

➔ TODAY'S VERSE
Romans 8:18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY
People who call our community their own.



Ryan Larrance, 29, smiles while waiting in line at CVS. Thank you for your smile, Ryan!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 The Hoosier State Press Association is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to the children and grandchildren of Indiana newspaper employees and independent contractors, such as freelancers and motor route drivers. Friday, April 8 is the deadline for applying for the scholarships. The scholarships would apply for any field of study the student may choose.

2 City Bus, in partnership with The Arts Federation, is seeking qualifications from graphic artists interested in designing artwork that will be displayed on the exterior of a bus in Greater Lafayette. Artists must be 18 years or older. Preference will be given to artists that live in north central Indiana. City Bus and TAF will select one artist to create an original design that will be reproduced on a vinyl wrap for a 60' bus. Potential themes for the project include belonging, community, and connectivity. The selected artist must be proficient in using Adobe Illustrator and will be paid \$2000 upon delivery of the artwork.

3 It's that time of the year when the snow monsters, those awesome but not-so-scary creatures of nature, return to the heights of Mount Zao about 220 miles north of Tokyo, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. The "monsters" are formed when high winds blow frozen droplets of water from a nearby lake across the terrain. The droplets freeze, snow falls and they cling to trees, branches and the surrounding terrain turning the snowscape into a wonderland, attracting thousands of tourists each year from January to mid-March.

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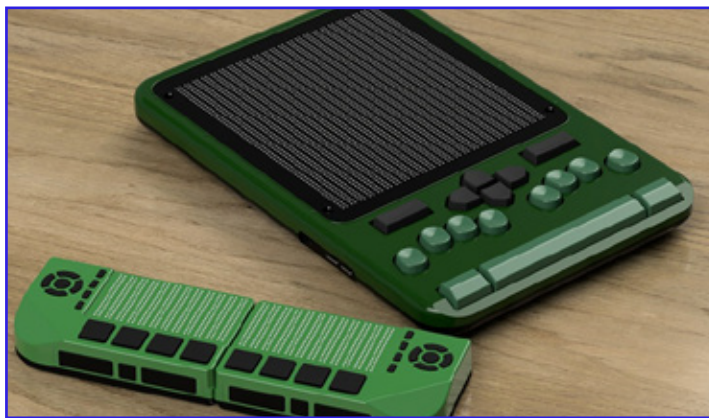
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\$254,767

An educational technology company in Purdue Research Park has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to create a more inclusive laboratory experience for blind and deaf-blind students to prepare them for careers in STEM fields. Independence Science has received a one-year, \$254,767 Phase I grant from the National Science Foundation to develop Sci-Dot, a multiline Braille device that collects and analyzes scientific data.

30 Indiana Landmarks and Indiana Farm Bureau welcome nominations for the 2022 John Arnold Award for Rural Preservation. The award recognizes the preservation and continued agricultural use of historic farm buildings in Indiana. Since it was established in 1992, owners of more than 30 historic farms all over the state have been honored with the award.



529

State Treasurer Kelly Mitchell is pleased to announce that Indiana's CollegeChoice 529 Savings Plans have been named top-performing plans by SavingforCollege.com based on investment performance during the fourth quarter of 2021. CollegeChoice 529 Direct Savings Plan secured the #1 spot for 3-year, 5-year, and 10-year investment performance, and came in at #3 for 1-year investment performance. CollegeChoice Advisor 529 Savings Plan ranked #1 for 10-year investment performance.

\$650,000

The National Trust's African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund announced more than \$650,000 in grant awards to five Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) as a part of its HBCU Cultural Heritage Stewardship Initiative.

The United States Postal Service announced that it has delivered more than 270 million COVID-19 test kits to American households as part of President Biden's plan to distribute free at-home tests to Americans for free.

270 million

1,683,739 According to the Indiana State Department of Health on Friday, that's how many Hoosiers have been diagnosed with the virus.

10,611 Number of COVID-19 cases found so far in Montgomery County, according to the State Health Department.

79,078,932

According to the CDC, that's how many Americans have been diagnosed with the virus.

22,110 How many Hoosiers have died because of this pandemic.

158 How many people in Montgomery County who have lost their lives to the pandemic.

955,135

How many Americans have lost their lives to the pandemic

The Daily Almanac

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High/Low Temperatures
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Wacky Holiday Today
• National Cereal Day
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What Happened On This Day
• 1926 The first two-way transatlantic telephone takes place
• 1945 U.S. troops capture the Ludendorff Bridge and cross the Rhine at Remagen



Births On This Day
• 1970 Rachel Weisz English actress
• 1875 Maurice Ravel French composer

Deaths On This Day
• 1999 Stanley Kubrick American director
• 1274 Saint Thomas Aquinas Italian priest, philosopher

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➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"The truth is rarely pure and never simple."
Oscar Wilde

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

In honor of St. Paddy, we'll share some jokes for a bit that'll have you Dublin over with laughter! Why do the Irish recycle? It's all about the green, of course!

➔ OBITUARIES
Michael Andrew Gurney

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Kevin Murphy of Crawfordsville for subscribing!



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13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

62 BREEZY, LATE DAY STORMS	42/42 FALLING TEMP, RAIN SOUTH	28/45 PARTLY CLOUDY	31/51 PARTLY CLOUDY	32/56 MOSTLY SUNNY	39/41 FALLING TEMP, CHANCE	17/32 COLDER
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

OBITUARIES

Michael Andrew Gurney March 2, 2022

Michael passed away on March 2, 2022 at the age of 30 after a long and very courageous battle with COVID-19 and Pneumonia that ended with Michael donating a part of himself to save multiple lives.

He an avid gamer and selfless soul. His love for life did not come to an end with his passing. His legacy will continue to play on in the lives of those he saved as well as his numerous near and dear family and friends he has impacted with his kindness and love.

Survivors include his parents, Shannon and James Gurney; brother, Brandon Gurney; sister and nephew, Miranda Gurney and boyfriend Steven Ruano (mom, Annie Lou Von Mizener), their son, Chevy Ruano; girlfriend, Cayte Brown; maternal grandmother, Glenda Sue Collins (Shrout); aunt, Freida Dozier; cousins, Ryan Moore, Marc Jost, Keith Jost, Chad Gurney, Matthew Gurney, Shelby Gurney, Bryan Moore, Caylie Moore, Bailie Moore, Mark Poynter and Kyle Poynter; and many more second cousins.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Dixie and H.A. Gurney; maternal grandfather, Clifford Poynter; cousin, Nickolus Lee Poynter.

Funeral service is scheduled at 6 p.m., on Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Servies & Morgan Funeral Home, 102 E. Washington Street, Roachdale, IN 46172. Friends are invited for a time of visitation on Tuesday from 4 to 6 p.m. prior to the service. You are welcome to visit www.serviesmorgan.com where you may share a memory or leave an online condolence for the family. Servies & Morgan Funeral Home has been entrusted with Michael's funeral arrangements.

Time For Butter



Carrie Classon
Columnist

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Carrie Classon's memoir, "Blue Yarn: A Memoir About Loss, Letting Go, & What Happens Next" is available at Amazon, Barnes and Noble, and other fine stores. Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

My great-uncle John never buttered his bread. "I don't have time for butter!" he insisted. I never knew how much time butter took, but apparently it was more than Uncle John could spare.

Time passes so often without notice. A day seems to pass in the time it takes to butter a piece of bread. Last night, my husband, Peter, said that we met seven years ago. "Eight years," I corrected him.

We will celebrate our seventh wedding anniversary next month and, while the romance was quick, we had known one another for a year. We married on the one-year anniversary of the day we met.

"That's right," Peter said. "Time passes too quickly!"

He is always saying that. He also says that, while he doesn't know how much time we'll have together, he knows it will not be enough. (Peter is a romantic. There's no denying it.)

We are traveling in Mexico now. My temporary desk is set up against a window. I can see the progress being made on the house next door, which is acquiring a new story. I can see the spires of the churches in the distance. I can hear the traffic of cars going by, which seems unnaturally loud as they travel over cobblestones, and the sounds of the roosters and the dogs who always seem to have something urgent to report.

We are traveling again and making plans. I have actual activities written in an actual calendar. Things are slowly returning to normal and, of course, that's a good thing. But it feels as if time is speeding up.

My days blend into one another and, before I know it, it is afternoon and I am taking my daily walk through the streets of this Mexican city, seeing something

that surprises me—every single afternoon—saying hello to several dozen friendly strangers and greeting their dogs. The weather has been cool. I note the butcher's very fat pug is wearing a jacket. The jacket is a little tight, and the pug looks embarrassed.

"What a nice jacket!" I say to the butcher in Spanish, and the butcher laughs. The pug wags its tiny tail but doesn't look too sure. And another day passes.

It is a cliché, but it is still true that time is the only thing we cannot buy. It is our most limited commodity and our most precious resource. I guess that's why it shocks me how much of it I allow to slip away without notice.

But when I think back on a year ago today, time did slow down for a while. Peter and I stayed at home and the only people we saw were Peter's sister, Lori, and her husband. Every week, Peter cooked and I read and time seemed to slow to a stop. There was no pressure to do more—there was nothing more we could do. And so, we talked until Lori was tired and, a few days later, we did it again. Lori died later in the year.

Now time has resumed its normal pace, and it's good to be traveling and seeing friends and family again. But sometimes it feels as if I've forgotten something important about the time that just passed. Sometimes it seems to me that there was a lesson in that time that I could use now, as my calendar fills.

Because the time that just passed was not like the time that came before or the time after. For a while, time took time off. For a while, I had time for butter.

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie Classon's memoir is called "Blue Yarn." Learn more at CarrieClasson.com.

Wabash Names Todd McDorman Dean Of The College

Dr. Todd McDorman, who came to Wabash in the Rhetoric Department in 1998, has been appointed Dean of the College by President Scott Feller. McDorman, who has served as Acting Dean for the last two years, will begin his tenure on July 1.

"Todd's thoughtful leadership shined brightly during the interview process," said President Feller. "While many of us on campus have constantly focused on keeping the campus healthy, he continued to expand our academic footprint, coordinated operational improvements, and worked closely with his faculty colleagues on personnel reviews, Student Learning Outcomes, and implementation of the 'Restoring Hope, Restoring Trust' grant from Lilly Endowment."

A native of Kokomo, Indiana, McDorman earned his undergraduate degree from Butler University, a master's degree from Miami University, and his Ph.D. in rhetorical studies from Indiana University. He came to Wabash in 1998 and rose to full professor in 2013.

Over the course of his career, McDorman served as chair of Rhetoric



Dr. Todd McDorman

Department; was the lead writer of Wabash's successful 2012 reaccreditation self-study; served as faculty visitor to the Board of Trustees and on the Board's Strategy Committee; chaired the Undergraduate Research Committee, Freshman Tutorial Program, Pre-Law Committee, and Committee for Institutional Improvement; and was Senior Associate Dean of the College from 2014 to 2018.

As Acting Dean of the College over the last two years, McDorman has led the College's Personnel Committee, which oversees faculty hiring and reviews, and chairs the Academic Policy Committee. Under his leadership, Wabash launched its first-ever summer classes for course recovery aimed at some of the College's most vulnerable students, and ushered

Wabash into the Council for Independent Colleges (CIC) Online Course Sharing Consortium.

"I am honored and grateful for this opportunity to lead the academic program," McDorman said. "What we have been able to accomplish together the past two years has affirmed my long-held confidence in Wabash as an institution and a community, and has energized me to pursue the work ahead in achieving our considerable goals."

As a member of the Healthy Campus Task Force, he led efforts to keep the academic program on track during the COVID-19 pandemic, including making modifications to instruction, the academic calendar, comprehensive exams, course delivery, and classroom set-ups.

McDorman was one of 30 applicants selected for the CIC/American Academic Leadership Institute's Senior Leadership Academy, and he was the lead scholar at the 43rd Annual National Undergraduate Honors Conference at DePauw University. At Wabash, he received the McLain-McTurnan-Arnold Research Scholar Award,

the Richard O. Ristine Law Award, and gave the 34th Annual LaFollette Lecture in the Humanities.

He has also co-authored two books with his Wabash faculty colleagues, Rhetoric and Democracy: Pedagogical and Political Practices (with David Timmerman, 2008) and Public Speaking and Democratic Participation: Speaking, Listening, and Deliberating in the Civic Realm (with Jennifer Abbott, David Timmerman, and L. Jill Lamberton, 2016). He has also done extensive research and scholarship on baseball, Pete Rose, and the rhetoric of apology. He has published a number of journal articles and book chapters on the subject, and has presented at the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown.

"Wabash College is a special place," McDorman added. "I have been fortunate to make Wabash my academic home for more than 20 years and I am dedicated to the success of the institution and our people. I look forward to continuing to work with President Feller and the faculty, staff, and students as we strive to make Wabash even better."

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Did You Know That There Are Two Types Of Stem Cells In Humans?

I've been seeing a lot of news lately about stem cell treatments. This week I want to focus what they are, where they come from, how they might be used to treat disease and finally, the social and ethical challenges surrounding their use.



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

Stem cells are cells that have the potential to change into other more specialized cells in the body through a process known as differentiation. By definition, stem cells have to exhibit two properties: (1) they must be able to divide multiple times and remain unchanged and (2) they have to have "potency," the ability to differentiate into other cell types.

Stem cells have a hierarchy of potency that is important in determining what they are capable of doing. Totipotent cells sit at the top of the pyramid and have the capacity to differentiate into any of our 220 cell types. Pluripotent cells can differentiate into nearly all cells, and multipotent cells can become only cells of a closely related family of cells. There are additional levels of potency that produce even fewer cell types.

There are two types of stem cells in humans – embryonic and adult. Embryonic stem cells are derived from embryos that are 4-5 days old. Embryos at this stage contain about 50 to 150 cells, some of which

are pluripotent and can propagate indefinitely.

Adult stem cells are found in most tissues in the body and are multipotent. They are generally able to produce all of the cell types of the organ where they reside. They can also be found in umbilical cord blood. These cells exist to replace and repair tissues. It is also hypothesized that they may bear some responsibility for development of some cancers.

Stem cells are removed from either embryos or tissues of the body and then grown in the lab in tissue culture. This is a very tricky business, as stem cells naturally want to differentiate into other cells. The stem cells need to be kept in a very specific biochemical soup to prevent them from differentiating. One of the most challenging facets of stem cell research is discovering the complex biochemical signaling that controls stem cell differentiation.

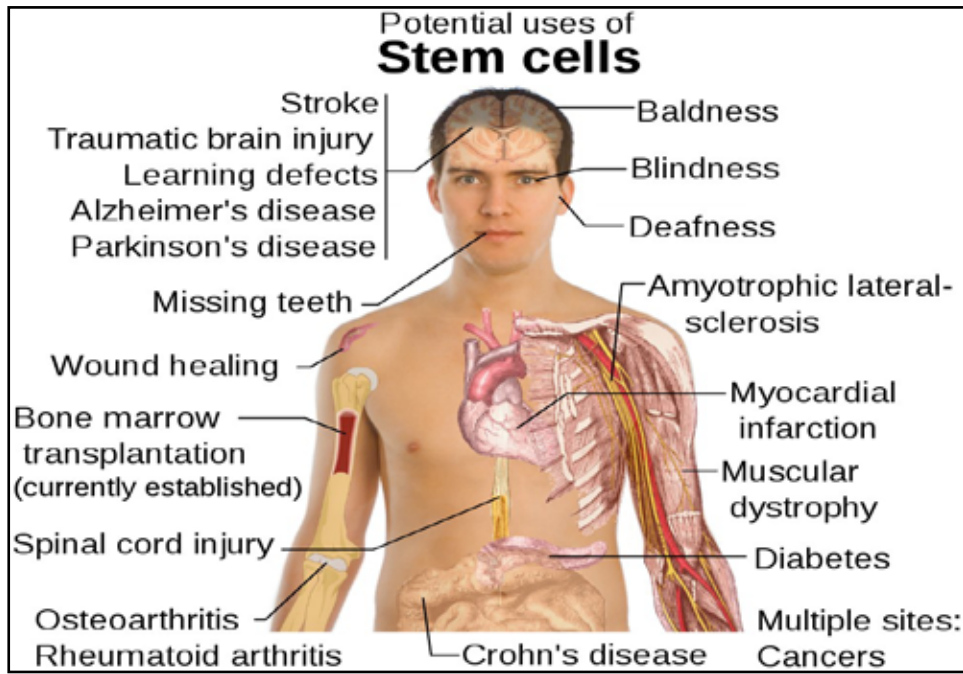


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Stem cells are cells that have the potential to change into other more specialized cells in the body through a process known as differentiation.

The excitement surrounding the use of stem cells arises from the potential they have to replace damaged or genetically defective cells and tissues in the body. Most readers are familiar with bone marrow transplantation. Currently, this is the only medically approved treatment using adult stem cells.

There are no currently approved embryonic stem cell treatments. However, the first human study using embryonic stem cells was started a few years ago. It involved placing stem cells around damaged nerves in patients with spinal cord injuries.

There are a number of potential challenges

in using embryonic stem cells. One is discovering how to program the stem cells to differentiate into the desired cell type. Stem cells can differentiate into masses of different cell types and tissues if allowed to grow on their own. If a patient receives stem cells from another person, there is also the risk of rejection by the recipient's immune system.

Finally, embryonic stem cell research presents social and ethical challenges in regard to obtaining stem cells from human embryos. Until recently, removing the stem cells had resulted in destruction of the entire embryo. A technique was developed

in 2006 that allows the embryo to survive following removal of stem cells.

Recent research has developed a methodology to produce pluripotent stem cells from fully differentiated cells. These reverse-engineered stem

cells are called induced pluripotent stem cells. Scientists have taken skin cells and added various proteins to alter DNA expression to cause the skin cells to revert to stem cells. This discovery is very exciting and has the potential to obviate the need to use embryonic stem cells.

You may run across medical clinics that claim to offer stem cell therapies. Since using stem cells for treatment of diseases is in its infancy and there is no good evidence they are to the point they are safe and effective, it is a very questionable practice. The FDA is really cracking down on stem cell clinics. Consumer Reports had an excellent review in January 2018 that you can read at goo.gl/vfZfvv.

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2022 Cadillac XT6 Platinum Marinates In Luxury

There's no question the Cadillac Escalade is an incredible SUV, able to move passengers and all their stuff in three rows of splendor. But, most luxury buyers don't need a full-size truck capable of pulling a 30-foot RV or coastal yacht. For them, the 2022 Cadillac XT6 Platinum might be a better choice that still lets them marinate in luxury.

Front styling echoes the Escalade's with large chrome-kissed grille, squinty horizontal LED headlamps, and thin vertical driving lights. The side profile is edgy and sleek, but the average person would confuse it with a Volvo XC90. Nobody will confuse the rear vertical tailfins for anything but a Cadillac. Put it all over 20" alloys, paint it Rosewood Metallic and it puts its best fashion forward.

Layers of luxury envelop the XT6's spacious cabin. It's awash in soft semi-aniline leather, sueded headliner, leather-wrapped dash/doors, and French-stitched horn pad. It's pretty posh, especially with heated/ventilated front seats, heated outboard rear seats, and a heated steering wheel too. There are also tri-zone automatic climate control, panoramic sunroof, and Bose Performance Series 14-speaker audio system to saturate passengers. Power folding third-row seats, power steering column, and touchless power rear hatch add conveniences – as does 4G Wi-Fi, Apple CarPlay, Android Auto, and wireless device charging.

Beyond style, there's one area Cadillac should be compared favorably to Volvo: Safety. For drivers, it starts with a color

head-up display, adaptive cruise, and rearview camera mirror. There's also crash mitigation autonomous braking, rear cross traffic alert with pedestrian detection, lane keep assist, and blind spot warning. The safety alert seat vibrates in the direction of danger to warn drivers while an interior motion sensor notifies parents of kids left in the rear. Adaptive cruise keeps a safe distance on the highway.

The XT6's base turbo-four is wholly inadequate, so thankfully our fully primped diva runs with the optional 3.6-liter V6 that delivers 310 horsepower and 271 lb.-ft. of torque routed to the all-wheel-drive system through a 9-speed automatic transmission. That's barely enough power to move a large three-row crossover with

luxury badge smacked on the grille, running 0-60 mph in 6.9 seconds, but fuel economy of 18/25-MPG city/highway is more pleasing. Twin turbos and something close to 400 horsepower would make it even better, but the current V6 gets it done.

At least the engine is smooth and quiet, which also describes the ride. Real time damping smooths bumps and controls body lean in corners, but it could be even more aggressive in stiffening the suspension. Drive modes theoretically adjust the chassis, steering, and throttle response from Normal comfort mode to performance-oriented

2022 Cadillac XT6 Platinum Six-passenger, AWD Crossover

Powertrain: 3.6-liter V6, 9-spd trans
Output: 310hp/271 lb.-ft. torque
Suspension f/r: Elect Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, Safety
0-60 mph: 6.9s
Fuel economy: 18/25 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Spring Hill, TN
Base/As-tested price: \$48,595/\$70,965



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Sport mode, but there's not enough difference for most drivers to discern. No matter, it's peaceful traveling in all modes and having electronic all-wheel-drive provides confidence whether switching through Indiana backroads or tackling several inches of snow.

Would I like an Escalade? Yes! But, do I need one? Nope – for most of what SUV owners want, the XT6 satisfies. It's

large, comfortable, and expertly crafted. A little more power and chassis refinement would be appreciated, but a base price of \$48,595 and \$70,965 seems wholly earned. Competitors include the Lincoln Aviator, Audi Q7, Jeep Grand Cherokee, and Genesis GV80. Storm Forward!

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