for domestic battery.
Kisha L. Lopez, 41, 101 S. Pierce St., Portland, was arrested Monday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony.
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LeafFilter Gutter Protection advertisement. Includes text: BACKED BY A YEAR-ROUND CLOG-FREE GUARANTEE, EXCLUSIVE LIMITED TIME OFFER! 15% OFF & 10% OFF, FINANCING THAT FITS YOUR BUDGET!

DIRECTV advertisement. Includes text: DON'T JUST KINDA TV, CHOICE\* PACKAGE 185+ Channels, \$79.99/mo., ACCESS 70,000+ SHOWS AND MOVIES ON DEMAND.

Graphic Printing advertisement. Includes text: New Products CUSTOMIZED Round or Square Beverage Coasters As Low as 38¢ each, Happy Birthday! Big Jim, FOR ANY Occasion, Jane & Gregory May 23, 2021, GRAPHIC PRINTING 309 W. Main Street • Portland, IN 47371



# Change to morning routine was refreshing

By DIANA DOLECKI

Special to The Commercial Review

I took an involuntary vacation from all media while I was visiting my daughter and her family recently. That means that while I was in Texas I didn't check email or Facebook. I didn't read any newspapers, listen to any news on the radio or watch any television. It was pure bliss.

I didn't realize how depressing it was to be surrounded by bad news all the time until I wasn't. True, if one searches hard enough there is usually a smattering of good news

## As I See It



in the newspaper and other media. But it often gets shouted down. We have come to believe that the louder one shouts and the more often one spouts their beliefs the more likely it is that others will agree with you. Truth is irrelevant.

When I am at home, I usually read the morning

newspaper while I eat breakfast. It seems like there is always a story or two depicting conflicts between neighbors or countries. Even Mother Nature gets in on the carnage by dumping torrents of rain in one place while depriving another of the needed water.

After finishing breakfast the word puzzles get solved. Well, not always. My grandmother always did the crossword puzzles in the newspapers. She used a pencil, but I usually use a pen. That is not because I am good at puzzles — it is because I

can't see the pencil marks.

Because I wasn't catching up on the latest carnage, I usually grabbed a cup of tea and a book, then went outside to enjoy the coolest part of the day.

Cheeto and Sweetums joined me. Cheeto is a chihuahua, and Sweetums is a bulldog. Cheeto has been around forever, while Sweetums is a recent addition. She likes to be petted and will offer her paw to shake. If she isn't petted properly she will leave her paw in your lap until she is petted to her satisfaction.

One morning I was reading outside. Cheeto was curled up at my feet while Sweetums was half under my chair. All of a sudden Cheeto made a run for the big bowl of dog food that was just outside the porch.

Sweetums didn't notice at first, then when she heard Cheeto crunching away she made a beeline for the bowl. She almost tipped me over as she raced for her breakfast. The fact that there was no way for Cheeto to eat enough to make a dent in the food supply was totally irrelevant.

The rest of the family was either asleep or at work during this quiet time. I may be stressing the peace and quiet but at some point the rest of the neighborhood would wake up and venture outside to begin pounding on stuff.

I have been back home for a while now. I am back to beginning my day by reading about the latest disasters. I eat my breakfast inside the house. No pets are curled up under my chair. The quiet of early morning is not so quiet.

It was good to get away. It is also good to come back home.

# Grandparents believe they know what's best

DEAR ABBY: Our 26-year-old, college-educated grandson, "Ethan," crashed his company car and was arrested for DWI and possession of more than a gram of cocaine. His mother hired a lawyer, posted bond and is taking full charge of the situation. Ethan lost his responsible job, and his girlfriend kicked him out. He has a sizable inheritance, enough to pay the lawyer and fine. Since he has never been in trouble before, we are hoping he won't go to jail.

Although we love Ethan dearly, his dad and I agree he should handle this on his own without his mother (who is recently divorced from our son) running to his rescue. Ethan also needs help with his addictions. He has enough 529 account funds to turn this serious mistake into an opportunity to return to college and get a master's degree.

I don't know how much to get involved, directly with Ethan or his mother. Though my wife and I are on good terms with his mother, it appears she doesn't want our advice. I welcome your suggestions on what to do. — UPSET GRANDDAD IN TEXAS

DEAR GRANDDAD: You can voice your opinion, but beyond that you should stay out of it. As well-meaning as you are, you can't force your former

## Dear Abby



daughter-in-law — who is in full mother mode — or Ethan to abandon the path they are on. All you can do is point out the dangers they may encounter along the way and hope they will listen, however frustrating it may be.

DEAR ABBY: My fiance and I recently moved to a new area because his job was relocated. He was really excited to start this new adventure, and I was happy to come along. We've been together for 10 years (high school sweethearts), and we got engaged just before we moved.

I noticed he had been Snapchatting with someone. When I asked him about it, he refused to tell me who, but said I shouldn't be concerned. Eventually, he did tell me. It's a female co-worker. I don't know much about her other than she is recently divorced. I'm happy she's out of a bad situation, but I don't understand why she's Snapchatting my fiance. I

also don't understand why he hid it from me until I made a big deal out of it.

There are other details about her — which I'm not sure are 100% true — that could change my point of view about this, but since I don't know her, they are hard for me to believe. Should I be concerned, or is my anxiety taking over? I'll be addressing this with him again, but I'm not going to blow up in his face about it. — DOUBTING IN SOUTH DAKOTA

DEAR DOUBTING: I'm glad you're not going to blow up because all it would do is make your fiance defensive. You do, however, need to have a discussion with him about this co-worker. If you feel he hasn't been completely honest about her or her circumstances, and he has become secretive, recognize it as a huge red flag and proceed from there. Do not get married before this is resolved.

DEAR ABBY: I've been living with my boyfriend, "Dan," for 15 years. He has always worked, and he doesn't hit me. If he's mad he lets go easy and doesn't dwell on stuff. (I can't say the same about me.) Here's the issue: On his Facebook profile in the "relationship status" section, he states that he's

"single." Other times he has used "open relationship" or "it's complicated." We've been together way too long for him to write something like that.

I love him, but I don't want a future of living with this from my man. I feel like I'm wasting precious years. Life goes by so fast. I'm thinking about leaving him. What does he mean by doing that? Can you advise me, Abby? — TAKEN IN GEORGIA

DEAR TAKEN: Please accept my sympathy. You have spent the last 15 years with someone who is commitment-phobic. When people post that they're in an open relationship, it means they are interested in exploring other relationships. If what you want is someone to marry, then you are right — if a little late — in thinking about leaving him. The odds that he will give you what you need are slim. Have an honest conversation with Dan about "where you are headed as a couple." If your visions don't match, move on.

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I are friendly with another couple our age. They are kind and generous and would do almost anything for us. They like to meet us for an occasional dinner. The problem is the husband feels com-

pelled to put on a show in the restaurant, telling jokes and kidding with the wait staff and patrons sitting around us. The wife talks almost constantly, and so does her husband, so it's hard to have a conversation with them. They take forever ordering and think nothing of holding up the table for hours.

We went out last night and I "hinted" that I'm uncomfortable with the unnecessary attention and would like us to be more low-key. The response was, "We like to have fun. It makes us happy, and people always thank us because we make their day." I think people just play along and secretly find them annoying.

I don't want to hurt their feelings, but I don't know what to say if they ask us out again. My husband feels the same as I do. Any suggestions? — UNCOMFORTABLE IN ARIZONA

DEAR UNCOMFORTABLE: They may be nice people, but their compulsion to perform in public makes you uncomfortable. Added to that is your inability to talk with them on a meaningful level because they dominate the conversation. If you like them in private, under controlled conditions, invite them over. But politely decline their invitations to eat out.

# Community Calendar

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

## Today

BRYANT COMMUNITY CENTER EUCHRE — Will be played at 1 p.m. each Tuesday. The public is welcome.

THE LANDING — A 12-step program for those in sixth through 12th grade will meet at 5:55 p.m. each Tuesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 703-0777 or (260) 726-5273.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for

substance abuse. Meal starts at 6 p.m. and the meeting is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. every Tuesday at the Nazarene Fellowship Building across from the Nazarene church, 249 E. Center St., Dunkirk. For more information, call Amanda Price at (765) 283-2107.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (567) 279-8352 or (260) 729-7000.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS — Will meet at 7 p.m. each Tuesday at Church of God of Prophecy, 797 N. Creagor Ave. in Portland. For more information, call (260) 766-9334.

## Wednesday

WEDNESDAY MORNING BREAKFAST CLUB — Will meet at 8 a.m. in the east room of Richards Restaurant. All women are invited to attend. Includes activities and devotional time.

PING PONG — Will be played from 11 a.m. to noon on Wednesdays at West Jay Community Center.

PORTLAND ROTARY CLUB — Will meet at noon each Wednesday at Harmony Cafe, 121 N. Meridian St.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP — New Beginnings, a support group for friends and families of alcoholics, will meet at 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday in the Zion Lutheran Church, 218 E. High St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-8229.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'S HOPE — A faith-based recovery group for all kinds of addictions, will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. each Wednesday at Redkey United Methodist Church, 122 W. Main St. Come early for a meal. For more information, call Pastor Randy Davis at (765) 369-2085.

STRESS AND ANXIETY CLASS — Meets each Wednesday at 2nd Chance at Life Ministries, 228 S. Meridian St., Portland. For more information, call (260) 726-9625 or (260) 703-0534.

## Thursday

CELEBRATE RECOVERY — 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) 251-8792.

A BETTER LIFE - BRIANNA'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.

# Sudoku

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Level: Beginner

## Saturday's Solution

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

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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# Decision belongs with the states

To the editor:  
Words have a way of calming and healing a situation which seems out of control.

Those kinds of words were missing from a column from Sharon Grigsby in your June 28 edition of the paper.

When writing about the recent overturning of Roe v. Wade, she used words like terrible, turned inside out, lost sense of normalcy, oppression (several times), lost

## Letters to the Editor

our country, no longer safe here, shameful, undermined, hypocrisy, devastating (twice), disgusting, horrifying, cruel,

sense of betrayal, insult, overwhelmed, heartbroken, upsetting, mean and harmful.

If you had the same views as her, you were probably cheering her on as you read.

I also wondered if there would be a fair rebuttal from another news service but I am not holding my breath.

Toward the end of her column, she did make a true statement, but I'm pretty sure she misses the

irony of it. She wrote, "History has shown that when the body politic moves radically in either direction, a commensurate response builds in subsequent years to slow or reverse that radicalism. But that discussion is for another day."

I would argue that this swing of events took place 50 years ago and has just now reversed.

Not everyone is going to agree on this issue but we need to be

more civil about it. If we can't be civil, we will continue to talk past one another and even demonize others who have differing opinions. What I do want to say is this: we can elect state representatives who can better voice our own views.

I say state representatives because this is where it should have been these past 50 years.

Robert James Denney  
Portland

# We must resist the quick fix

The Philadelphia Inquirer  
Tribune News Service

Why is it that climate-change deniers are so quick to speak up when the weather is cold and icy, but become as mute as a mime when America is suffering from record heat?

The first three weeks of June saw record highs — not only throughout the southern U.S. but in Minneapolis and Milwaukee, where roads buckled when the temperature reached 100 degrees for the first time in nearly a decade.

Meteorologists blamed the extreme temperatures on heat domes, which they described as high-pressure zones that allow the compressed air beneath them to heat up. Heat domes are common in summer, but scientists say climate change has increased their intensity.

In addition to extreme heat, climate change has increased precipitation during heavy rains in Pennsylvania by 10% since 1910, and the state Department of Environmental Protection projects an additional 8% increase by 2050. All that rain has led to more flooding in the Delaware River watershed.

With the worst yet to come with regard to global warming, this country should be addressing the problem more aggressively. Instead, the war in Ukraine's impact on the world oil supply has raised gas pump prices and led President Joe Biden to beg the fossil-fuel industry to ramp up production.

Even if the oil companies wanted to help Biden, they couldn't do enough to help very quickly. It can take anywhere from six to eight months to get oil from a well into a gas pump after it's been dug. More importantly, oil company investors have no incentive to reduce their profits by building more rigs and rehiring laid-off workers. Patriotism, you say? Don't hold your breath.

The more difficult course for Biden, especially with midterm elections staring him in the face, would be to ask Americans to be patient and adjust. Elected officials did that during the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s. People started driving more economical vehicles and a 55-mph speed limit was imposed.

Similar long-term solutions are needed now, not quick fixes like tapping the national oil reserves or suspending the federal fuel tax. Instead of pleading for cooperation by oil companies, Biden should have asked Congress to reconsider some of the measures in the now-deceased Green New Deal.

Coal company scion Joe Manchin, the Democratic senator who joined Republicans in killing that legislation, would likely object

## Guest Editorial

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again. But that shouldn't keep Biden from pointing out to Americans that the best way to avoid \$5-a-gallon gas prices is to drive an electric car. Ramping up their production would create jobs, maybe some of them in Manchin's West Virginia.

The Mountain State also figures prominently in a case before the Supreme Court, West Virginia v. Environmental Protection Agency, in which the justices appear poised to curtail the government's regulatory authority over greenhouse gas emissions from power plants — a move that would represent another blow to addressing climate change.

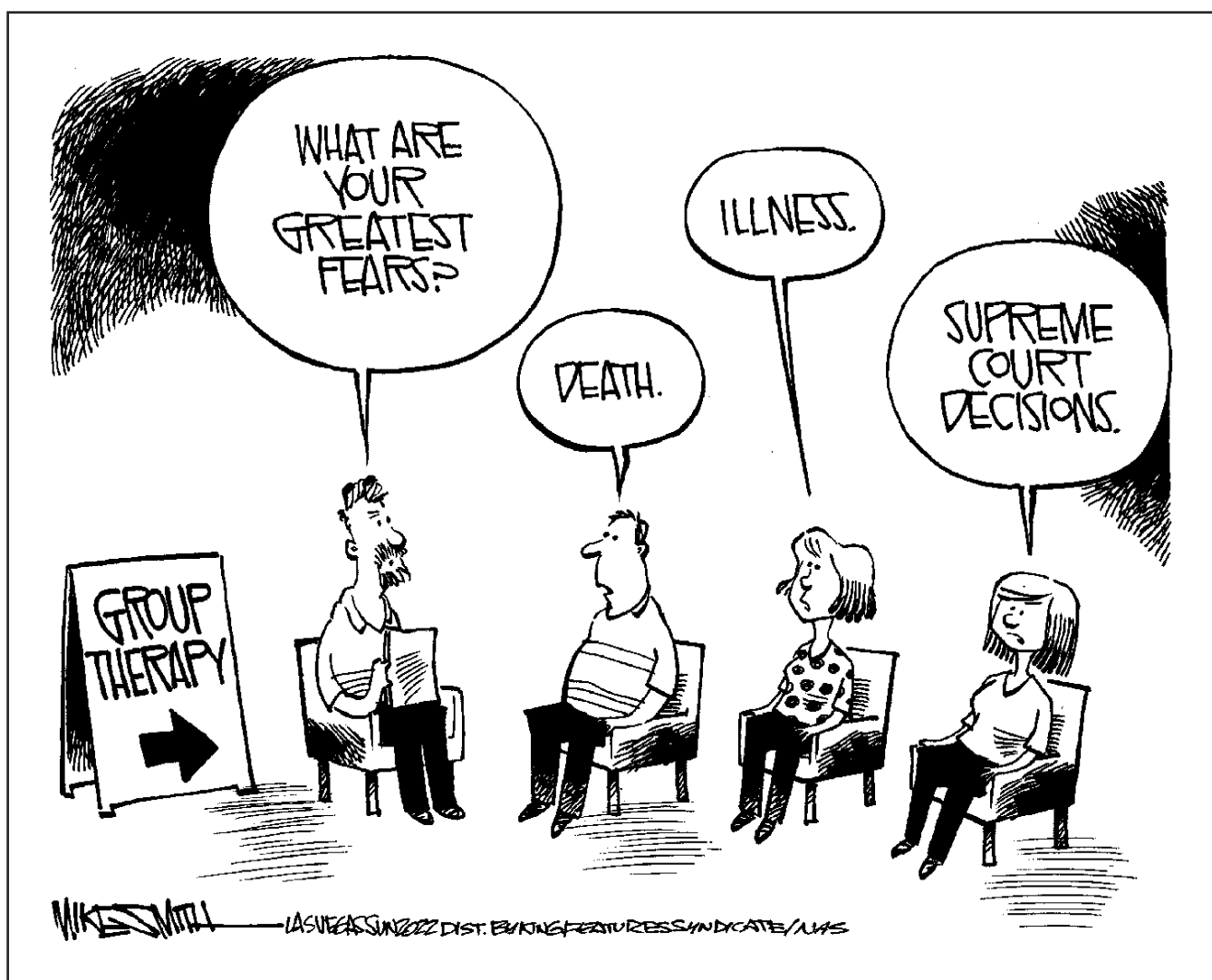
The environment might have been a bigger topic during this week's economic conference of the Group of 7 industrialized nations meeting in Germany. But the Ukraine war put the leaders of the other G7 nations in the same boat as Biden, trying to figure out how to get their countries the fuel they need without lending support to Russia's unconscionable invasion.

They, too, need to take a longer view.

Climate change is also a clear and present danger. The best interests of the G7 and America rest on taking the right course to ensure the future of not just their children and grandchildren but later generations. That means enduring the current pain and taking steps that won't bring immediate relief.

Don't encourage the fossil-fuel industry to reenergize.

Speed up replacing it with alternative energy sources that won't accelerate global warming.



# Workers reckon with reality

By THEODORE KIM  
Los Angeles Times  
Tribune News Service

This month, workers at an Apple store in Maryland voted to unionize, another signal that the labor movement is gaining momentum at tech companies.

This follows a victory at an Amazon Staten Island warehouse in March, the first U.S. union vote in Amazon's history (though another company warehouse voted against unionizing in May).

Tech is largely thought of as a cushy industry, dominated by big companies with relatively generous wages and benefits. Apple store workers unionizing is especially significant because their positions are already considered "good" retail jobs; the corporation raised its hourly wage from \$20 to \$22 last month to compensate store workers, who are highly knowledgeable about the company's products. One of the newly unionized store's organizers directly stated to the New York Times: "We love our jobs. We just want to see them do better."

That statement resonates with efforts among tech's software engineers and other knowledge workers who are pushing for change despite having some of the highest-paid and most desirable positions in the country.

Workers at Google have been organizing since January of last year, bringing together full-time and temporary employees, contractors and vendors. Employees at the crowdfunding website Kickstarter announced in 2020 that they became "the first major tech company" to unionize.

Most striking are examples from the video game industry, where the work is both ultra-competitive and considered a labor of love. The indie studio Vodeo Games became the first video game company in North America to unionize in December 2021, while Raven Software at the Santa Monica-based Activision Blizzard, one of the biggest video game studios in the world, voted to unionize in May 2022. Microsoft, which made a deal this year to acquire Activision

## Theodore Kim



Blizzard, recently pledged to work constructively with employees seeking to unionize, a move viewed by some in the industry as confirmation of labor's growing foothold in tech.

What compels workers with these "good" jobs to organize? One reason is that without an organization to advocate for the values of its employees, the conditions of any job are contingent on the benevolence of management.

At Pixar, where I used to work, years of progress in supporting LGBTQ rights were undermined when corporate leadership cut a gay kiss from the movie "Lightyear." Restoring the kiss took employees organizing to issue a joint statement rejecting the censorship: exactly the sort of unified voice that unionization aims to provide. Or the reasons could be as basic as workplace safety. This month, Google reportedly postponed its requirement for Google Maps contractors to return to the office five days a week because the workers threatened to strike.

Moreover, while software jobs and other knowledge work seem secure, they are not immune from a threat that more often mobilizes non-tech industries: automation. Writing computer code — authoring complex streams of text that tell computers exactly what to do — has long been considered a task that only human software engineers can accomplish. But recent machine learning models, such as DeepMind's AlphaCode and OpenAI's Codex, suggest that AI could write computer code in the future.

Fawning tech reporting may insist that machines are only decreasing our machine work and can never replace humans. But that view elides one of the basic realities of software development: lots of it can be routine

and repetitive drudge work. Much of it consists of cutting and pasting existing code into a new context, or simply hunting down the right software library routine to accomplish a task, like finding the virtual socket that matches your virtual plug.

To be sure, programming also involves leaps of human creativity that are not close to being automated. But if the routine aspects start getting outsourced to AI, where does checking the AI work end and the human programming work begin? The job begins to sound less appealing — and less valuable to employers.

Imagine the paradox of being a programmer where the more high-quality work you do, the less secure your job becomes. Rather than boosting your professional reputation, the growing corpus of code you write is used to train a gradually more sophisticated AI. It eventually becomes "good enough" for some of your routine tasks and gets reassigned those duties. Does your salary get reassigned too?

Some programmers might pursue individual resistance by writing deliberately grotesque and byzantine code: Write it like "Finnegans Wake" instead of "Goodnight Moon." Some Indian IT workers in Europe with weak job security have reported creating roadblocks to understanding their code, following the logic that if nobody understands how the program works except you, the bosses have to keep you around.

Unions present an alternative to such soul-crushingly baroque — and tenuous — forms of self-protection. A union can bargain with management to, for example, prevent AI from spying over your shoulder until it can supplant your job.

More workers in tech seem to be waking up to the reality that if you have a good job and want it to stay that way, you cannot rely solely on management's assurances. Unionization is a basic bulwark against a turbulent future. The union victory for Apple's retail workers carries lessons for Apple's engineers too.

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# Providers: Financial stability at risk

By MICHAEL OLLOVE

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Hospitals and community and rural health clinics that serve low-income patients say drug manufacturers have threatened their financial stability by dramatically cutting back their participation in a federal drug discount program that saves those health providers millions of dollars a year.

Without the drug discounts, the hospitals and clinics say, they are getting close to laying off health care workers, reducing hours or scaling back or scrapping mobile health vans, free cancer screenings, behavioral health treatment and a host of other services that help patients with low incomes who lack insurance.

"They are killing health centers," said Jangus Whitner, who runs the pharmacy program for PrimaryOne Health, a community health center with more than 40,000 patients that operates 11 medical sites as well as five clinics in the Columbus, Ohio area.

"It is infuriating; it is egregious."

Since 2020, more than a dozen drug companies have scaled back or halted their participa-

## Drug companies have scaled back participation in federal discount program

tion in a federal discount program known as 340B. Under the program, drugmakers sell their products more cheaply to safety-net health providers, hospitals and clinics that provide care regardless of patients' ability to pay. In exchange, the government promises that Medicare and Medicaid will cover their products.

But in the past two years, 17 drug companies, including Bristol Myers Squibb, Gilead, Johnson & Johnson, Merck and Pfizer, have scaled back their participation in 340B. The drugmakers' lobbying association, PhRMA, argues that the discounts have been used too broadly and for patients who could afford the drugs' higher retail prices.

The drugmakers also don't like providers allowing patients

to get their prescriptions at "contract pharmacies," drugstores that have arranged with 340B providers to fill prescriptions for their patients at the discounted prices.

The 340B discount for outpatient drugs is generally between 20% and 50%, according to a University of Southern California Schaeffer Center for Health Policy and Economics report, and in 2020 resulted in \$38 billion in drug sales.

That year, about 12,700 safety-net providers were in the program, according to the U.S. Government Accountability Office.

"The 340B is critically important because it provides resources that allow us to achieve our mission to expand access specifically to a medically underserved population," said Sue Veer, president of Car-

olina Health Centers, a community health center that operates a dozen medical clinics across western South Carolina.

But PhRMA, the lobbying arm of the drug manufacturing industry, expresses skepticism that the program benefits low-income patients, and asserts that many 340B hospitals and clinics are claiming discounts for patients who do not meet eligibility requirements.

"There is very little to no evidence that 340B is helping patients access medicines, and that's a big concern to the industry, because the amount of discounts we provide amount to tens of billions of dollars every year," said Nicole Longo, a PhRMA spokesperson. "If those dollars aren't being used to help patients, where are they going? The 340B program is a black box. There's not transparency, and that's a big source of concern for the industry."

A 2020 report by the U.S. Government Accountability Office noted that the Health Resources and Services Administration, which oversees the discount program, conducted 1,241 audits between fiscal years 2012 and 2019 and found a total of 1,536 violations of the rules, includ-

ing 900 cases in which there was more than one violation.

The pharmaceutical industry cites that report and a 2018 New England Journal of Medicine study that concluded that 340B savings "for hospitals have not been associated with clear evidence of expanded care or lower mortality among low-income patients."

Not all the drug manufacturers fully withdrew from 340B, according to 340B Health, a membership organization representing 1,400 nonprofit hospitals and health systems that participate in the program. Some drugmakers cut off hospitals but not community health centers, while others did the reverse.

Sometimes, officials at affected hospitals or health centers said, a drug manufacturer has required them to submit detailed and private claims data to keep the discounts flowing.

Many of the safety-net providers said providing the claims data is not only administratively burdensome, but also risks violating patient confidentiality. They say they are mystified as to why the drugmakers want the data or how they will use it.

## Arrested ...

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Superimposed on the video is a rotating image of interlocked triangles. "I need to just do it," a voice-over says over instrumental music. "It is my destiny. Everything has led up to this. Nothing can stop me, not even myself. Is there such a thing as free will, or has this been planned out like a cosmic recipe? It is what I've been waiting for in the back of my head, ready to be awakened. It's what I was sent here to do, like a sleepwalker walking steady with my head held high, like a sleepwalker walking blindly into the night."

Meanwhile, an investigation into the firearm used in the attack was underway after authorities announced that a rifle had been recovered at the scene.

Details about the recovered rifle were subject of an urgent, expedited

trace by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. Firearms trace information, in general, provides manufacturing details as well as where a firearm was shipped to for sale by a federally licensed firearms dealer.

The trace includes contacting the dealer, who must check paperwork to determine who the firearm originally was sold to. Once complete, the information will be turned over to Highland Park police, authorities said.

The Lake County Major Crime Task Force, Highland Park police and the FBI were leading the investigation, but "there are dozens of police agencies on the scene and our federal partners are deployed as well," according to police.

The chaos began about 10:15 a.m. when the gunman, allegedly Crimo, stood on a roof and opened fire, shoot-

ing at least 30 people — at least six of them fatally, about 15 minutes into the northern suburb's Fourth of July parade, according to police and the Lake County sheriff's office.

Prior to Crimo's arrest, Lake County Deputy Sheriff Chris Covelli had urged people to stay in their homes and be careful as a search got underway, with armored police vehicles descending on quiet suburban streets and law enforcement guarding the perimeter of neighborhoods with rifles.

"No neighborhood is safe," said Jonathan Kozera, 56, who lives around the corner from the Highland Park home that was the subject of law enforcement work. "There's too much hate going on in this country. We should be celebrating today, not making people suffer. There's a lot of sick people."

## Felony arrests

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She's being held on a \$3,000 bond in Jay County Jail.

Tyler C. Bost, 25, 6770 W. 300 North, Pennville, was arrested Saturday and preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony. He was released on a \$3,000 bond from Jay County Jail.

### Common nuisance

Two Portland men were arrested Friday for maintaining a common nuisance.

Austin M. George, 19, 1212 N. Franklin St., was preliminarily charged with three Level 6 felonies for possession of metham-

phetamine, maintaining a common nuisance and unlawful possession of a syringe. He was also charged with a Class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. George was released on his own recognizance from Jay County Jail.

Jeffrey L. Shope, 42, 1212 N. Franklin St., was preliminarily charged with a Level 6 felony for maintaining a common nuisance and a Class C misdemeanor for possession of paraphernalia. He's being held on a \$4,000 bond in Jay County Jail.



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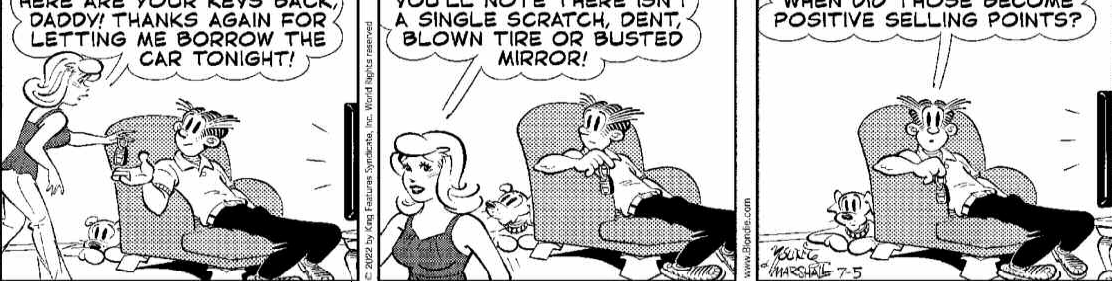
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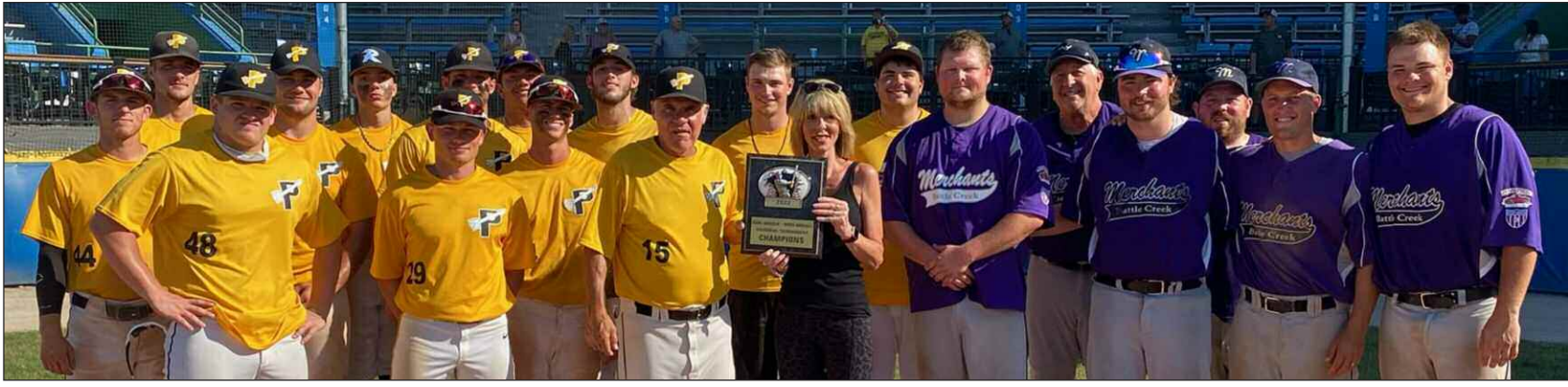
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The Portland Rockets were presented with the Carl Angelo/Ross Bortell Memorial Tournament Champions Trophy after taking the second game of a doubleheader Sunday against the Battle Creek Merchants. Portland won three of four games in their pair of doubleheaders against the Merchants this season.

## Rockets get split in Michigan

BATTLE CREEK, Mich. — The Rockets dropped the opener.

They ensured a split by scoring more runs in a single inning than the opposition did all day.

The Portland Rockets' eight-run fourth inning in game two of a Sunday double header against the Battle Creek Merchants gave them a split on the day and earned them the Carl Angelo/Ross Bortell Memorial Tournament Champions Trophy. (They dropped the opening game 3-2 in eight

### Local roundup

innings after having swept the Merchants in a doubleheader July 18 in Portland.)

The second game of Sunday's doubleheader was tied at 2-2 before the Rockets' offense took off in the fourth inning. Joel

Kennedy and 2021 Jay County High School graduate Blake Caldwell led off the frame with consecutive singles, with the former scoring on a single from Noah Collins.

Nick Bailey had the biggest hit of the inning with a two-run triple to right field and Peyton Smith added an RBI double as Portland sent 13 batters to the plate.

Collins had two hits and two RBIs in the win while Zach Orn and Kennedy added two hits and two

runs. Bailey drove in three runs and Dakota Durick scored twice.

Trevor Sheets got the win for the Rockets, striking out three batters in four innings. He allowed three runs on five hits and three walks.

Bailey took the game-one loss although both runs against him were unearned as he went the full 7 2/3 innings.

### Klopfenstein leads

Max Klopfenstein paced a strong offensive effort for

Display Craft as it topped Loy Real Estate and Auction 15-12 Friday in Portland Junior League Sandy Koufax baseball.

Klopfenstein went 4-for-4 for Display Craft with a pair of doubles. Vasin Ridgeway had two doubles as part of a three-hit effort and drove in two runs, and Andrew Day had three hits and two RBIs.

Austin Curtis smacked two home runs and a double as he finished with five RBIs for Loy in the losing effort.

## Cubs ...

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They were on the verge of pulling out a late victory thanks to the go-ahead inside-the-park homer with one out in the ninth.

Ahead 2-0 in the count against tough Brewers lefty Josh Hader, Suzuki sliced a 95 mph fastball off the left-center-field wall. The ball rocketed past center fielder Jonathan Davis, allowing Suzuki to scamper around the bases and put the Cubs ahead 2-1.

It's one of the most exciting and rarest offensive plays in baseball: Suzuki's inside-the-park homer marked the Cubs' first since Javier Báez on Aug. 7, 2017, and only their eighth since 2000. It was also only the second game in 28 appearances this season that Hader has given up a home run. The other two homers off Hader came in the same June 7 game.

But Cubs reliever David Robertson couldn't lock down the bottom of the ninth. He struck out three but was hurt by two hits, a hit by pitch and a four-pitch, bases-loaded walk to Christian Yelich to bring home the tying run.

## Sullivan ...

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The idea of two super-conferences — the Big Ten and SEC — dominating the sport and leading to the extinction or irrelevance of the remaining three power conferences seems to be the most likely outcome, at least according to experts who somehow missed out on the biggest story of the year until it actually happened.

Oklahoma and Texas ignited the gold rush last year when the two most prominent Big 12 schools announced their decision to bolt to the SEC. Surely we haven't seen the last "name" school eschewing tradition to join one of the super conferences and share the TV booty. And when that happens, the poor get poorer.

But who knows?

Maybe the Big 12, ACC and Pac-12 can survive as minor conferences. There certainly are enough networks and streaming services for everyone to get a

share of the TV pie, even if it's a sliver compared with the wheelbarrows full of cash the Big Ten and SEC will be raking in under their current and future contracts.

One of the biggest questions is what happens with Notre Dame, the only college football program that doesn't need to share with the others because it's freaking Notre Dame.

The Irish never needed to join a conference because NBC airs all of their home games in a deal that runs through 2025. They've had a national following for more than a century and have been doing just fine as an independent, making it to the College Football Playoff without having to win a conference title.

But according to Notre Dame's agreement with the ACC, the Irish are obligated to join the conference if they decide to give up their independent status before 2036. That's a long way from now,

especially with the rapid alteration of the college sports landscape.

And if Clemson, Miami and another team bolt the ACC for the SEC, as some have predicted, the future of the conference would be in severe jeopardy.

The obvious choice for Notre Dame would be the Big Ten — the Irish would fit perfectly with the Ohio States, Michigans and USCs of the college football world. This has been discussed since Nebraska and Penn State joined the Big Ten, but the Irish didn't need the Big Ten and kept the status quo.

Times change, and Notre Dame soon might have no choice but to join a conference. But why would the SEC let Notre Dame get away without making an offer that its president, Rev. John Jenkins, couldn't refuse? If USC and UCLA are good fits for the Big Ten, why wouldn't Notre Dame be comfortable in the SEC?

Perhaps coach Marcus Free-

man could even affect a Southern accent like his predecessor, the chameleon-like Brian Kelly, who took LSU's money and suddenly began sounding like he was shucking crawdads on the bayou. A Notre Dame schedule with games against LSU, Alabama and Georgia every season would be just as appetizing as a Big Ten schedule, and the SEC's dominance proves it's by far the best football conference.

While we await the fallout from the USC and UCLA exodus, we also mourn the loss of the Rose Bowl as the preeminent New Year's Day bowl game. The tradition already took a hit when they played the 2021 Rose Bowl at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, because of the COVID-19 pandemic. No one seemed to blink when the "granddaddy of 'em all" wasn't played in Pasadena, Calif., so maybe no one will mind if USC were to play Washington State of the revamped

Pac-6 Conference in the 2025 Rose Bowl.

College football can survive anything, no matter the unending competition for the biggest haul from universities that were built to provide education for students rather than entertainment for the masses. When it comes down to it, the game-day experience — including the marching bands, cheerleaders, fight songs, stadiums, age-old rivalries and newer traditions such as the "Jump Around" sing-along in Madison, Wis. — make every fall Saturday a day to look forward to.

Changes always have been part of the game and always will be.

In the words of the House of Pain anthem performed at every Wisconsin game: "Get used to one style and yo and I might switch."

Jump around, America. Jump around.

## Sports on tap

### Local schedule

**Today**  
Jay County Summer Swim Team vs. Union City and Huntington North — 6 p.m.

### TV schedule

**Today**  
6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7 p.m. — WNBA basketball: Seattle Storm at Indiana Fever (FOX)

**Wednesday**  
8 a.m. — Tennis: Wimbledon — Quarterfinals (ESPN, ESPN2)

3 p.m. — Soccer: Women's Euro — Austria vs. England (ESPN2)

6:40 p.m. — Major League Baseball: New York Mets at Cincinnati Reds (Bally Indiana)

7:20 p.m. — Major League Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves (ESPN)

### Local notes

**Outing scheduled**  
Portland Mayor John Boggs will host his Mayor's Golf Outing July 8 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun

start at noon. Registration will run from 11 to 11:45 a.m.

The outing will be limited to the first 20 four-person teams to sign up.

Registration forms are available at city hall, 321 N. Meridian St., Portland, or by emailing ikelly@thecityofportland.net.

**Chamber outing set**  
Jay County Chamber of Commerce

will hold its annual golf outing July 22 at Portland Golf Club.

The event will begin with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. It will be limited to 20 teams.

Registration forms are available at the chamber office, 118 S. Meridian St., Portland or by emailing tabby@jaycountychamber.com. The deadline is July 11.

For more information, call (260) 726-4481.

**5K circuit continues July 4**  
The Run Jay County 5K Circuit will continue with a race July 16.

The next event in the eight-race circuit is the Sculpt Fitness 5K, which begins at 8 a.m. July 16 in downtown Dunkirk. Registration is \$25. The final race in the circuit will be the JRDS 5K on Aug. 6.

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The rates and charges to be considered by the Town of Redkey are as follows: BE IT ORDAINED BY TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF REDKEY, INDIANA: Section a(4) of Ordinance 2019-1 is hereby amended as follows: (a)(4) Effective July 1, 2022, the water usage schedule on which the amount of said water rates and charges shall be determined shall be as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Quantity of Water Used per Month</th> <th>Total User Charge</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>First 2,000 gallons</td> <td>\$16.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Next 5,000 gallons</td> <td>\$14.41</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Next 10,000 gallons</td> <td>\$8.36</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Next 33,000 gallons</td> <td>\$6.49</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Next 66,000 gallons</td> <td>\$5.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Over 116,000 gallons</td> <td>\$3.71</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The minimum charge for any user, where the user is a metered water consumer, shall be based upon the meter sizes as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Meter Size</th> <th>Per Month</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Up to .75 inch meter</td> <td>\$32.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 inch meter</td> <td>\$39.43</td> </tr> <tr> <td>1 1/2 inch meter</td> <td>\$57.95</td> </tr> <tr> <td>2 inch meter</td> <td>\$100.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>3 inch meter</td> <td>\$154.58</td> </tr> <tr> <td>4 inch meter</td> <td>\$251.22</td> </tr> <tr> <td>6 or larger inch meter</td> <td>\$378.64</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>All other provisions not amended hereby remain in full force and effect. 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# Sports

Paul Sullivan



## Future appears up for grabs

By PAUL SULLIVAN

Chicago Tribune  
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Thursday's news of USC and UCLA joining the Big Ten Conference in 2024 stunned the college sports world.

The prospect of two elite athletic programs teaming up with the nation's most powerful Power Five conference might be the most anticipated merger since Joe Walsh joined the Eagles.

Did the Eagles really need Walsh to crank out hit after hit?

No, but they immediately turned out the granddaddy of all classic rock albums, "Hotel California," and became better than ever with Walsh.

Ditto the Big Ten, which didn't need USC or UCLA to prove its worth in the world of college sports but became exponentially greater with both schools as members.

What it means for the college football landscape will be the subject of intense speculation the next several weeks and months leading into September.

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## Firecracker fielding

Chloe Miskinis of the Redkey All-Stars makes a play at shortstop Saturday afternoon during the annual Firecracker tournament at Redkey Morgan Park.

## Cubs fall despite Suzuki highlight

By MEGHAN MONTEMURRO

Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

MILWAUKEE — Seiya Suzuki sprinted around the bases at American Family Field.

He planned to keep running until told otherwise.

Chicago Cubs third base coach

Willie Harris did not hesitate, emphatically waving him home. Suzuki dodged the Milwaukee Brewers' relay throw and tag attempt by catcher Victor Caratini as his hand swiped the plate while eluding Caratini's mitt.

The inside-the-park home run in the ninth inning Monday

marked a thrilling return to the lineup for Suzuki, who was activated from the injured list before the 5-2, 10-inning loss to the Brewers.

Suzuki had not played since suffering a sprained left ring finger May 26. So as he sprinted during the ninth, he had one thought.

"Stop me," Suzuki joked through interpreter Toy Matsushita. "My legs were getting pretty tired."

"I was getting ready for somebody to say, 'Stop.'"

The Cubs, however, wasted Suzuki's hustle.

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## Oladipo has no-trade

By IRA WINDERMAN  
South Florida Sun-Sentinel  
Tribune News Service

Among the nuances of the Miami Heat's early agreements in NBA free agency are a pair of restrictions on the one-year, \$11 million contract with guard Victor Oladipo.

While Oladipo's salary could work in eventual trade permutations, both time and NBA trade rules are on Oladipo's side.

First, any player signed in free agency cannot be traded for three months or until Dec. 15, whichever comes later.

However, because Oladipo signed for a raise greater than 20 percent while the Heat was over the cap, his trade window does not open until Jan. 15, a function of what the NBA terms base-year compensation.

That means that Oladipo cannot be includ-

### Former IU star signed new one-year deal with Heat

ed in any trade this offseason, no matter if his salary would balance a potential deal for Kevin Durant or Donovan Mitchell, the league's two leading trade targets at the moment. For that matter, he cannot be dealt until midseason.

Beyond that timing element, Oladipo also has an implied no-trade clause.

Players who have Bird Rights, as Oladipo does, and then agree to one-year contracts, cannot be traded over the term of the contract without their consent. Bird Rights allow

players to be signed above the salary cap.

While Oladipo eventually could prove open to a trade, particularly if it meant greater playing time to showcase himself ahead of next summer's return to free agency, an agreement to a trade would mean forfeiting his Bird Rights.

Because Oladipo cannot formally be signed until Wednesday's noon end of the NBA's personnel moratorium, their contracts still could be worked into immediate sign-and-trade agreements should he acquiesce.

## Triple play, 10th doom Sox

By PAUL SULLIVAN  
Chicago Tribune  
Tribune News Service

On a night when the Minnesota Twins pulled off the first 8-5 triple play in major-league history and manager Tony La Russa earned his first ejection of the season, the Chicago White Sox fell 6-3 in 10 innings before a raucous crowd of 32,483 on the South Side.

The Twins pulled 5½ games ahead of the third-place Sox in the first of seven crucial games before the All-Star break between the American League Central rivals.

The Twins scored four runs off Joe Kelly in the 10th, sending most of the crowd to the exits.

"Our goal is to win," Sox first baseman José Abreu said. "If we win, we're going to be in a good spot. That's our purpose. That's what we try to accomplish every day. If we do that at the end of this stretch, we'll be in a good position. If not, we'll assess and see where we are after that."

The Sox took a quick lead when Abreu homered off Dylan Bundy in the second. Johnny Cueto was in command until giving up a double to Luis Arraez and a two-run homer to Byron Buxton on back-to-back pitches in the fifth.

After Abreu doubled against Griffin Jax leading off the seventh, Yoán Moncada's single tied the game at 2-2, setting up one of the craziest triple plays you'll ever see.

AJ Pollock lined a shot to deep center, which Buxton caught on the run near the wall. Both runners — Moncada and pinch runner Adam Engel — took off on the liner and had no chance of getting back to their bases. Buxton wheeled and threw to third baseman Gio Urshela, who tagged Moncada between second and third, then touched second to retire Engel for the 8-5 triple play.

La Russa's jaw literally dropped after watching the play unfold.

"Never seen one like it," he said. "Potential difference maker at that point. Yoán was really aggressive, which is not the worst thing you can do when you play this game. Judgment was wrong and costly."

Engel said "everyone did the right thing but me" on the play.

"I just made a bad read on it," he said. "Obviously was watching (Buxton). He took his head off the ball to find the wall and when he looked toward the wall, I thought he was looking for the ball to get down and (I) made a bad play, made a mistake on it. And unfortunately cost us some runs right there most likely and probably would've gone on to win the game. It was tough. My mistake."

Engel absolved Moncada, saying he probably saw Engel take off early and just followed him.

"It was a big momentum shift in the game," Engel said.