

**➔ TODAY'S VERSE**  
1 Corinthians 13:13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love. (ESV)



**➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY**  
People who call our community their own.

What makes Reese Canada smile? "Playing volleyball and basketball," said the then 11-year-old, a then fifth-grader at Hazel Dell Elementary School in Noblesville. Today's feature is a look back at one of the Times' previous Faces of Hamilton County. When this photo was taken, it was her fifth year playing Noblesville Millers Girls Basketball Club. She also played volleyball at Grand Park. She is the daughter of Brian and Amy Canada and has three brothers, Ben, Jimmy and Archie. She was found in 2021 watching the Noblesville Homecoming Parade in downtown Noblesville. Enjoyed most about watching the parade? "I like seeing my friends." She also had plans to attend the Homecoming football game. Favorite school subject? "Math." Favorite school lunch menu item? "Bosco sticks." Other interests? "I like art, creating things and baking," especially coffee cake. Anything else to say? "Go Millers!" Today's Noblesville Homecoming Parade, themed "Rio Carnival," steps off at 4 p.m. and travels through downtown Noblesville via Logan Street. The NHS Millers vs. Zionsville Eagles Homecoming football game is at 7:30 p.m. today at Beaver Stadium. Also, join the first "N" Zone NHS Homecoming Tailgate Party beginning at 5 p.m. today under a tent next to Tailgate Town at Beaver Stadium, with \$10 admission to include a Ford's Garage burger, while supplies last. Read more about today's Noblesville Homecoming activities in the Betsy Reason column in today's edition and in Thursday's edition of The Times.

**And Another Thing...**

**1. Drinks & Appetizers at West Fork Whiskey**

Join us at West Fork Whiskey on Tuesday, September 19 from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm for an exciting happy hour event hosted by the Westfield Young Professionals. West Fork Whiskey Co. is a "Boldly Indiana Whiskey Distillery". As three Indiana natives, they brought West Fork Whiskey Co. to life to share their interpretation of America's native spirit with the world. They create sippable, smooth whiskeys -- always 100% Indiana from grain to glass. They toast to hard work and uncompromising dedication by paying respect to one of the best grain-producing states in America. The best part is that West Fork Whiskey Co. serves more than just whiskey, and their restaurant, The Mash House, has the perfect compliments to your drinks -- appetizers. So, join us for a fun night out at our September YP Happy Hour!

**2. Day Out at the AMP 2023: Friday, September 20 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

Join us for a Day Out at the AMP on September 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for this Free event! Take a break from e-learning for free fun outdoors! Utilize our mobile skatepark, yard games, a food truck, and music to break your boredom! Skateboards and safety equipment will be available for use on site, and 31SVN Street Dance Academy will be on site DJing and offering up dance demos. If you plan to utilize the skatepark, you need to register and submit a 2023 Fishers Parks safety & liability waiver here!

**3. COMMUNITY HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL**

Come in costume and enjoy games, treats, hayrides and more at the annual Community Halloween Carnival on Tuesday, October 3, 2023. The Carnival will be held in the Exhibition Center at the Hamilton County 4-H Fairgrounds, 2003 Pleasant Street, Noblesville, from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Join us for this fun family activity offered at no charge. Youth ages 10 and under should be accompanied by an adult and are encouraged to come in costume to enjoy games, prizes, candy, refreshments, a haunted house and a hayride. Hayrides begin at 6:00 p.m. The evening is organized and sponsored by the Hamilton County 4-H Junior Leaders. For more information on the Halloween Carnival or about the 4-H Program in Hamilton County, contact the Purdue Extension Service at 317-776-0854 or visit our website at: www.extension.purdue.edu/county/hamilton

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## Noblesville And Zionsville Lions Test Noblesville Crossing And White River Schools



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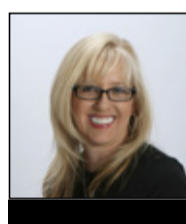
On Sep 5th and 7th the Noblesville and Zionsville Lion Clubs donated time for Acuity Testing at Noble Crossing and White River Elementary. This is testing required by the State of Indiana, and saves time for school nurses. Any discrepancies noted in the students are passed along to the parents. Left photo: Noble Crossing testing by Lions Kathy Ravenstien, Gregg Barth, Donna Fisher, Walt Scheid, Bill Kurtz, Kennedy Penwell, Gary Hipes, Lee Ann Balta, Lois Whitehead, and Steve Shaw. Right photo: White River Elementary testing by Lions Gary Hipes, Dan Dumbauld, Walt Scheid, Kathy Ravenstien, Andy Luckey, Kennedy Penwell, Lee Ann Balta, Josh Kozicki, Chery Helton, Vicki Neddenreip, and Steve Shaw.



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Tour historic buildings on and around the Square during Noblesville Main Street's Upstairs Downtown from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and Noblesville Preservation Alliance's 36th annual Historic Home Tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

## Upstairs Downtown, Home Tour, Brewfest, Museum Day, Movie in Park, Jazz At Coxhall, Homecoming, More



**BETSY REASON**  
From The Editor's Desk...

This is another crazy, busy weekend with things to do. So read all of the details for events in and around Noblesville with our Times list of 20 things to do this weekend and beyond:

1. Grab your lawn chair and find a place to watch the Noblesville High School Homecoming Parade, themed "Rio Carnival," which begins at 4 p.m. today and travels west on Logan Street and north on Ninth Street through downtown Noblesville. The NHS Millers vs. Zionsville Eagles Homecoming football game will kick off at 7:30 p.m. today at Beaver Stadium.

2. Join the first "N" Zone Noblesville High School Home-

coming Tailgate Party before the Homecoming Football Game at 5 p.m. today under a tent next to Tailgate Town at Beaver Stadium. Admission is \$10 at the door. Featuring burgers from Ford's Garage. Funds raised support Noblesville Schools Education Foundation.

3. Tour historic buildings on and around the Square during Noblesville Main Street's Upstairs Downtown from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today and Noblesville Preservation Alliance's 36th annual Historic Home Tour 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Buy a combo ticket for Upstairs Downtown and the NPA's Home Tour at www.preservationhall.org. NPA's Historic Home Tour in Old Town Noblesville features the Noblesville and Hamilton County Bicentennial, homes built during Noblesville's Gas Boom (1887-1907) on the northwest side of Old Town Noblesville, on Logan and Conner streets, with tickets and tour information



The Times photo by Betsy Reason

Noblesville resident Monica Bates is served a beer sample from pourer, Noblesville Adult Swim Team Inc. (NASTI) member and volunteer Chris Sikich at Noblesville Brewfest during a previous year at Forest Park. The 14th annual Noblesville Brewfest is 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at Forest Park in Noblesville, with all proceeds to benefit Forest Park Aquatic Center. For tickets, visit NoblesvilleBrewfest on Facebook.

➔ See BETSY Page A5

## The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset  
RISE: 7:27 a.m.  
SET: 7:58 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures  
High: 78 °F  
Low: 50 °F



Today is...

- Greenpeace Day
- International Grenache Day
- National Caregivers Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1981 John Bull becomes the oldest operable locomotive. The steam locomotive manufactured by the British and operated in New Jersey, US became the world's oldest and still operable locomotive when the Smithsonian operated it on this day. It was first put to use on September 15, 1831.
- 1963 A Ku Klux Klan bomb kills 4 young African-American girls. 4 members of the white supremacy group, set off a timed bomb at the 16th Street Baptist Church, a predominantly black church in Birmingham, Alabama. The bombings marked a watershed moment in the Civil Rights Movement in America.
- 1935 Nuremberg laws instituted by the Nazi party are put into force. The laws revoked citizenship for Jews, forbade them from having relationships with people of non-Jewish origin and made the swastika the official symbol of Germany.

Births On This Day

- 1946 Oliver Stone American director, screenwriter, producer
- 1890 Agatha Christie English author

Deaths On This Day

- 2007 Colin McRae Scottish race car driver
- 1938 Thomas Wolfe American author

**➔ INSIDE TODAY**

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**➔ HONEST HOOSIER**

If the Colts were a stock, would anybody be buying? Don't answer that.



**➔ TODAY'S QUOTE**

"If my mind can conceive it, if my heart can believe it, then I can achieve it."  
-Muhammad Ali

**➔ TODAY'S JOKE**

If a factory does good work, is it called a satis-factory?

**➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP**

Kids who get cavities are more prone to get them as adults. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www.thetimes24-7.com.



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# First Of Many On Ross-Ade Stadium And Discussing A Record Setting Win



**KENNY THOMPSON**  
Columnist

Purdue is celebrating 100 seasons in Ross-Ade Stadium, and what better time than now to reflect on the 10 most memorable games I've attended in the 99-year-old facility.

(Ross-Ade was dedicated on Nov. 22, 1924 with a Homecoming victory against Indiana. Even though Purdue's other home games were at Stuart Field in 1924, I guess the matchup with the Hoosiers counts as Year 1.)

Not every game on this list will go down in Boilermaker lore, but it's my list.

**10. Sept. 8, 1979: Purdue 41, Wisconsin 20** – My first game as a Purdue student, and the ticket was free since football season tickets were part of the tuition package at the time.

I can still envision the game's first touchdown. A high spiral from Mark Herrmann that found a wide-open Raymond Smith in stride for a 41-yard score. The game was barely five minutes old, and I thought Purdue fans were in for a fun season.

I was right. The 1979 season remains the only 10-win campaign in Boilermaker football history.

**9. Nov. 3, 2018: Purdue 38, No. 19 Iowa 36** – After losing twice on last-second field goals earlier in the season, the Boilermakers finally had fate on their side when Spencer Evans kicked the first game-winner of his career from 25 yards with eight seconds to play.

David Blough and Terry Wright hooked up for touchdown passes of 41, 82 and 3 to give Purdue a 35-23 lead after three quarters.

**8. Nov. 25, 2017: Purdue 31, Indiana 24** – Boilermaker fans officially awakened from the four-year nightmare

known as Darrell Hazell by recapturing the Old Oaken Bucket and earning a berth in the Foster Farms Bowl.

"It's a great moment for our football team, our university, for our fans," said first-year coach Jeff Brohm, who took Purdue from a 3-9 mark under Hazell and interim coach Gerad Parker in 2016 to a 7-6 record in his first season. "I couldn't be prouder."

Purdue held on after building a 31-10 lead early in the fourth quarter on two touchdown runs by Jackson Anthrop and Elijah Sindelar touchdown passes to Anthony Mahoungou and Isaac Zico.

**7. Sept. 12, 1981: Purdue 27, No. 19 Stanford 19** – The third-largest crowd in Ross-Ade history (69,958) and a national TV audience witnessed plenty of excitement.

Jimmy Smith matched the Boilermaker and stadium record with a 100-yard kickoff return. Future Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway threw for a career-high 418 yards, and Stanford kicker Mark Harmon (not the actor) set the school and stadium record with a 59-yard field goal.

Smith would rush for a game-high 91 yards and added two more touchdowns. Scott Campbell added a 29-yard TD pass to Steve Bryant.

**6. Oct. 25, 1980: Purdue 36, Michigan State 25** – An NCAA record fell, and fittingly Purdue's Carmel Connection was the reason.

Mark Herrmann's 14-yard pass to Bart Burrell made the senior quarterback the NCAA's all-time leading passer. At game's end, Herrmann's record stood at 8,087 yards. He would leave Purdue with 9,354 yards, the first man in NCAA history to eclipse 8,000 and 9,000 yards.

"The fact Bart caught it made it more of a thrill," Herrmann said of Burrell, his teammate for

three years in junior high school, three years at Carmel and four at Purdue.

**5. Nov. 22, 1980: Purdue 24, Indiana 23** – For the second time that season, Purdue set a Ross-Ade and state attendance record with 71,629 fans.

They got their money's worth in Mark Herrmann's final home game. Herrmann threw for 252 of his 323 yards in the second half to rally the Boilermakers from a 10-3 deficit. Ben McCall scored the game-winning touchdown with 8:56 to play, and linebacker Mike Marks batted away a two-point conversion pass with 17 seconds left to seal the victory.

Purdue finished tied for second in the Big Ten with Ohio State at 7-1 and would defeat Missouri in the Liberty Bowl to finish 9-3 overall.

**4. Sept. 26, 1981: Purdue 15, No. 13 Notre Dame 14** – The Fighting Irish led 14-7 with 2:57 to go when first-year starting quarterback Scott Campbell went to work in front of 70,007 fans.

Starting from the Boilermaker 20, Campbell threw 12 yards to Jimmy Smith, 28 to Eric Jordan and 42 yards to Steve Bryant (there were tackles for losses by Notre Dame in between) to put the ball at the Irish 1.

A 6-yard loss on first-and-goal and two incomplete passes made it fourth down with 23 seconds remaining. Assistant coach Dick Dullaghan, who was in between high school coaching stints that saw him collect eight state titles, called for "the Sail."

Bryant, one on one with Notre Dame sophomore Chris Brown on the left side, got a step advantage and caught Campbell's pass to make it 14-13 with 19 seconds remaining.

"Give him credit for an excellent play," Purdue head coach Jim Young said afterward.

Young decided to go for the win and called the same play but with Bryant

lining up on the right side. This time, Bryant outjumped Brown for the game-winning two-point conversion.

"I think being a former basketball player allowed me to make the catch," Bryant said. "It was a much tougher catch than the touchdown."

**3. Sept. 23, 1979: No. 17 Purdue 28, No. 5 Notre Dame 22** – It's nice to boast that I was part of the largest crowd in Indiana football history to that point (70,567). At the time, that figure was 1,367 above Ross-Ade Stadium capacity.

As a lowly freshman, I got an aisle seat in the student section. In all, Purdue seated 367 people in the aisles and the other thousand in portable chairs along the north end zone.

The Boilermakers rallied from a 13-point deficit to beat the Fighting Irish for the first time in five years. Wally Jones' 2-yard run at the end of the third quarter gave Purdue the lead for good, 21-20. Herrmann found old Carmel High School teammate Bart Burrell for the clinching 6-yard touchdown with 8:41 to go.

"Those are the kinds of wins that keep the memories going," Herrmann said recently on PurdueSports' YouTube series profiling Ross-Ade's Greatest Games. "It was our only 10-win season in Purdue history, and the defense gets a lot of credit for that."

**2. Nov. 22, 1986: Purdue 17, Indiana 15** – For the longest time, this ranked as the greatest game I witnessed in Ross-Ade Stadium.

Press boxes are usually business-like but in the minutes before kickoff, there was notable surprise expressed when the Boilermakers returned to the field in gold jerseys. Players had gone through pre-game warmups in their usual home black jerseys.

It was already known

that All-American cornerback Rod Woodson would play a greater role than usual in his final collegiate game. But no one was prepared for what they saw over the next two-and-a-half hours.

From his first collegiate rushing attempt, a 14-yard gain, Woodson stamped his mark of greatness that day. His 93 yards on 15 carries was the top performance by any Purdue running back during a dismal 3-8 season that cost head coach Leon Burnett his job.

But that's not all. Woodson caught three passes for 67 yards, returned three punts for 30 yards and brought two kickoff returns for 46 yards.

From his cornerback position, Woodson made 10 tackles and broke up a pass.

He was even involved in the game-deciding play, teaming up with Scott Schult to block a game-winning 35-yard field goal attempt by future NFL kicker Pete Stoyanovich.

"The thing that I will always remember is seeing Rod Woodson on that final play," Burnett said years later. "I still see that play in my imagination."

**1. Oct. 20, 2018: Purdue 49, No. 2 Ohio State 20** – This will be known forever as "the Tyler Trent game."

Hours after a heart-wrenching interview of the terminally ill Purdue student on ESPN, during which Trent predicted a Purdue victory, the Boilermakers made that wish come true.

Mike Carmin of the Journal & Courier described the scene perfectly as the final seconds ticked off:

"More than 10,000 students stayed through the cold and blustery conditions, waiting to rush the field as the Boilermakers dominated Ohio State from the second quarter through the final buzzer."

A 35-point second half included these memorable

moments:

- Columbus native Markus Bailey returning an interception 41 yards for the final touchdown;
- Rondale Moore' 43-yard catch and run for a touchdown, bouncing off defenders left and right;
- D.J. Knox sprinting away from Ohio State defenders for three touchdowns, including runs of 42 and 34 yards.

It also was the fifth time in eight visits to Ross-Ade Stadium that Ohio State left with a loss. To realize what a major accomplishment this was, Michigan has only won twice in Columbus since 2000.

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**Record-setting win**  
Virginia Tech athletic officials say the five hour, 27-minute weather delay during Purdue's 24-17 victory is the longest in college football history.

The game was supposed to kick off at 12:01 p.m. this past Saturday but lightning in the area delayed the kick until 12:23. With Purdue leading 7-0 in the first quarter, play was stopped again at 12:48 p.m. due to lightning being within a 10-mile radius of the stadium.

The eight hours and 35 minutes total elapsed time from the opening kickoff to the game clock hitting 0:00 is believed to be the longest game in Virginia Tech history.

The previous record for an in-game delay was 3 hours and 55 minutes between TCU and Kansas State in 2017. In 2021, East Carolina and Houston had the start of their game delayed for 5 hours and 20 minutes.

The 4.41 inches of rain in Blacksburg was second all-time to the 4.48 inches of rain on Aug. 14, 1940, according to the National Weather Service.

*- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Courier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many years.*



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# You Said What Bit You??



**DICK WOLFSIE**  
Funny Bone

We have a cat, her name is Angel, and most of the time she is just that. Except when she is a devil. Last week, when Mary

make it a fun evening by socializing in the medical clinic waiting room while my wife was being examined. I know that's a really dumb way to spend a Saturday night with friends, but with my wife's excellent health insurance, it was actually cheaper than going to the movies and dinner.

No wolves? And there is no mention of pigs, more proof of just how powerful the bacon lobby is. That's also probably why the expression: "When pigs bite," never got any traction.

When we finally saw the doctor, he confirmed the potential severity of a cat wound and suggested that an X-Ray be taken to be sure bone had not been penetrated. Cathy, who was by now the leading cat bite expert in Central Indiana, wanted to know why that procedure was necessary. "Because the cat is now missing two front teeth," I told her.

By the way, I forgot to mention that many years ago Mary Ellen was at this very clinic after she tried to take a chicken bone away from our beagle, Barney. The gash from Barney's bite required three stitches in her hand. My wife has now been bitten twice by our pets. Which is why we are not getting a cow.

*- Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.*

Ellen reached for a tissue while watching TV, Angel, who had nestled next to her for the evening, bit her. The cut wasn't very deep so Mary Ellen applied anti-biotic and off to sleep we went.

We both had pretty much forgotten about the feline attack, but the next night on the way to dinner with friends, Mary Ellen casually mentioned the redness on her hand to Bob and Cathy. Both armed with their iPhones, they were in the back seat Googling away, entering phrases like: fatal cat bites; deadly feline teeth; and, lethal kitten puncture wounds. Hey, what's more fun than surfing the net?

Eventually, Bob and Cathy convinced my wife that the swelling was either pasteurilla multocida or staphylococcus aureus. That sounded pretty serious so we decided to

# Arrowood Discusses Security And Safety Of Hamilton Heights Schools



**DEREK ARROWOOD**  
Guest Column

We believe a safe school culture should be a way of life at Hamilton Heights. Safety is a shared responsibility that encompasses the physical, emotional, and academic safety and well-being of our children.

We have created protocols and best practices designed to protect lives and support all aspects of the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff while on campus. Our comprehensive and multi-tiered corporation-wide safety plan and coordinated support system addresses facilities, school climate, the social and emotional domain, behavioral and mental health and wellness, emergency preparedness, and crisis intervention and response.

It includes collaboration with community, county, and state organizations; conducting behavioral threat assessments; and the implementation of a multi-hazard approach to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergency/crisis situations. We have in-house trained safety

specialists, created individual building plans and safety committees, have strong partnerships with local law enforcement, first responders, fire departments, hospitals, and other agencies who will respond to emergencies within our schools.

Hamilton Heights is not immune from incidents and threats of violence via notes, calls, and social media posts, or discriminatory and hateful actions. Statements and threats made towards a school cause a high level of fear for everyone, students, parents, administrators, and staff, regardless of the intention behind the threat; it is this level of fear that disrupts our learning environments and causes undue stress on students, staff, and families.

When we are informed about a possible threat of danger we take it seriously. We are fortunate to have outstanding partnerships with our local police and fire departments. We investigate all claims that we are made aware of in coordination with our local law enforcement partners. If those threats are deemed credible, we will take the appropriate action. However, if it is found that the person

making the comments is doing it as a prank, a joke, or for some other reason, we will also take the appropriate action.

We work cooperatively with our law enforcement partners to use every means available to locate any individual who is responsible for these types of false claims or unsubstantiated threatening comments. Making these types of comments brings with them serious consequences and criminal prosecution.

The very best way to keep our schools safe and prevent acts of violence from occurring is to build relationships and keep an open line of communication. Be kind. Be alert. If you see something that doesn't look or feel right, say something.

Thank you for entrusting us with teaching, protecting, and supporting your students. This is a privilege and a responsibility we uphold daily with great diligence and care. Thank you for working with us, proactively, to support student safety and wellbeing every day. #WeAreHuskies

*- Dr. Derek Arrowood is the Superintendent of the Hamilton Heights School Corporation.*

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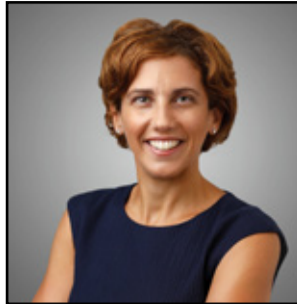
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# Indiana Chamber Names Vanessa Green Sinders New President And CEO

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce, the state's largest business advocacy organization, is ushering in a new chapter. Vanessa Green Sinders, a former Fortune 100 executive and veteran policy strategist on the national stage, has been selected as the group's incoming president and CEO.



VANESSA GREEN SINDERS

She will succeed longtime leader Kevin Brinegar, who will retire in early January 2024. The search process was guided by Indianapolis-based Medallion Partners.

Sinders will be the Indiana Chamber's first female president. She was chosen from a deep pool of candidates from the business, political and trade association worlds, notes Paul Perkins, search committee member and chair of the Indiana Chamber Board of Directors, which approved the hire earlier today.

"What really set Vanessa apart is her demonstrated ability to lead, innovate and advocate across a wide spectrum of stakeholders. She's done that in corporate America, government and with a national trade group. That's so important because of the varied aspects and programs at the Indiana Chamber," states Perkins, who is president of Amatrol, Inc. in Jeffersonville.

"At every place she's led, Vanessa has earned a reputation as a strong, collaborative leader able to take organizations to new heights, improve member outcomes and develop top internal talent."

Sinders also brings a 20-year track record of success in policy work in Washington D.C.

Before moving to Indiana last year, Sinders served as senior vice president for government affairs at Charter Communications/Spectrum. At the Fortune 100 company, she was responsible for directing its strategic policy and political engagement with Congress and the White House while managing both internal and external government affairs teams.

Sinders previously had a four-year stint as senior vice president and department head for government affairs at the American Hotel & Lodging Association, where she oversaw the group's advocacy efforts at the federal, state and local levels.

Sinders' political and policy roots run deep. For a decade, earlier in her career, she held high-profile positions on Capitol Hill, including chief of staff for then-U.S. Sen. Scott Brown of Massachusetts and policy director for former U.S. Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire. Additionally, she was chief of staff for the "Campaign to Fix the Debt," a nonpartisan issue-based coalition advocating for better national fiscal poli-

cies. There, she oversaw the implementation of the campaign's strategy and directed the activities for its 45-person staff.

"I am honored by the opportunity to lead the Indiana Chamber and build on the organization's strong record of success that has helped position our state as a place where people want to live, work and do business," says Sinders. "As a believer in the power of collaboration and working together, I look forward to engaging with stakeholders across the Hoosier state to identify and advance new opportunities that maximize the Chamber's impact."

Offers Indianapolis business owner John Thompson, the search committee chair and past Indiana Chamber Board chairman: "Vanessa is the kind of person people immediately like when they meet her. She goes out of her way to make those genuine connections. She's a real team-builder and finds innovative solutions that benefit all."

"I'm confident as the Chamber staff, members and partners get to know her that they will see such a positive, energetic and strong leader - one that is able to deliver significant results and make what is already a high-performing organization even greater."

Sinders lives in Indianapolis with her husband, a Clay County native, and their two sons.

Upon relocating to Indiana, she founded Green Sinders Consulting, a woman-led firm offering strategic advice, project and crisis management, and leadership coaching services to clients. She earned a bachelor's degree in government with a minor in economics from Dartmouth College.

Sinders starts at the Indiana Chamber as president and CEO-elect on October 16 and will assume the full role on January 5 following Brinegar's retirement.

The Indiana Chamber consists of eight legal entities including a political action committee, foundation, two for-profit subsidiaries and several 501(c)(3)s, including the Wellness Council of Indiana and Institute for Workforce Excellence.

The organization was established in 1922 and last month was named the State Chamber of the Year by the National Association of State Chambers.

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at [www.preservationhall.org](http://www.preservationhall.org). Buy a combo ticket for Upstairs Downtown and the Home Tour.

4. Join a Rooftop Party from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today during Linden Tree's open house at 10th and Clinton streets in downtown Noblesville, where Alexander's on the Square will play host to a cash bar on the roof overlooking downtown during Upstairs Downtown.

5. Travel to the countryside to hear live music with The Boozie Hounds today; Hamilton County RISE Fest at 1 p.m. Saturday featuring Preset 57 at 1 p.m., Altered Vision at 2 p.m., Audio Hyjinx at 3 p.m., Board Meeting at 4 p.m., The Interim Project at 5 p.m. Rhino Down at 6 p.m. and Naptown Hepcats at 7:15 p.m., Infinity at 8:30 p.m., with food, silent auction, raffle, live music, proceeds and donations benefit Heart and Soul Clinic in Westfield, Children's Theraplay in Carmel, HopeAnchor & Crew in Noblesville and Hamilton County Veterans Corp in Fishers, with free admission. Lawn chairs and blankets invited, at Spencer Farm Winery in Noblesville. Visit [spencerfarmwinery.com](http://spencerfarmwinery.com).

6. Enjoy live music with Jason Salyers today, Celtic Rain on Sept. 22 at Primeval Brewing in downtown Noblesville.

7. Noblesville Parks Federal Hill Movies in the Park, presented by Logan Street Signs & Banners feature "Top Gun Maverick (Rated PG-13, 131 minutes) today, free, lawn chairs and blankets invited.

8. Enjoy live comedy with James Camacho and featuring Aam Muller at 8:30 p.m. today, Sam Miller at 8 p.m. Oct. 17, at The Brick Room Comedy Club on Maple Avenue and Ninth Street in downtown Noblesville. Visit [thebrickroom.cc](http://thebrickroom.cc) for tickets.

9. Shop 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays at Noblesville Farmers Market at Federal Hill Commons in Noblesville, with the final Kids Day at the Market on Saturday. Fishers Farmers Market is open 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays through the summer at Nickel Plate District Amphitheater in Fishers.

10. Explore nature and history in new ways during Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day with free admission to Conner Prairie from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Fishers living history museum. Free admission made possible by Hamilton County Community Foundation with free tickets at [connerprairie.org](http://connerprairie.org). Herencia Musical: A Music Journey Through Latin America explores Hispanic heritage, showcasing musicians and performers born in Colombia, Mexico, Peru, Puerto Rico and Venezuela, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. Head to the 1836 Prairietown as the outdoor areas are open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, during the 2023 season. The 40th annual Headless Horseman program tickets are also now on sale for Oct. 5-29.

11. The 14th annual Noblesville Brewfest is 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday at Forest Park in Noblesville, with all proceeds to benefit Forest Park Aquatic Center. Brewfest is put on by Friends of Central Pool, which partnered with the City of Noblesville in 1997 to save the pool from demolition. Advance sale tickets \$45 through Sept. 15 and \$55 day of event, with designated drivers admitted free. For tickets,

go to [NoblesvilleBrewfest](http://NoblesvilleBrewfest) on Facebook.

12. Central Indiana Vintage Vehicles car club invites car buffs to show off their vintage vehicles on the Courthouse Square during the weekly Saturday afternoon and evening Cruise-in. Lawn chairs and old-car conversations invited.

13. Wear your best derby-style hat and enjoy dinner, cocktails and an auction during Dinner on the Bridge of Flowers fundraiser benefitting Noblesville Bridge of Flowers and Noblesville Main Street from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday on Logan Street's Bridge of Flowers in downtown Noblesville, featuring music by Edward Zlaty and his GM Horns Big Band. The night is dedicated to beautifying the historic downtown Noblesville. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner and remarks by Bridge of Flowers founder Dick Gordon at 6 p.m. and live and silent auctions at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$525 for a table of eight. Sponsorships start at \$1,000. For tickets, sponsorships and to make donations, visit [noblesvillebridgeofflowers.com](http://noblesvillebridgeofflowers.com).

14. Enjoy live music featuring Disagreeable on Saturday, Craig Thurston on Sept. 21, Jeff Brown on Sept. 23, Jason and Robin on Sept. 30 at Grindstone Public House in Noblesville.

15. Hamilton County Parks & Recreation presents free Concerts in the Centerpiece 2023 featuring jazz and R&B/soul performer Rodney Stepp on Sunday and R&B/soul performer Dream Slice on Sept. 24 at Coxhall Gardens in Carmel.

16. Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission presents a Vintage Film Series in The Lacy Arts Building, featuring "Magnificent Ambersons," 8 p.m. Sept. 23; and "The Shock," Oct. 28. Complimentary popcorn and beverages are offered.

17. Noblesville Parks and Recreation Department's free Concerts at the Commons will feature tribute bands: Trippin Billies (Dave Matthews Band tribute) on Sept. 23 at the amphitheater at Federal Hill.

18. Conner Prairie Deaf Heritage Day is 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sept. 28 with Luna Language Services' ASL interpreters placed throughout Conner Prairie.

19. Noblesville Schools Education Foundation's Driven to Give fundraiser with Tom Roush Lincoln will invite the community to test drive new Lincoln cars for a \$30 donation for each five-minute drive with a goal of bringing 200 drivers starting at 4 p.m. Sept. 26 after school at Noblesville High School parking lot. Show up and participate. For more details, visit [noblesvilleschools.org/foundation](http://noblesvilleschools.org/foundation).

20. Noblesville Cultural Arts Commission presents Noblesville Shakespeare in the Park featuring "As You Like It," directed by Noblesville's Jen Otterman, 8:30 p.m. Sept. 27-30 at Federal Hill Commons, with free admission.

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Attending the launch of Purdue@Crane: U.S. Rep. Jim Baird (IN-4); Angela Lewis, NSWC Crane technical director; Navy Capt. Rex Boonyobhas, NSWC Crane commander; Mung Chiang, Purdue University president; Karen Plaut, Purdue University executive vice president of research.

## Purdue Establishes Permanent Presence Next To NSWC Crane For Future Of National Defense And Semiconductors

Officials of Purdue University, the Purdue Applied Research Institute (PARI) and the Purdue Research Foundation announced a permanent presence in elevating the partnership with Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane), in a ceremony Tuesday, Sept. 5, at WestGate Academy in Odon, Indiana. This investment will catalyze and accelerate the existing collaborative research agreements that focus on national security and defense and on semiconductors.

Titled Purdue@Crane, this focus on hypersonics, energetic materials and trusted microelectronics at WestGate@Crane Technology Park builds on the strong Crane-Purdue partnerships in these fields and takes them to the next level, Purdue officials said. This new initiative bolsters the partnership with a permanent Boilermaker presence at the Odon, Indiana, center adjacent to NSWC Crane.

"Today marks a momentous milestone and turns a new chapter in the collaboration between Purdue and Crane," said Purdue University President Mung Chiang. "This new strategic partnership with the most important defense presence in our state brings excellence at scale to deliver solutions for national security research. With one of the nation's largest and highly ranked STEM programs, Purdue is excited to become a permanent neighbor and dedicated partner with NSWC Crane. As America's leading university in semiconductor workforce and innovation, we are also looking forward to the new semiconductor ecosystem at WestGate Foundry 1."

An initial focus of this initiative — secure and reliable microelectronics — will be led by a research director, an experienced and respected leader in defense microelectronics who will expand workforce and technology development in advanced packaging, reliable and trusted microelectronics, and electronic system design.

Collaborative work with companies located in the WestGate@Crane Technology Park, beginning with NHanced Semiconductors Inc. and Everspin Technologies Inc., is anticipated. The estimated annual budget will begin at \$2 million this fiscal year and is expected to grow to \$40 million of collaborative research in national security by 2030, Purdue officials said.

The Purdue director and a team of researchers and staff will be located permanently outside NSWC Crane, starting

at WestGate Academy. The staff will grow in number as Purdue@Crane moves forward. Plans include 3,000 square feet of space in WestGate Academy to start with, as well as a cleanroom space in WestGate Foundry 1. The cleanroom space is a forthcoming microelectronics manufacturing facility and a key component of Purdue's semiconductors workforce, innovation and partnership strategies in the execution of the CHIPS and Science Act. The SCALE microelectronics workforce development program, which is administered by NSWC Crane, just received \$19 million from the Defense Department.

Officials of NSWC Crane and Purdue joined together to make the announcement at the southern Indiana defense outpost. Among the guests were NSWC Crane Cmdr. Navy Capt. Rex Boonyobhas and U.S. Rep. Jim Baird, IN-4, who said collaborations such as this between Purdue and NSWC Crane are important.

"This kind of thing with Purdue, with the (Purdue Applied) Research Institute ... all of that ties with America and the importance of protecting this country," Baird said.

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb congratulated both parties on this new endeavor, noting, "Indiana's commitment to developing the next-level, hard-tech ecosystem is ahead of schedule because of partners like Purdue University and NSWC Crane, WestGate."

"Having this formalized strategic collaboration in place will not only assist in strengthening America's national security but also provide the academic talent pipelines necessary for next-generation innovation. I applaud President Mung Chiang and the base leadership for formalizing this important and impactful partnership."

U.S. Sen. Todd Young of Indiana called Purdue and NSWC Crane "two of our country's most important assets as we strive for technological advantage."

"Our national security depends on partnerships among higher education, the private sector and all layers of government," Young said, "and this venture yet another example of how Indiana is leading the way."

NHanced President Robert Patti echoed the governor's statement. "We at NHanced are thrilled with the Purdue announcement," he said. "Their permanent presence will accelerate our collaborations and bring new technology to market much

faster."

"As a leader in MRAM (magnetoresistive random-access memory) commercialization, research and development, and manufacturing, Everspin is excited to collaborate with Purdue University on the next generation of MRAM use cases related to artificial intelligence and high-density memory applications," said Sanjeev Aggarwal, Everspin president and CEO.

NSWC Crane's skilled professionals put technical solutions directly into the hands of the armed services, ensuring safer missions by leveraging the talent, knowledge and experience of its highly technical workforce.

It is this work at Crane that makes Purdue@Crane a "very natural fit" with PARI's mission of "applying the vast research infrastructure of one of the world's greatest universities to solving critical problems in national defense and global security," said Mark Lewis, PARI president and CEO and a former deputy undersecretary of defense for research and engineering.

"There is a lot of discussion in defense circles about bridging the so-called 'valley of death' between the laboratory and the warfighter," Lewis said, "but that is exactly what we will be doing with this new initiative. I look forward to a future of impactful collaborations at Crane."

"NSWC Crane's partnership with Purdue University is stronger than ever, and the strategic investment in Purdue@Crane is a true testament that our priorities are aligned to provide critical defense solutions to solve some of the nation's toughest technical challenges," said Angela Lewis, NSWC Crane's technical director. "It is an honor to collaborate with an esteemed academic institution like Purdue, and I am excited to see this investment mature, particularly in the fields of hypersonics and microelectronics development."

Purdue's engagement at WestGate started in 2015 to support research and development of innovations through commercialization and collaboration, said Chad Pittman, chief executive of economic development at the Purdue Research Foundation. "This announcement reflects the next phase of Purdue's commitment to the region, to NSWC Crane, to the state and to the growth of semiconductor and microelectronics workforce that is mission critical to our nation," he said. "This announcement is an intentional next step for Purdue's collaboration with key partners in the national defense community."

## BBB Tip: 10 Tips To Avoid Buying Flood Damaged Cars

Flooding problems may lead to scam artists attempting to pawn off flood-damaged vehicles as standard secondhand cars. These vehicles typically show up at auto auctions, used car dealerships, and classified ads. Unsuspecting consumers, particularly those living in regions of the country unaffected by hurricanes or flooding, are often fooled by fresh upholstery, new carpeting, and bargain prices.

Once the owners of damaged cars settle with the insurance companies, the vehicles are sometimes refurbished and resold. Flooded cars are often transported well beyond the original region where the flood or major storm occurred to locations where consumers may be less aware of the damage and what warning signs to look for. Sometimes, a middleman buyer intentionally hides a car's history as a flood-damaged vehicle through a process known as "title washing" and sells it to an unsuspecting buyer in a state unaffected by the disaster. Among many possible mechanical problems faced by flooded cars, corrosion can take years to surface eventually, when it can cause electrical and mechanical problems. By the time the issues become apparent, the seller is gone, and the new owner is left with an unreliable vehicle and no recourse against the seller.

Better Business Bureau (BBB) strongly recommends used car buyers to be cautious of unscrupulous businesses and individuals who may try to sell flood-damaged cars as standard secondhand cars without revealing the vehicles' history. When importing a motor vehicle into Canada -- whether it's from an area affected by flooding or not -- check with the federal Registrar of Imported Vehicles before you purchase a vehicle.

BBB has the following tips for car shoppers to determine if a used car is flood-damaged:

- Ask to see the title. Check the date and place of transfer, verifying where the car came from. Ask questions if the title is stamped "salvage" or arrived from a recently flood-damaged state. Consider purchasing a vehicle history report, which includes information if the car has ever been tagged as "salvage" or "flood damaged" in any state.

- Carefully check the dashboard. Examine all gauges to ensure they are accurate and there are no signs of water. Look for indications that the dashboard may have been removed.

- Check the electronic components. Test the lights, windshield wipers, turn signals, cigarette lighter, radio, heater, and air conditioner several times to ensure they work. Also, flex some wires under the dash to see if they bend or crack since wet wires become brittle upon drying.

- Check the interior spaces. Look in the trunk, glove compartment, and beneath the seats and dash for signs of mud, rust, or water damage. Check for open drainage holes in the bottom of the vehicle.

- Check the condition of the fabrics. Look for discolored, faded, or mildewed upholstery and carpeting. Recently shampooed carpets may cause for concern. Carpeting that has been replaced may fit too loosely or not match the interior color.

- Get a vehicle history report from a database service. The National Insurance Crime Bureau's (NICB) free database lists flood damage and other information. But note that NICB reports are only helpful if the car is insured. If an uninsured flood-damaged car owner tries to sell it on the open market and you're the buyer, you may never know there's a problem until things like the electrical system go bad.

- Remember to check under the hood. Look for standing water, mud, or grit in the spare tire wheel well or around the engine compartment under the hood.

- Do a smell test. A heavy aroma of cleaners and disinfectants is a sign there may be a mold or odor problem.

- Research the dealer. Always check out the BBB Business Profile of the dealer at BBB.org.

- Get an inspection. Before buying any used car, consider having a pre-purchase inspection by a trusted mechanic.

For more information and to learn how to protect yourself, Google "BBB 10 Steps to Avoid Scams". If you spot a scam, whether you have lost money or not, report it to BBB's Scam Tracker at BBB.org/ScamTracker and the FTC at ReportFraud.ftc.gov. Your story can help protect consumers from similar scams.

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## Ask Rusty – Why Is My Age 70 Benefit Not Higher Than My January Amount?

**Dear Rusty:** I plan to retire in 2025 (the year I turn 70). Given that I'm still working, I'm delaying my Social Security until that year. I noticed on my Social Security statement that my payment in January of 2025 will not be much different than my age 70 amount in October of 2025. If that is truly the case, would it not be better for me to start taking Social Security payments starting in January of 2025. Am I missing anything here? Signed: Uncertain Senior

**Dear Uncertain Senior:** Your benefit in October 2025 at age 70 will be about 6% more than it will be in January

2025. If that isn't shown on your Statement of Estimated Benefits, it may be due to a particular nuance in Social Security's rules relating to Delayed Retirement Credits (DRCs). When benefits are claimed mid-year after full retirement age (FRA), the DRCs earned in that year aren't applied until the following January. Thus, someone who claims benefits to start mid-year will initially get the DRCs they've earned through the end of the previous year, but not immediately get credit for the additional DRCs earned during the claim-year. Those extra DRCs earned between January and the month benefits started will be applied the following January.



**ASK RUSTY**  
Social Security Advisor

By way of example, if someone beyond FRA claims benefits to start in October 2024, their initial SS retirement benefit will be what they were entitled to at the end of 2023 and would not include DRCs earned between January 2024 and September 2024. They will collect that initial January

### Social Security Matters by AMAC Certified Social Security Advisor Russell Gloor

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2024 benefit until January 2025 when the DRCs earned in 2024 are applied, at which point their benefit would increase by 6%. There is, however, one exception to this rule, which is that all DRCs are immediately credited when benefits are claimed to start in the month age 70 is reached, so despite

what your Statement of Estimated Benefits might reflect, if you claim for benefits to start in the month you turn 70 (October 2025) you will get your maximum age 70 benefit immediately and won't need to wait until January 2026 for those extra DRCs to be applied. Unfortunately, Social

Security's benefit estimator doesn't explain how this nuance works and may show someone claiming mid-year receiving the same benefit as for the preceding January, without further explanation. That is, in my opinion, a flaw in the estimator which may result in people making a wrong decision on when to claim their Social Security benefit. Nevertheless, rest assured that your benefit in October 2025 (the month you turn 70) will be your maximum amount - 6% more than it would be if you claimed benefits to start in January 2025, and you won't need to wait until the following January to get the DRCs earned earlier in 2025.

## Butch Helps You Understand Politics And Elections



**BUTCH DALE**  
Columnist

Do you remember all of those times you fell asleep in high school government class? Nope, you didn't learn one thing about the three branches of government, the Electoral college, the Bill of Rights, how laws are passed, etc. etc. Well, don't worry, my little buckaroo, it was all made-up stuff anyway. I am here to help you understand how government and politics REALLY work!

Yes, there are three branches of government. First off is the legislative branch which is composed of Congressmen and Senators who are elected. No brains or common sense required. All you need is money... lots of it. These people make speeches and promise to do whatever it takes to get your vote. And once they're in, it's party time till they kick the bucket! Occasionally they pass laws, but only for their own good (or for whichever lobby or special interest group gives them the most bribery money). They often form committees to investigate things and come up with new laws, but nothing is ever accomplished, but hey, that's a good thing! They also give lots of speeches. Nobody listens to these blowhards, except the opposing party, who always disagrees!

The executive branch is the President. As you have likely figured out by now, there are no qualifications for this job either; however, you have a better chance of being

elected if you are an old white guy who has a lot of "connections," (rich friends, union bosses, big tech manipulators, media moguls, etc.). Yes, you might point out that Barack Obama was Black. Sorry, that doesn't count. He is only half-Black, is wealthy, and is the smoothest talking con artist in U.S. history. If you run for President, you have to make speeches (unless you are Joe Biden and decide to stay in the basement). If you are a Republican, you must be pro-family and pro-police. You must kiss babies and display the American flag everywhere. You must not wear a tie. Keep your shirt unbuttoned and wear a John Deere hat. It also helps if you have a good-looking wife and like country music. If you are a Democrat, even though you may be a rich white dude, you must portray yourself as the champion of the oppressed, the minorities, and all of the woke crowd. You have to dig up dirt on your opponent and make him look bad. Call him a racist, gun-loving, Nazi extremist who hates minorities, women, and poor people. Campaigning is easier for Democrats, because they just have to go to the big cities and states with the most people, and give speeches in which they promise to give everyone more free stuff.

The judicial branch is composed of the judges appointed to the Supreme Court. They are nominated for this job by the President. They are supposed to listen to big cases and interpret the law based on the Constitution. Not true. They actually vote based on what they THINK THE LAW SHOULD BE to benefit their political party. One benefit is that they get to wear those cool, long black robes and pretend they are smarter than the

rest of us. OK, now that you understand all of that, it is important to know what some of the political terms mean, so here you go...

- (1) "bureaucrat"...a government worker who gets paid for doing nothing
- (2) "deficit"...no money for the government to spend, but they can just put it on America's charge card
- (3) "fair election"...your party WON! (in contrast to "RIGGED election" in which your party LOST)
- (4) "intern"...sexy-looking young lady who will do anything you want (just ask Bill Clinton)
- (5) "corporate lobbyist"...the actual person who writes the laws for Congress to pass
- (6) "politician"...another name for pickpocket... cannot hold a regular job
- (7) "taxes"...your hard-earned money taken away by politicians for your own good...income tax, property tax, sales tax, capital gains tax, gift tax, estate tax, inheritance tax, social security tax, etc, etc.
- (8) "illegal immigrant"...a person who votes Democrat
- (9) "Vice President"...no qualifications, no important duties...kind of like being a prince or princess. (Think of Dan Quayle and Kamala Harris.)
- (10) "confidential source"...a fictitious person that political opponents conjure up when they fabricate a story to ruin your election chances
- (11) "debate"...a comedy show featuring politicians who smile and brag about themselves, and proclaim that their opponents hate little kids
- (12) "social media"...the unofficial 4th branch of government. They tell you what to think, who you should vote for...

and "accidentally" delete opposing viewpoints

- (13) "fact checker"...an enemy of Joe Biden's press secretary
  - (14) "investigative committee"...Congressmen who try to make it look like they are doing something important
  - (15) "Feds"...armed employees of the FBI who spy on mothers who oppose "gender transition" and "gender neutral" restrooms in public schools
  - (16) "peaceful protest"...an excuse to hit innocent people, burn down buildings, and steal everything in sight
  - (17) "news media"...news? Ha, Ha, Ha...that's a good one!
  - (18) "deceased person"...a Democratic voter in Georgia or Michigan
  - (19) "Constitution"...the law of the land which protects your freedoms and basic rights...unless our government decides otherwise
  - (20) "Big Oil"...the enemy of John Kerry and climate change activists, except when they fly in a jet or drive a car
  - (21) "corporate CEO"...an important person who provides money, steak dinners, and free prostitutes to politicians in exchange for tax benefits and protection from regulations
- That should about do it. Just remember what Will Rogers said..."More men have been elected between sundown and sunup, than ever were elected between sunup and sundown...if you ever injected truth into politics, you'd have no politics....America has the best politicians that money can buy!" Thanks, Will...Amen.

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## Can I Be Recreated In A Computer?



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As Labor Day passes by this is the first one that I actually recall being on strike on the day we acknowledge the contributions of American workers.

I am part of the film and television industry and earlier this year, the screenwriters went on strike, and shortly thereafter the actors followed suit.

While I am sure there are many intricate elements to the negotiations with the producers, ultimately, I think on all fronts the impact of artificial intelligence is what will hold the members of SAG-AFTRA and other industry unions in negotiations for the indefinite future.

As I understand, with current technology, basically, writers, and we actors may become obsolete and AI can take the basics of writing stories, our vocal patterns and our facial and body movements and can basically recreate all of the talents in a box.

This may be a simplistic view, but the future of what that looks like and its impact on the worker are far reaching.

While I am sure many see Hollywood's absence from creating new television shows and films as a relief, there are good people in the industry who create positive and uplifting content who now not creating also.

I imagine, AI and robotics will continue to touch every imaginable job across our country in the coming months and years.

While the genie in many respects is already out of the bottle, we the workers of America, must be mindful to return and create opportunities for our selves and others in our home communities.

We may have to start thinking of the models used by our ancestors when every town required at least one person to meet the needs of the residents and make the products we need.

I have a feeling, we will not be able to depend upon these AI and robots to look after our interests and create what is best for us.

Those who have let the critters into your homes through various devices, you may want to rethink that.

While it may seem convenient, it is in your best interest?

That answer is still far into the future when we find out who exactly is listening and collecting the data and for what ultimate purpose.

Being far removed from the mainstream of production, I am picketing, but only in my mind. Like many of my relatives have through the years as their unions have went on strike, we must stick together to make sure we do not lose the world we depend upon and love.

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