

TODAY'S VERSE

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

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Angie Hedrick owner of Hedrick Family Farm gives a beautiful smile at The Farmer's Market. Thank you for your smile, Angie!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Italian authorities have hired a new guard to protect the ruins of the ancient city of Pompeii – a tireless patrol dog, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens. What breed of dog, you ask? It's a 21st century "quadruped robotic dog" with the not-so-21st century name of Spot. Gabriel Zuchtriegel, director of the Pompeii Archaeological Park, says "Often the safety conditions within the tunnels dug by grave robbers are extremely precarious, and so the use of a robot could signify a breakthrough that would allow us to proceed with greater speed and in total safety."

2 Boy, how lucky can a guy get. Tom Jozsi of Kenosha, WI swallowed a drill bit that wound up in his lung and survived, according to the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. Thank goodness it was a tiny drill bit that his dentist was using in preparation for a filling. Jozsi told reporters at WISN-TV, "I was at the dentist getting a tooth filled, and then next thing I know I was told I swallowed this tool. I didn't really even feel it going down. All I felt was a cough. When they did the CT scan they realized, you didn't swallow it. You inhaled it."

3 The fourth annual 4.01k Race for Financial Fitness is back in person! Pledging to raise money to improve financial literacy for school-aged kids across the country, the 4.01k Race for Financial Fitness™ will kick off at the Monon Rail Trail at Big Lug Canteen with a post-race Well-a-Bration on Sunday, June 12th. Hosted by ProCourse Fiduciary Advisors, local race proceeds will benefit Junior Achievement of Central Indiana to promote students' financial literacy. For more information about the race, visit <https://indy401krace.com>.

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What Are Mutual Tolerance and Forbearance?

We Americans tend to think our democracy is exceptional, it's a bulwark, it's resilient, and perhaps indestructible. But a democracy is an enormous institution based on human interdependence. Like any healthy relationship, its internal strength increases when it works hard at maintaining its core values. It's more likely to thrive when it shares company with like-minded friends. For this reason, we might benefit by checking in on our democracy. How well



The League of Women Voters, open to men as well as women, is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the Montgomery County LWV, visit: www.lwvmontco.in.org or message to LWV, PO Box 101, Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933.

is it holding up to the stress test it's undergoing in a period of polarization, trauma after the pandemic, and the erosion of democracy world-wide. Skeptical about claims of democracy's vulnerability? In 2019, the Wall Street Journal published "The Global Crisis of Democracy." While the world had eighty-six democracies in the year 2006, an explosion of sorts from the ten that existed in 1900, one in six democracies failed in the last decade, reported WSJ's Larry Diamond. Democracy doesn't tend to keel over. Death by coup is uncommon. It dies more like a tree, bit by bit, rotting from the inside, dehydrated, starved, assaulted by bugs, which is why Freedom House, an advocacy group for democracy, political rights and civil liberties, mea-

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Photo courtesy of Michael Fons

ISS Over Crawfordsville
With special thanks to Renaissance man Michael Fons, here is a photo of the International Space Station. It is highlighted by the moon and is the lower rectangular dot by the tree limb. Michael took the photo from his horse farm on West Black Creek Valley Road on Friday around 9:30.

Basically Fanfiction

CDPL's May display "Basically Fanfiction" may just be my favorite display that I've put together. It allowed me to collect a wide variety of books, many of which were unexpected.

You may be asking yourself, "What is Fanfiction?" For those not familiar with this term, it refers to fictional writing by fans of an already existing work of fiction. Some of the most popular fanfictions out there are about books like Harry Potter or Twilight, but fan fiction can be written about almost anything. Many people write stories based on movies, comic books, or even video games. Some of these new stories continue where the original media left off. Others take a background character and give them their own story. Many of them change the love interest or introduce a new one. There are endless possibilities when writing fanfiction.

Since many of these stories are written about characters and settings that are under copyright

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He Waits By the Phone . . . and Waits

Why do I bother? Every year around this time I sit by the phone waiting for the call, and other than the good folks from Diapers to Diplomas Daycare, it never comes. What call is that, you ask? The one from schools looking for graduation speakers. I mean, c'mon, these worn out Weejuns have a lot of miles on them. Think how much wisdom has been forgotten, uh, I mean accumulated, in decades of newspaper work. And hey, I'm not selfish. I'm willing to share. Do schools ever call? Again, except for the good folks at DDD, the silence has been overwhelming. So here's a thought. Keeping the ever-present social distancing in mind, once again I'll offer this graduation speech in virtual



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

reality. Ready, here goes: (Clears throat . . .) Parents, distinguished guests, faculty, alums and soon-to-be-graduates, it's a pleasure and an honor to be with you today. And thus ends the formal part of my talk. Look it's sweltering hot in here. You guys are sitting there sweating in polyester robes that probably feel like they're melting into your skin while moms and dads and grandmas and grandpas are even more uncomfortable (it's an age thing, trust me on this one). So let me cut to the chase and tell you what I've learned over a long newspaper career that sent this vagabond newspaperman from the east coast to the left one, from Texas to Lake Michigan and a bunch of places in between. And I'll wrap this speech up with a secret that most of the world misses. If you want to be a financial success, this is as close to a guarantee as you're ever going to get. And

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HONEST HOOSIER

A renowned politician from the west coast, John Beard Allen, was born right here in C'ville on this date in 1845. He was a Civil War veteran, a U.S. attorney and served in Congress.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Are you having trouble remembering things? Perhaps you're not getting enough sleep. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Want To Go? Make sure to keep taking part in the 2022 Great Montgomery Scavenger Hunt! The Paper has already received tons of responses (some of them even came pretty close to being right!) but we definitely want more. Don't forget – getting all the clues right and finishing top of the standings earns you cash prizes and your picture in your number one local daily newspaper! It's an offer you can't refuse, so make sure to flip over to page A4, check out the latest clue and keep your eyes peeled for new clues as they come out!

TODAY'S QUOTE

"The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now."
- Chinese Proverb

TODAY'S JOKE

How do you measure snakes? In inches. They don't have feet, silly!

OBITUARIES
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The JUMP Program Has Fun Putting Around on Saturday

As they do every month, the JUMP program had a group activity that was above par! The JUMP program, which is a part of the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, is a mentoring program for kids in Montgomery County. This past Saturday, despite predictions of rain, the mentors and mentees of the program met at the Hole in One Family Fun to play miniature golf in Lafayette. Afterwards, everyone was treated to ice cream at Dairy Queen.

The JUMP program exists to help mentor the children of Montgomery County community so that they can get the support and guidance they

need to grow into productive and healthy adults. This program matches adult volunteers with youth, and they spend one on one time together. The goal is that they will develop friendships that last a lifetime. Although the program currently has over 50 matches of mentors/mentees, there is always a waiting list. Some of the kids waiting are in the Crawfordsville area, but others are in the outlying areas, such as Waynetown and Darlington. It can be difficult to find matches for these kids because it is a longer drive and time commitment. The JUMP program is continuously looking for volunteers in Crawfordsville and

those who are also willing to travel to some of the surrounding areas.

Jill Hampton, the JUMP Program Manager said, "The program is actually a lot of fun as far as volunteering goes. When an adult is matched with the right young person it can be beneficial to both of the parties involved."

She went on to say, "I think sometimes a volunteer may be concerned about what to do with a child but that is where I, as the JUMP Program Manager, am able to help. I send out ideas for activities on a monthly basis to all of the mentors about what fun/interesting things are going on in the area. This is in addition

to the one monthly group activity the YSB provides at no cost to the JUMP members."

"If you are thinking about becoming a Mentor but haven't quite made up your mind, call or email so I can discuss with you any questions or concerns you may have about the program! My phone is 362-0694 ext. 103 or email at jill@mcsyb.org," Hampton said.

To learn more about the Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau, visit www.mcsyb.org or visit their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/mcsyb.org.

The Montgomery County Youth Service Bureau is a United Fund Partner Agency.

Darlington Library to Offer 2022 Summer Program for Kids

The Darlington Library is sponsoring a summer reading and crafts program for children ages 12 and under from June 6th through July 15th. This year's program is about Native American/Indian culture. Children can read about Native Americans and make a variety of crafts.

The library will furnish all materials, and

kids can complete their crafts at home or at the library. When finished, the library will award new books, candy, and gifts cards to each child. Sign-up starts on May 23rd.

For more information, call the library at 794-4813 during the afternoon Monday-Friday, or between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

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THE GREAT MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCAVENGER HUNT 2022



CURRENT CLUE

THERE WAS A YOUNG MAN IN OUR COUNTY WHO STUDIED SUICIDE FOR YEARS AND EVEN MANUFACTURED "MEDICINE" FOR THAT PURPOSE. HE PLANNED HIS OWN SUICIDE, AS WELL AS HIS FUNERAL, REQUESTING A BAND PLAY. HE HAS ONE OF THE TALLEST, MOST IMPRESSIVE TOMBSTONES IN THE COUNTY. WHO IS HE AND WHERE IS HE BURIED?

PREVIOUS CLUES

- CLUE 1 - WHERE WOULD THESE NAMES BE FOUND IN CRAWFORDSVILLE AND WHY WOULD THEY BE LISTED TOGETHER? ZEPHANIAH BALL; JAMES R. CARNAHAN; ISAAC C. ELSON; SAMUEL B. FERGUSON; SMITH S. FRY; THOMAS W. FRY; JOHN P. HAWKINS; JESSE L. HOLMAN; LYCURCUS RANBACK; ROBERT SPINMAN; SAMUEL C. VANCE; WILLIAM C. WILSON; JOSEPH M. WISHARD; AND A LOT MORE.
- CLUE 2 - A SHIP WAS SUNK AND HOSTILITIES BROKE OUT. HUNDREDS OF MEN LOST THEIR LIVES AND NOT LONG AFTER THE UNITED STATES WAS INVOLVED IN A WAR, ULTIMATELY, THAT LED TO THE ERECTION OF A MONUMENT RIGHT HERE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. WHAT IS THE MONUMENT, WHERE IS IT LOCATED AND NAME ONE OF THE MEN INCLUDED ON THAT MONUMENT WHO FOUGHT IN THAT WAR?
- CLUE 3 - FIND THE NAME AND PLACE OF A HOME WHICH SERVED AS AN INN AND HAD SEVERAL IMPORTANT VISITORS, INCLUDING WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON AND HIS MEN. THIS CLAPBOARD HOME EXISTED FOR CLOSE TO 100 YEARS IN OUR COUNTY AS A TRADING POST, TAVERN, POLITICAL AND CIVIC CENTER. IT WAS A PERFECT STOPPING PLACE BETWEEN TWO CITIES BEGINNING TO GROW AS IMPORTANT INDIANA CENTERS (LAFAYETTE AND TERRE HAUTE).
- CLUE 4 - IN A SMALL CEMETERY INSIDE THE COUNTY, A MAN HAS A UNIQUE WHITE-BRONZE TOMBSTONE WITH AN URN ON THE TOP. MUCH INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND THERE. HE DIED IN 1863 AND HE WAS 64 YEARS OLD. THERE'S ALSO AN UNUSUAL MESSAGE TO HIS FAMILY, "FAREWELL MY WIFE AND CHILDREN ALL, FROM YOU A FATHER CHRIST BOTH CALL; MOURN NOT FOR ME IT IS IN VAIN, TO CALL ME TO YOUR SIGHT AGAIN!" THERE ARE OTHER VERSES AND IMAGES. WHO DOES THE TOMBSTONE BELONG TO AND IN WHICH CEMETERY CAN IT BE FOUND?
- CLUE 5 - GEORGE FRUITS IS BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST SURVIVING LOCAL SOLDIER OF THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. SOME HAVE FOUND PROOF AGAINST THAT BUT AN ADDENDUM TO HIS TOMBSTONE WOULD ARGUE THE POINT. WHERE IS HE BURIED AND WHAT DOES THE PLAQUE SAY IN REGARDS TO PROOF OF HIS AGE AND SERVICE.

RULES



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Wabash Student and Moco Resident Gains Valuable Experience with the City of Crawfordsville This Summer



Richard Pan

Wabash College student Richard Pan is gaining experience with Mayor Todd Barton and the City of Crawfordsville through a summer internship.

Pan, a Montgomery County resident, is the son of JianHui Wang and

ChangBin Pan of Crawfordsville. He is majoring in philosophy, political science, and economics at Wabash College, and will be a junior next fall.

"I am excited to spend the summer interning with Mayor Barton and experiencing the city's inner workings," Pan said. "I hope to learn the necessary skills you need to become a successful leader and learn more about what it takes to make Crawfordsville a great place to live and work."

As an intern, Pan will attend community meetings, boards, and commissions with Mayor Barton and assist with various city projects throughout the summer.

"Students like Richard have a lot to gain from an internship with the city," Barton said. "From building professional connections to developing communication and time management skills, which can help them as they launch their careers. Throughout the summer, Richard will be a valuable member of the team, and I look forward to seeing what ideas he has and how he plans to apply himself this summer."

Each year, the City of Crawfordsville offers paid internship opportunities to college students during their summer breaks. For more information on the City of Crawfordsville, visit www.crawfordsville.net.

AG Todd Rokita Works with Bipartisan, Binational Colleagues on Border Problem; Confirms Causes and Effects on Indiana

Attorney General Todd Rokita worked with bipartisan, binational colleagues on the border failure last week at a collaborative summit near the southern border. Joined by 5 bipartisan attorneys general from US states and 14 Mexican attorneys general, the event hosted important discussions about human trafficking, drug policy, the cartels who are taking advantage of our open southern border and opportunities for binational legal cooperation.

"We are directly interacting with my Mexican counterparts and Mexican non-governmental organizations who acknowledged, among other things, that President Trump's 'Remain in Mexico' policy was effective in reducing the sex trafficking of children," said Attorney General Rokita. "This summit gave me the ability to hear that the drug cartels are driving a significant amount of this crime to inland U.S. states, like Indiana, a lot of the Fentanyl they are sending is originating in China, and the Left's open-border insanity makes it possible on a grand scale. There was no disagreement from anyone that enforcing our border would dramatically improve the situation for both Mexican citizens and US citizens, like those

living in Indiana."

It is estimated that half of illegal aliens entering the US at the southern border are from countries other than Mexico and Central America, utilizing Mexico as a land bridge to the US.

"For example, children from other countries are also victims of Biden's refusal to enforce the rule of law at the border," Attorney General Rokita said.

Summit participants expressed concern for what they see as an increase in children's organ harvesting and reported that 80% of women are sexually assaulted while journeying to and across the southern border. Approximately 60% of children have been violated by the time they are trafficked across the border.

Attorney General Rokita said participants discussed how parents of illegal alien children are sold the American dream for their kids by the cartels, told that if they trust their kids to the cartels, the kids will have a new, rich life in the US. Instead, kids are then told that their parents didn't make full payment for their trip and they must now be sexually exploited in order to compensate the cartel for their journey. It's reprehensible and those in charge of our

country are allowing it to happen because of their open border insanity.

"Many of those kids and the drugs end up in Indiana, and it's just as despicable for statewide politicians, woke corporations, and Indiana's fake news to ignore these atrocities," said Attorney General Rokita. "We are all border states when it comes to the effect of open borders."

Illegal aliens who cross the southern border reach Indiana within 48 hours. The current construction of I-69 in Texas means they will arrive even more quickly to Indiana, the Crossroads of America.

As fentanyl overdoses, drug trafficking, and human trafficking increase across Hoosier communities, the problem must be addressed at its root.

Attorney General Rokita continues to fight the Biden administration's weak policies regarding illegal aliens and has joined two multistate lawsuits to date that would force the Biden Administration to enforce previously enacted laws pertaining to the southern border. Last week, he announced an 18-state amicus brief, filed with the United States Supreme Court, in support of President Trump's successful "Remain in Mexico" policy.

AG Rokita Invites Hoosiers to Start Their Search Engines at IndianaUnclaimed.Gov



Attorney General Todd Rokita

Attorney General Todd Rokita invites Hoosiers to race over to IndianaUnclaimed.gov to search and claim their funds and/or property. You might recover enough to buy a lot of milk in Victory Lane.

"With Indiana as the only state in which the attorney general oversees unclaimed property, I'm waving the green flag to all Hoosiers to search today and recover what is rightfully theirs," Attorney General Rokita said. "This race day is the perfect time to search unclaimed property and see if you're a winner."

Recovering your unclaimed property is

safe, secure, and simple. Search for your name at the IndianaUnclaimed.gov database — which, by the way, includes some Hoosiers who share a name with some pretty famous racers such as Mario, Foyt, Andretti, and who still have funds waiting to be claimed.

In 2021, Attorney General Rokita's office returned over \$48 million in unclaimed property to its rightful owners.

To keep track of all your assets, Attorney General Rokita recommends Hoosiers get in the driver's seat and:

- **Keep a record of all bank accounts.**
- **Indicate your interest in and awareness of all accounts by contacting the holder at least once every three years.**
- **Record all stock certificates and be sure to cash all dividends received.**
- **Record all utility deposits, including telephone, cable, and electricity deposits.**
- **Cash all checks promptly no matter how small.**
- **Update your address with all businesses**

when you move.

- **Talk to loved ones about any safe deposit boxes you own.**

Once unclaimed property is in its custody, the Unclaimed Property Division at Attorney General Rokita's office conducts outreach efforts to locate the rightful owners or heirs.

Individuals and/or businesses have 25 years to claim money once it is reported to the Unclaimed Property Division.

Just this year, \$19,505,033 million has been returned to Hoosiers. \$746,413,505.22 million is waiting to be claimed — and you could be next to cross the finish line.

Make a pit stop and see what you are missing at IndianaUnclaimed.gov or text CLAIM to 46220 to search your name, family or business.

You can also contact the Unclaimed Property Division at 1-866-462-5246 or updmal@atg.in.gov.

You may also like or follow the Unclaimed Property Division on Facebook.

IDEM Announces Recipients of More Than \$465,000 in Community Recycling Grants



The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) yesterday announced the recipients of the agency's Community Recycling Grant Program, giving \$465,068 to 18 applicants.

"The Community Recycling Grant Program helps to fund recycling and waste-reduction projects at the local level," said IDEM Commissioner Brian Rockensuess. "These projects will result in environmental improvements for Hoosiers who live and work in communities across Indiana."

Community Recycling Grants are available to counties, municipalities, solid waste management districts, schools, and nonprofit organizations located in Indiana. The grants provide funding for projects that increase education and promotion

of recycling, waste reduction, organics management (including yard waste management and composting), and household hazardous waste collection and disposal.

Here is the list of recipients and the amounts they were awarded:

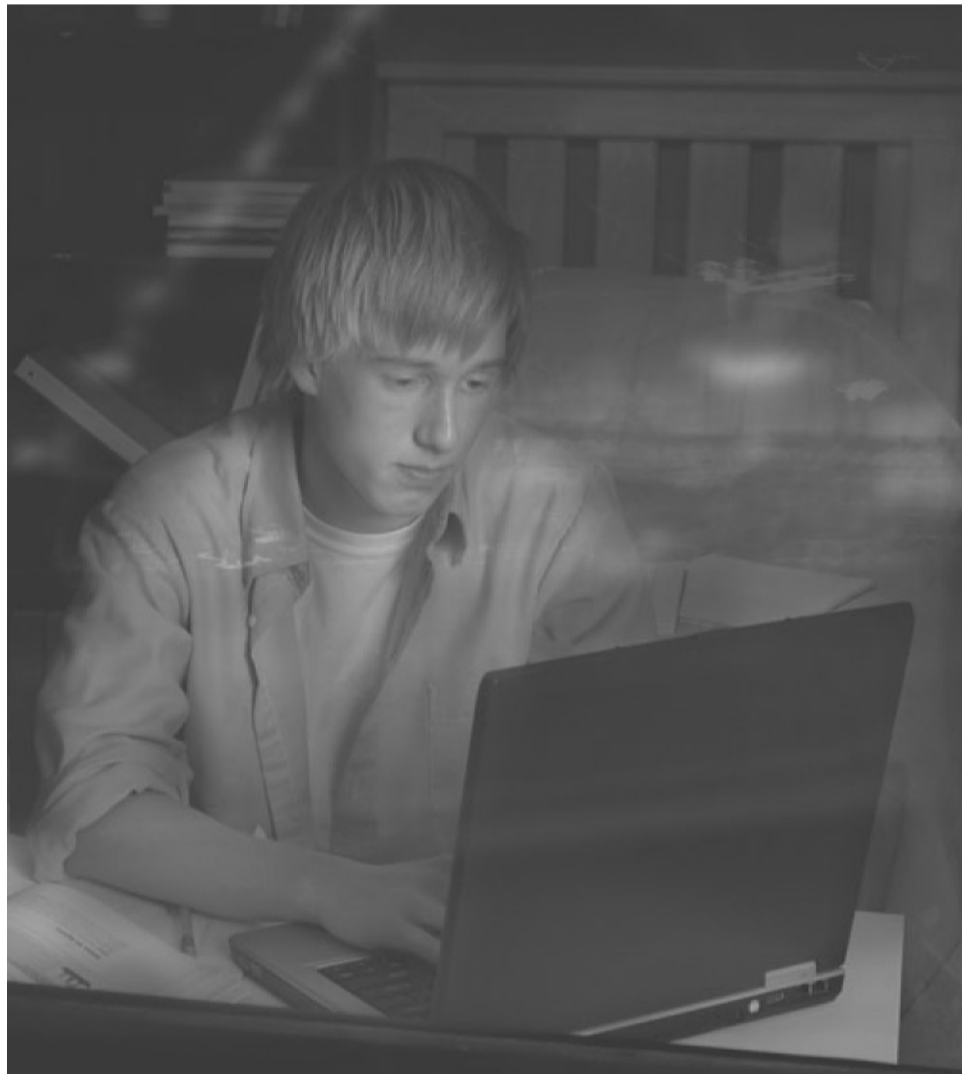
- City of Fishers – \$25,857
- City of Hobart – \$30,000
- City of Jasper, Street Department – \$100,000
- City of South Bend – \$26,756
- Clark County Recycling District – \$10,125
- Dearborn Solid Waste Management District – \$17,139
- DePauw University – \$22,174
- Indiana State Fair Commission – \$100,000
- Indianapolis Zoological Society, Inc. – \$25,178
- Miami County Solid Waste Management District – \$6,510
- Posey County Solid Waste Management District – \$7,337
- reTHink, Inc. – \$12,747
- Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District – \$24,247
- Bartholomew Church and School – \$6,578
- Town of Mulberry – \$3,750
- Trustees of Indiana University – \$3,117

- Washington County Solid Waste Management District – \$33,753
- Wayne and Union Solid Waste Management District – \$9,800

Grant funding is intended to create successful, cost-effective programs. Applicants must demonstrate a positive environmental impact within the project service area, an increase in waste diversion as a result of the project, and show the sustainability of the project. For additional information, please visit IDEM's Community Recycling Grant Program webpage, or contact IDEM at 800-988-7901 or crpg@idem.IN.gov.

Grants are funded through IDEM's Solid Waste Management Fund. Funds come from the solid waste management fee (IC 13-20-22-1). The fee consists of \$0.50 per ton charge on solid waste for final disposal at Indiana municipal solid waste landfills and incinerators. None of the funding comes from tax dollars.

IDEM (idem.IN.gov) implements federal and state regulations regarding the environment. Through compliance assistance, incentive programs and educational outreach, the agency encourages and aids businesses and citizens in protecting Hoosiers and our environment.



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TOLERANCE From Page A1

sure democracy by the number of civil liberties and freedoms a nation retains or surrenders.

As people, we know that all institutions require shared values, a vision, and mutual work. We read books on how to strengthen marriage or parent better, and we have an opportunity now to discuss and address the work we, citizens in a small town, can do to protect and strengthen our democracy. The Montgomery County Democrats is sponsoring a discussion on the book *How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt on May 24. Whether you join the discussion, the book is worth reading.

Levitsky and Ziblatt open it with a call for party gatekeepers to prevent candidates who use autocratic and authoritarian language and policies from gaining credibility. Most of us aren't party gatekeepers. We are voters trying to live our lives and retain our liberties. The book's first argument takes little time to finish before the authors move on to what is relevant for those of us on front porches and at kitchen tables.

What is in our locus of control? The two unwritten principles that Levitsky and Ziblatt say have preserved us - mutual tolerance and institutional forbearance. We can realize that citizens hold competing values at times

and that democracy is not a system of winner take all. Mutual tolerance means accepting we will make incremental change.

"Democracy is grinding work," write the authors, that requires "negotiation, compromise, and concession. Setbacks are inevitable, victories always partial." They acknowledge that these constraints are frustrating but those who are committed to democracy accept this way of governing. Mutual tolerance means putting away the language of war and making enemies of each other. If not, we may find ourselves, as Levitsky and Ziblatt write, in the place the US was after the Civil War with 600,000 dead and asking, "What could we have done to prevent this?"

In the decade after the Civil War, the US reeled with the loss and yet remained deeply divided. The book lays out how the division over slavery so polarized Americans that even Congress had given up on mutual tolerance and institutional forbearance. There were over 125 incidents of violence in Congress in the three decades leading up to the war. That violence reads like a symbol as powerful as John Gottman's Four Horseman of the Apocalypse. Other symptoms of its internal sickness include increased use of executive powers, packing the courts, changing the

rules of the game such as who can vote, silencing media, and weakening or buying out opponents, say the authors.

All of this is to enact a single-party system. Two parties barely represent the variety of values and goals in the US. This lack of mutual tolerance, by which we mean that "as long as our rivals play by constitutional rules, we accept they have a right to exist, compete for power, and govern." It works with forbearance when we "exercise control, restraint, and tolerance" though we might have a legal right to do everything we can to destroy or undermine another. It's the willingness to not resort to governing by executive orders, packing the court, or constantly resorting to a filibuster. It could mean much more, like not packing bills with unrelated legislation to play dirty on how a representative voted or achieved a win. All of these are tactics that either of America's two parties have used more frequently in the past four decades.

The Civil War broke American democracy, the authors note. In the era after Reconstruction, southern states resorted to single-party systems because, as South Carolina Senator John C. Calhoun wrote: "We (White Americans) would exchange conditions with them (Black Americans)" and our nation

would become "the permanent abode of disorder, anarchy, poverty, misery and wretchedness." The virulent discrimination is evidence of the deep polarization that prevented mutual tolerance and forbearance. Tragically tolerance only re-emerged after Rutherford B. Hayes ended the Reconstruction Act. The costs for Black Americans were radical: disenfranchisement from voting, subjugation to Jim Crow Laws, and segregation. It is difficult to witness that it took another century for the grinding work of democracy to turn around the losses for huge portions of our population. Yet, we persist, because we still believe democracy is the best tool we have for protecting and providing civil liberties.

The League of Women Voters supports nonpartisan discussion. Join the discussion Tuesday, May 24th at Backstep Brewery from 6-8 pm. If you need a copy of the book, a few copies are left through Mike Reidy. Contact him at reidym@wabash.edu.

- The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan, multi-issue political organization which encourages informed and active participation in government. For information about the League, visit the website www.lwvmontcoin.org; or, visit the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County, Indiana Facebook page.

TIMMONS From Page A1

yes, it's at the end so I can keep you hanging around.

But first, here's my learned truths

- Right and wrong isn't that hard to figure out. (But you are entering a world that is trying its damndest to make that not so.)

- You get what you earn, good or bad.

- Along those lines, actions have consequences . . . again, good or bad.

- If you take out more than you put in the well runs dry (but we'll save the lessons of taxes, social services and government for another day).

- There are only two sexes, and your generation already knows way more about this than mine did at your age.

- And finally, tattoos are overpriced and mostly permanent - something you should take into account when you realize Barbie dolls and monster trucks would've been your choice had you got one at age 10.

That's it. Lesson over. Oh sure, I have a lot of other thoughts, and I'll continue to stand up here at my virtual podium and blabber on for a while. But I wanted to get those in before you slyly pull your phones out and text, twitter and twit to whatever trips your trigger.

Let's start with the society you are about to become a bigger part of. Let me share something said by one of the 20th century's greatest writers, Kurt Vonnegut. The Indianapolis native said that "If we are wounded by an ugly idea, we must count it as part of the cost of freedom and, like American heroes in the days gone by, bravely carry on."

He also said: "And how should we behave during this apocalypse? We should be unusually kind to one another, certainly. But we should also stop being so serious. Jokes help a lot. And get a dog if you don't already have one."

Kindness, not getting all bent out of shape when you hear something you don't like, not befriending someone on social media 12 seconds after reading their latest post . . . really?

Yes, really. It wasn't all that long ago that people in different cities communicated by letter, carried by the U.S. Mail. Communication over a single idea might take months.

You can bet that helped slow down the overreactions and drama!

So it goes. OK, I had a boss once who told me that the brain can only absorb what the ass can endure, so big finale graduates - and that secret I promised you. I'm going to split this into two parts - one about overall success, knowing that each of us may have our own definition. The second part will be how to make a bunch of money.

First things first. Want to be a success? Want it doggone near guaranteed? It's five words - work harder than everybody else. Doesn't matter if you are digging ditches or programming computers or selling widgets. Work harder than the other guys and you will be successful 90 out of 100 times. Why not 100? Because 10 of you will work hard, but do it wrong. Smarts have to figure in here somewhere, too.

And if you want to be rich, look around at what's needed. Millionaires and billionaires were made by people who figured out that the sludge in the bottom of railroad cars could be repurposed and sold off. Or by guys and gals who thought of a better way to make bottle caps, and in turn became lid moguls. Or by folks who figured out how to bring toilets from the backyard into the house by simply adding pipes to take it out back again. There are always needs and always someone who'll figure it out. Be that person if you want to retire early. And if you want to remember the newspaper guy who gave you the nudge, my e-mail address is below.

- Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically on Wednesdays in The Paper. Timmons is the publisher of The Paper and can be contacted at timmons@thepaper24-7.com.

FANFICTION From Page A1

by other authors, fan fiction stories are often posted online rather than traditionally published. However, sometimes a writer will be so inspired by the story they are telling that they take it in a new direction and publish something that is its own stand-alone novel. For this display, we featured some of these stories.

A few of the books on the display are famous (or infamous) for being fanfiction. For example, a lot of people are aware that *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E.L. James (FIC Jam) started out as a *Twilight* (YA FIC Mey) fanfiction. Other books are much less well known or would not traditionally be thought of as "fanfiction". For example, *The Aeneid* by Virgil (873 Vir). Despite being over 2,000 years old, Virgil's *Aeneid* fits the description of modern fanfiction surprisingly well, in fact, one could probably argue that it is the first record-

ed example of fanfiction. In *The Iliad* by Homer (883 Hom) Aeneas is a background character. He is mentioned only once or twice. Virgil takes this side character and writes a whole book about his adventures.

Another famous book you may not associate with fan fiction is *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (FIC Doy), but fanfiction actually saved the famous detective. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle famously killed Sherlock in 1893 by throwing him off the Reichenbach Falls. This death was meant to be permanent because Doyle hated writing the Holmes stories. Fans were devastated. They wore black mourning armbands and began to write their own Sherlock stories, lots and lots of stories. So many stories that Doyle was inspired (or maybe forced) to bring the sleuth back to life. This is considered by many to be the birth of modern fanfiction.

And the tradition of fans writing Sherlock fanfiction has not diminished in the past 100 years. Our display features many books (not written by Doyle) that tell tales of Sherlock Holmes, and there are dozens more in our collection.

While I love that I got to include ancient Greek, Roman, and Victorian books on this display, I understand that that is not everyone's cup of tea. There are plenty of other great (and more modern) books featured on this display. I highly recommend *Carry On* by Rainbow Rowell (YA FIC Row). It is a fanfiction of a fictional book series called "The Simon Snow Series". The Simon Snow Series is definitely supposed to be the Harry Potter books (j FIC Row). Fans of the wizarding world will notice many similarities between the adventures, villains, and characters in *Carry On* and Harry Potter. If you are in the

mood for a romance, check out *The Love Hypothesis* by Ali Hazelwood (FIC Haz).

The two main characters in this enemies to lovers romance are clearly modeled after Rey and Kylo Ren from the latest Star Wars movies (DVD FIC Sta). After by Anna Todd (FIC Tod) is also featured. It started as fanfiction about the band One Direction. Plus, there are many more!

I hope that everyone can find something to read on this display, and who knows, maybe it will inspire someone out there to write their own fanfiction.

Have questions? Stop by the Reference desk on the second floor at CDPL. You may also call us at (765) 362-2242, ext. 117 or email us at ref@cdpl.lib.in.us. Have a great read!

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