

TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

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Kathy Billingsley graciously smiles for The Paper on a beautiful Saturday afternoon. Thank you for your smile, Kathy!

THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 AWL is participating in a national event Clear the Shelters for their first time. Clear the shelter is a nation wide event that focuses on advertising and fundraising for animal shelters in need of assistance. This annual event helps increase adoptions and raises thousands of dollars for your local participating shelter. If you are looking for a new pet for your home August is the month so do so. Hills science diet has partnered with CTS as well as many other pet related companies to assist in the national campaign. During the month of August AWL has reduced adoption fees and lots of free goodies to give out with each adoption. Visit our site at mcawl.com or stop by the shelter and see if you can find your next best friend. If August is NOT a good time for you to adopt don't worry Clear the Shelter has set up a great platform for you to still show your support by donating, visit Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County Indiana in Crawfordsville, | The Animal Rescue Site (greatergood.com) and see just how easy it is to show your support by donating.

2 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces the State Road 43 ramps will close for more work on the I-65 added travel lanes and bridge construction project. The I-65 southbound and northbound on-ramps are closing on or after Friday, Sept. 9, along with the I-65 northbound exit-ramp, which is expected to close on or after Tuesday, Sept. 13. Work will be happening on I-65 from the Wabash River to County Road 725, near Battleground. The southbound on-ramp is scheduled to reopen after late-October, weather permitting. The northbound on/exit-ramps are both scheduled to reopen after late-November, weather permitting.

3 Patoka Lake's 31st annual star party has been rescheduled for Saturday, Aug. 27, from 8:30 to 10 p.m. at its beach. Telescopes will be set up for night sky viewing, and members of the Evansville and Louisville astronomical societies will help participants identify celestial objects, including planets, stars, constellations, nebulas, and distant galaxies. The entrance fee of \$7 per vehicle for Indiana residents and \$9 for out-of-state vehicles is required for the Newton-Stewart State Recreation Area, located north of Wickliffe on State Road 164. For more information regarding this program or other interpretive events at Patoka Lake, call the Nature Center at (812) 685-2447. Patoka Lake (on.IN.gov/patokalake) is at 3084 N. Dillard Road, Birdseye, IN 47513.

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Photo courtesy of Wabash College

There were smiles aplenty Saturday on the Wabash College campus in Crawfordsville, as 267 students from 22 states and 11 countries were welcomed to campus with the traditional "Ringing In" ceremony.

Wabash College Rings In the Class Of 2026

The sound of the Caleb Mills bell echoed throughout Pioneer Chapel as Wabash College welcomed its newest class of students Saturday during its annual Ringing In ceremony. "Today, all of you officially become Wabash men – though I suspect most of you have proudly used that title for months," President Scott Feller addressed the Class of 2026 at the start of the event as they sat in the Chapel balcony, surrounded by their family and

friends seated below. This was the first time in two years that Ringing In was held in its traditional spot inside of the Chapel due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Last year, students were rung in at Little Giant Stadium. With that in mind, Feller challenged the 267 new students to reflect and think about how they can make the most out of their liberal arts education over

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Butch Says Don't Go With A Woman To Shop For Clothes



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

How are you feeling today, guys? Is everything going well for you? You say you have the weekend off with no projects in mind, nothing to repair, no family obligations? Great! What's that? Your wife wants you to take her to town so she

can shop for new clothes... even though her closet is jam-packed? Well, you need to think of something fast. You need an excuse of why you cannot go with her...anything. Make something up. Because if you go with her, you'll be sorry. Here's why... When a man wants something, he just goes and gets it. He knows what he wants. He does not care about price. He just buys it and heads home. He does not need fifty shirts, twenty pairs of jeans and slacks, and thirty pairs of shoes. Actually, not counting underwear and socks, all a man needs is two shirts, two pairs of pants, and two pairs of shoes (one combination for "everyday" and one

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Women's Equality Day Open House

The League of Women Voters of Montgomery County invites the community to an open house at the Crawfordsville Airport on Friday, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. In the beautiful lobby of our remodeled airport, we will raise a toast to Women's Equality Day, meet and greet each other from all over the county and be able to learn about League's work in Montgomery County.

Visitors can get information about how they might play a part in Active Voter Services, Observer Corps, Vote411, Lunch with the League and other programming and committees that the organization has in place to keep citizens involved in learning about issues of public concern. This is a meet and greet, not a formal program so come and enjoy.

The Crawfordsville Airport is located at 759 W 400 S Rd. Forty-nine years ago this month, the U.S. Congress named Aug. 26 as "Women's Equality Day." This date commemorates Aug. 26, 1920, when the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing women the right to vote, became federal law. In the decades since, wom-

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A Night Of Make-Believe



JOHN O. MARLOWE
With the Grain

Close your eyes. Wait a minute! What am I thinking? That won't work. How are you going to read the rest of this experiment if your eyes are closed? Let's start again.

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The Daily Almanac



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SET: 8:32 p.m.



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- Internat Day
- Valentino Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1939 Molotov-Ribbentrop Pact is signed
- 1944 Romania switches sides in World War II
- 1966 First photograph of the Earth taken from the orbit of the Moon



Births On This Day

- 1978 Kobe Bryant American basketball player
- 1988 Jeremy Lin American basketball player

Deaths On This Day

- 1305 William Wallace Scottish knight, landowner
- 1926 Rudolph Valentino Italian/American actor

HONEST HOOSIER

This from a reader: Can we just admit that we've taken this "Any-one-can-grow-up-to-be-president-thing" a bit too far?



INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Walking at least six miles per week can help reduce age-related memory loss. 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.



OBITUARIES

Janice L. (Hidy) Frye
Shirley K. Wilson

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Michael Graham for subscribing!



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TODAY'S QUOTE

"The man on top of the mountain didn't fall there."
Vince Lombardi

TODAY'S JOKE

How do you keep the Detroit Lions out of your front yard?
Put up goal posts!

13 WTHR 7 DAY FORECAST

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OBITUARIES

Janice L. (Hidy) Frye

May 26, 1937 - Aug. 17, 2022

Janice L. (Hidy) Frye, age 85 of North Manchester, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 17, 2022 at Signature Healthcare in Terre Haute.

She was born in South Whitley, Ind. on May 26, 1937 to the late Gail R. & Iva (Bowers) Hidy.

She graduated from Central High School in 1955. On May 12, 1984 she married Max W. Frye, who preceded her in death on May 10, 2002. She was a loving mother and homemaker and was a volunteer and office manager for Meals on Wheels for 10 years. She owned and operated a furniture restoration business in Fort Wayne for several years. She was a member of Dorcas at the Congregational Christian Church.

Survivors include two sons, Matthew (Lynn) Kindy of Port Orange, Fla. and Craig (Jo) Kindy of Fort Wayne, Ind.; two daughters, Susan Kindy of Calif. and Beth (Cindy Stephens) Kindy of Crawfordsville, Ind.; a step-son, Daniel Frye; two step-daughters, Julie Hayward and Lisa Royer, all of Fort Wayne, Ind.; a sister, Phyllis Muzzillo of Fla.; five grandchildren, Skylar (Julie) Kindy, Cierra (Kyle) Collins, Melissa Kindy, Matt (Dani Covarrubias) Kindy II, Mark (Lauren Beadle) Kindy; nine step grandchildren, Danny Jr (Rachel) Frye, Jackie (Mark) Hendrickson, Nick (Tiffany) Hayward, Andrew (Chelsea) Hayward, Rose (Jorge) Fonseca, Maria (Braydon) Gass, Trevor (Stephanie) Reinholt, Zachary Royer and Alexander Royer; four great grandchildren; seven step-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Max Frye; four brothers, Jack, Gail, Bryan and Joe Hidy; and seven sisters, Bea Weesner, Mary Bryant, Myrtle Myers, Jane Shoudel, Barbara Prater, Margaret Reid and Doris Hidy.

Cremation was chosen with a Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, Aug. 27, 2022 from 1 - 4 p.m. at the Lake Holiday Club House. There will be a graveside service and Celebration of Life in North Manchester, Ind. at a later date.

Memorial donations may be given to the Congregational Christian Church, 310 N Walnut St, North Manchester, IN 46962 or the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big 4 Arch Road, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care.

Share memories and condolences online at www.sandersfuneralcare.com

Shirley K. Wilson

July 17, 1940 - Aug. 18, 2022

Shirley K. Wilson passed away on Aug. 18, 2022 at Franciscan Lafayette hospital.

She was born July 17, 1940 in Crawfordsville to Harry and May Gill.

She and her husband John, who survives, were married over 53 years. They spent the entirety of their marriage in Montgomery County. In 1977, she and John built the Lindy Freeze in Linden, which she managed. After selling the ice cream shop, they enjoyed 30 years of retirement. She loved her home and enjoyed her family and friends.

Survivors include her sister and best friend, Marilyn (Bob) Minnick of Waynetown; stepchildren, Andrew (Constance) Wilson of Winterville NC, Teresa (Tom) Cornell of Crawfordsville, Molly (Dave) Campbell of Brownsburg and Wendy Nattinger of New Castle. As a young teen, Andrew chose to make his home with Shirley and John. A close bond was quickly formed when Andrew asked Shirley if he could call her "Mom". That bond grew stronger as the years progressed. She had several nieces and nephews. Kathy Page of Crawfordsville shared a special relationship with her and was her favorite.

She was a kind, loving person who was respected by all and loved by many.

She was preceded in death by her brothers, Sye and Joe Gill; sisters, Patricia aged 2, Betty Bunch and Imogene Trimble.

There are no services planned at this time. Cards are welcomed at 606 Thornwood Road, Crawfordsville IN 47933.



Ivy Tech Announces Start Of Fall Semester

Ivy Tech Community College kicks off its fall semester today with the first 8-week course term.

The College is offering free textbooks for this academic year and offers over 70 programs in-person and online.

Students who wish to enroll in Ivy Tech are able to do so every eight weeks. The next eight-week term begins Oct. 24 and students are encouraged to enroll today for the second eight-week term.

"At Ivy Tech, the goal isn't graduation day, it's a better every day after," said Dr. Sue Ellspermann, President of Ivy Tech. "As we welcome this year's incoming students, I look forward to seeing how their journey at Ivy Tech will



better equip them for a high-wage, high-demand job that translates into long-term success and economic prosperity for our state."

The State of Indiana provides free tuition at Ivy Tech for a number of programs through the Next Level Jobs program. Through this program, students can enroll in high-demand fields including IT,

healthcare, building and construction, advanced manufacturing, business, and transportation and logistics.

Enroll at Ivy Tech today by visiting www.ivytech.edu.

About Ivy Tech Community College

Ivy Tech Community College is Indiana's largest public postsecondary institution and the nation's largest singly ac-

credited statewide community college system, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Ivy Tech has campuses throughout Indiana and also serves thousands of students annually online. It serves as the state's engine of workforce development, offering associate degrees, short-term certificate programs, industry certifications, and training that aligns to the needs of the community. The College provides seamless transfer to other colleges and universities in Indiana, as well as out of state, for a more affordable route to a Bachelor's degree. Follow Ivy Tech on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn for the most up-to-date information.

Lt. Gov. Crouch, IHEDA Announce Changes To "My Community, My Vision" Initiative

Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Housing and Community Development Authority (IHEDA) yesterday announced the revamp to the My Community, My Vision (MCMV) program, which connects high school students across Indiana to each other and to their neighborhoods, towns, and cities.

"Maintaining strong and viable communities is important to the future of Indiana, and we need future leaders to begin thinking about their own vision for their city or town," said Crouch. "My Community, My Vision invites these future decision makers to share their ideas and plans with local officials. By their involvement, student leaders will learn about the planning process and the collaborative efforts required to create an even more vibrant community."



Lt. Gov. Crouch

In collaboration with the Indiana Philanthropy Alliance (IPA) Youth Council program and the Association of Indiana Municipalities (AIM) Mayoral Youth Council program, five selected cohorts of students across the state will participate in four months of workshops, planning, and fundraising for a place-based community project they would like to see come to life in their town or city. Utilizing the features of IHEDA's crowd-granting CreatINg Places program, students who

successfully strategize, plan, and raise a fundraising goal of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 towards their community project will receive a matched grant from IHEDA.

High school youth council groups, alongside their foundation or local unit of government sponsor, will work throughout the semester to determine a project, craft a budget, develop a fundraising goal and strategy, and raise the needed funds for all materials during a thirty-day fundraising campaign. Throughout the semester, students will be required to participate in three in-person workshops hosted by IHEDA, where they will learn about place-based community development, project planning, fundraising strategies, and stakeholder engagement. Each workshop will prepare students to brain-

storm and reach their project goal, as well as provide networking and leadership opportunities. In the final workshop, students will present their work and success to their peers and Indiana's community development leaders.

Local units of government and community foundations interested in having their AIM or IPA youth council participate in the My Community, My Vision program should apply to IHEDA. The full application, including checklist of additional documents, is now available on the IHEDA website at <https://www.in.gov/iheda/place-making-indiana/my-community-my-vision/>. Applications are due to IHEDA Nov. 7, 2022 with selected teams to be announced Nov. 30, 2022. The selected teams will officially kick off with a workshop event on Jan. 21, 2023.

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Abortion Ban's Hospitals Requirement Will Further Curtail Access

By Leslie Bonilla Muñiz

Indiana's new abortion-limiting law, set to go into effect on September 15, has been dubbed a near-total ban for its succinct list of narrow exceptions — but its requirement that legal abortions be done in hospitals will further flatten access, experts and abortion rights advocates say.

The ban, set out in Senate Enrolled Act 1, delimits Indiana's abortion clinics, literally crossing the facility type out of Indiana Code. Seven of them performed 98.4% of the state's 8,414 abortions in 2021, according to a report from the Indiana Department of Health.

Instead, the ban requires that exempted abortions — for rape, incest, lethal fetal anomalies and the life of the mother — be performed in state-licensed hospitals or in ambulatory surgical centers that are majority-owned by hospitals.

Physicians must refer eligible patients out, unless they have admitting privileges at particular hospitals; then, physicians and patients will travel to qualifying facilities for the procedures.

Outpatient surgical centers, under Indiana law, must operate under at least one licensed physician or hospital governing board, with more requirements on anesthesia, laboratory exams, and transfers to hospitals



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for patients who develop complications.

But experts say the measure is better at narrowing location options than it is at ensuring safety.

"The wide concurrence among the scientific community is that these requirements are ... basically harassment measures to make it more difficult for these facilities to provide abortions," said Jodi Madeira, an Indiana University Maurer School of Law professor.

"They've been very effective in cutting down the number of facilities that can provide abortions," Madeira added. She's the school's foremost expert on law and medicine.

Hospital access inequitable in Indiana

Planned Parenthood of the Great Northwest, Hawaii, Alaska, Indiana and Kentucky says the hospital location requirement will disadvantage those who already struggle to reach hospitals. Particularly for people in rural locations — but also for those with disabilities or those who are immigrants.

"Even if a patient is legally entitled to abortion care under an exemption,

they may practically be unable to find a provider as a consequence of abortion providers no longer being licensed or because of the ambulatory surgical requirement," said spokeswoman Nicole Erwin.

"Reducing the number of locations in the state where patients can access care in a life-threatening emergency — one of the few exceptions provided under this outright ban — will force patients to travel farther distances and potentially wait longer to get the care they need," Erwin added.

Planned Parenthood's facilities alone accounted for 51% of last year's Indiana abortions.

Directed to say no

Some hospitals, however, almost never perform abortions.

Catholic hospitals, for example, follow directives by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

About 30 of Indiana's 170 hospitals are Catholic-sponsored, according to Indiana Hospital Association spokeswoman Natalie Russell. More, she wrote, "maintain close, historic affiliations with various faith groups even though they are not technically part of a

religious order."

About 3,500, or nearly 25%, of Indiana's hospital beds were in Catholic hospitals in 2016, according to an American Civil Liberties Union report. That included just 22 Catholic hospitals.

The directives, last updated in 2018, bar Catholic health providers from performing abortions unless the "direct purpose" is the "cure of a proportionately serious pathological condition of a pregnant woman" that can't be safely postponed until fetal viability. Another directive notes no exception for rape.

"Catholic health care organizations are not permitted to engage in immediate material cooperation in actions that are intrinsically immoral, such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and direct sterilization," the conference adds.

The conference notes that Catholic health care providers should be worried about the "danger of scandal in any association with abortion providers."

A Franciscan Health spokesperson said the organization doesn't perform abortions because it is "a Catholic health care system."

"We believe the gift

of life is so valued that each person should be cared for with joy, respect, dignity, fairness, and compassion that he or she is consciously aware of being loved," the spokesperson wrote. "We are grateful for the Supreme Court's recent ruling because we always celebrate life and protect it at every stage."

Still, according to I.U. Maurer's Madeira, the directives aren't "hard and fast."

"They do have some wiggle room. There are ethics committees that meet in the hospital," Madeira said. "The law allows them to refuse to provide care that does not comport with their beliefs. They just have to transfer the patient."

And for those cases in which the patient's death without an abortion is clear, inaction constitutes medical malpractice, she said.

But not every case is that clear-cut.

Chilling effect

Indiana hospitals, which last year performed just 1.4% of the state's procedures, have just a month left to adjust to the law — which mandates the revocation of a doctor's license who performs an abortion determined unlawful.

Typically, the Indiana Attorney General's Office investigates consumer complaints against doctors, and can file formal charges in cases it finds credible.

The seven-member state Medical Licensing Board acts as the judge hears the cases.

But under SEA 1, the board "shall" revoke licenses if the AG's office proves the case with a "preponderance of evidence" rather than "beyond a reasonable doubt."

Hospitals are hard at work on policy and procedure updates, according to Indiana Hospital Association President Brian Tabor.

"As providers implement this new framework, IHA remains committed to ensuring that elected officials, at every level, understand the importance of supporting medical professionals and protecting them from liability and other repercussions when working in good faith to comply with the new law while providing lifesaving care to Hoosier moms and babies," Tabor said in a statement.

The Indiana State Medical Association and others expressed similar concerns for medical professionals earlier this month, before SEA 1's passage.

"Indiana cannot have an effective health care system if the training and expertise of physicians is not respected and they are under constant threat of political interference for practicing medicine and assisting their patients," executive vice president Julie Reed said then.

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Lessons From The Defeat Of Speaker Dailey

On Election Day 1986, Hoosier voters in House District 37 delivered an emphatic message to Speaker J. Roberts Dailey. He had spent much of the previous decade blocking a constitutional referendum on a statewide lottery. On this day, he would lose 25 of 29 precincts in his stunning upset loss to Democrat Marc Carmichael.



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

And, lo and behold, two years later the constitutional lottery referendum was passed by Hoosier voters, some 63% who supported the change.

In his book "Mr. Speaker," Dailey acknowledged, "My strong opposition to legalizing gambling in Indiana probably had a lot to do with my defeat for reelection in 1986. The opposition said I refused to permit the people to make a decision on the matter by referendum. I regret that the issue became the 'speaker's power' rather than the validity of endorsing gambling."

I tell this story because on Sept. 15, the right to have an abortion in Indiana closes to a 10-week window for pregnancies that came about due rape, incest or a threat to the life of the mother.

While there were few who testified in favor of Senate Bill 1 during two weeks of debate during the Indiana General Assembly's special session, lambasted by pro-lifers that it wasn't comprehensive enough and pro-choice advocates that it infringed on the rights of women, it passed the Indiana Senate 28-19 and the House 62-38. Gov. Eric Holcomb quickly signed SEA1, saying,

"Following the overturning of Roe, I stated clearly that I would be willing to support legislation that made progress in protecting life. In my view, SEA 1 accomplishes this goal following its passage in both chambers of the Indiana General Assembly with a solid majority of support."

Those majority votes on SEA1 do not accurately reflect the will of Hoosiers. A poll conducted in late July by Indy Politics and ARW Strategies showed that most Hoosiers think abortion should be legal in all or most cases at 54%, while 40% said it should be illegal in all or most cases. And a Public Policy Poll conducted in Indiana July 14-15 revealed that 71% believe woman should have access to all reproductive health care options, including abortion. This includes 58% of Republicans and 62% of independents.

State Rep. Timothy Wesco, who chaired the House Elections Committee during the 2021 redistricting, said in a Facebook post, "The only polls that guide my decision are the ones open on Election Day. History has shown time and time again that public opinion polls can be easily skewed and

completely wrong. The legislature should protect the life of the child and the life of the mother with no (other) exceptions. Life is too sacred to make exceptions."

So this "solid majority of support" is a mirage, a phantom image of the Hoosier body politic. In recent statewide races for governor and U.S. Senate, Republicans polled in the 55-57% range. But in the Indiana House, Republicans control 71 of 100 seats; in the Senate, the GOP has 39 of 50 seats. In General Assembly elections this November, eight Senate Republicans are seeking reelection unopposed. My analysis in Howey Politics Indiana this week shows that out of 17 Senate districts in play, Democrats have a shot at picking up, at the most, three seats. In the House there are 44 running unopposed, including 29 Republicans.

Indiana Republicans have held super majorities since 2014, an unprecedented level of one-party dominance in our 206 year history. They did this with artful gerrymandering cloaked in the speak of political consultants, who insisted they were creating districts of "communities of interest," respecting county lines while lacking the shapes of salamanders.

Holcomb continued, "Let me assure you that the democratic process marches on, and you should continue to reach out to all your elected representatives to have your voice heard. For my part as your governor, I will continue to keep an open ear."

So this is where a

majority of Hoosiers come in.

Late last week, House Democrats proposed a statewide referendum on the abortion issue. This amendment to SB1 was soundly defeated, 68-32. "They're recognizing that the State of Kansas allowed their citizens to weigh in on this subject and whether you like the results of how the poll, the vote ended or not, those people had the right to vote," said Rep. Sue Errington, D-Muncie.

She was referring to a Kansas referendum on whether abortion was constitutional last week. While Donald Trump carried 56% of the vote in Kansas in 2020 (and 57% in Indiana), that Kansas referendum passed 59-41%, including some of the most conservative Republican counties in the state, keeping the abortion option in the constitution.

State Rep. Ann Vermilion, R-Marion and a former hospital administrator who described herself as pro-life lined up against SB1 in an emotional address saying, "We are moving too fast for fruitful discussion. Rushed decisions lead to bad decisions."

So the lesson for those of you who believe SEA1 is a policy overreach, the only way to break through is at the ballot box. Defeating a few senators or representatives will be heard like a thunderclap at the Indiana Statehouse.

The columnist is publisher of Howey Politics Indiana at www.howeypolitics.com. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

And You Can Tell 'Em I Said So

Hi there, Pard. Yep, it's me, Alphonse Wilson, the one they call Windy. But this ain't pertickler a good day for ol' Windy. Fact-a-matter is, if I was to study how to do that depression stuff? This'd be a good day to start.

Ya see, it's what's called an annual-versary of a sad time fer me, and I thought I might repercussion it to you today, so's mebbe you won't have to have your heart broke, neither.

It was the flat-out tail end of love, ya see. After all them months together, too. Hey, I allus figgered we'd be together for ... well, life. Oh we had good times. Watchin' stuff on the teevee, ridin' 'round in the pick-em-up truck. Visitin' with friends. You know what I mean.

Ever' year on this annual versary, I wonder if mebbe I weren't supposed to be happy in a love situation, ya know? I mean, what if some folks jest ain't got the right smile or somethin' to keep her around.

I tried, howsomever. Really tried hard. Read up a book on it, even, you know, when she started to sull on me? What I'm s'posed to do to keep her lovin' me. What things I can say to her to get her outta a sull



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Columnist

like that.

But none a-that worked. Nothin'. It's like she jest didn't care no more, ya know? Ever had a happenstance like that there? Ain't no pic-a-nic, I can lambastical guarantee ya.

And ever' year on this here annual versary, I cain't help but see that last goodbye all over again, ya might call it a finality farewell, but a-course you don't hafta call it nothin' if you don't want. But I can recomember it all, from the look in her eyes until she rode off with that stranger, not even lookin' back. Not even one single look back after all them months together.

I sure do miss that dog. And you can tell 'em I said so.

If you agree with Windy, please consider volunteering your time at your local animal shelter.

White River Alliance Announces Fifth Annual Indiana Water Summit And Launch Of Podcast Season Two

The White River Alliance (WRA), the premier organization for regional water resource protection in Indiana, is returning in a hybrid manner for the fifth annual Indiana Water Summit Sept. 7-8 as it also prepares to launch season two of the organization's new podcast series, "The Collective Tap." The podcast, developed to examine the complex interests and issues that face the state's diverse water supply, reflects and extends the goals of the Water Summit to build awareness and strengthen shared knowledge around this critical asset.

"Water knows no political boundaries and serves no one use or need above another; rather, it simply flows across a shared landscape and through systems of users that rarely communicate or coordinate its use and quality," said Jill Hoffmann, Executive Director of the White River Alliance. "This must change if we are to ensure a safe, equitable and prosperous future."

For those attending in person, the Summit will take place at the historic Athenaeum in downtown Indianapolis. All topics will continue to build upon last year's discussions and are intended to help lay the framework for state and regional-level water planning. Some major topics to be discussed include funding for critical water and wastewater infrastructure, legislative proposals surrounding watershed commissions, development and restoration of rivers to revitalize communities and water quality improvements associated with agriculture. The Summit will open with a look at where Indiana's waters stand 50 years after the passage of the Clean Water Act. Registration is open now.

Complementing Water Summit conversations, Season two of "The Collective Tap," titled "Well to Table," will also go deep into agriculture, climate change, and the ways farming depends on and

impacts water resources. Additionally, the season will look at the many ways water is interwoven with the production of food and beverages in Indiana. At the commercial level, this includes corporations such as Coca-Cola and Ingredion. At the local level, hosts will speak with the individuals producing some of the community's favorite beer, ciders and spirits.

"We are proud supporters and participants in both the Water Summit and The Collective Tap," said Brandon Alexander, local Plant Manager for Coca-Cola Consolidated. "We need to be having conversations and taking action across all water sectors to help protect and manage our water supplies."

2022 Indiana Water Summit Event Information
Regional Planning Forum

Wednesday, Sept. 7
from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Attendance Options

The Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

Wednesday's topics will focus on funding state water and wastewater improvements, examine whether or not the state has enough water through a regional water study on Central Indiana, and how to organize regional cooperation.

Main Summit Event
Thursday, Sept. 8 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Virtual and In-Person Attendance Options

The Athenaeum, 401 E. Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46204

In-person, networking and celebration happy hour event - at the conclusion of programming. The Rathskeller Biergarten, 401 E. Michigan St.

This event will cover a variety of integrated water topics. It will also include a water task force roundtable to discuss insights and actions of five key legislative water-related task forces.

Holcomb Leads Trip To Asia To Strengthen Economic, Academic Partnerships

Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb is in Taiwan to kick off an economic development trip in Taiwan and the Republic of Korea. The trip will include visits with Taiwanese and South Korean government officials, business leaders and academic institutions to further strengthen Indiana's economic, academic and cultural connections with Taiwan and South Korea.



Gov. Eric Holcomb

"I couldn't be more energized to spend this week building new relationships, reinforcing long time ones and strengthening key sector partnerships with Taiwan and South Korea," Holcomb said. "This week marks my second trip to South Korea as Governor, and I am also proud to be the first U.S. governor to visit Taiwan since before the COVID-19 pandemic. I'm committed to building an economy of the future with these global partners who are helping propel Indiana forward by creating tomorrow's businesses, today."

The trip to Taiwan comes on the heels of two recent semiconductor industry announcements

in Indiana including Taiwan-based MediaTek, as well as the recent signing of the federal CHIPS Act, placing a focus on strengthening Indiana's technology microelectronics ecosystem. The delegation will focus on strengthening Indiana's economic and academic partnerships and reinforcing the state's commitment to innovation, as well as committing to working together to build the economy of the future on an international scale.

"The unprecedented economic progress Indiana has secured this year doesn't happen without like-minded partners here and around the world," said Indiana Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers. "A shared commit-

ment to innovation and collaboration is key to continuing our success, and I'm thrilled to spend the week strengthening that collaboration with our friends in Taiwan and South Korea."

The delegation includes Indiana Economic Development Corporation staff, Purdue University Dean of College of Engineering Mark Lundstrom and Chief of Staff Alyssa Wilcox. The group will visit Taiwan over two days, during which they will meet with business leaders, academic leaders and government officials. The group will then travel to Seoul for two days, returning to Indianapolis on Saturday. Lundstrom will return to Indiana after departing Taipei, and Purdue University president-elect Mung Chiang will join the delegation in Seoul after the first days of the new academic year on Purdue campus.

"Purdue University is delighted to be invited as part of the state of Indiana's delegation led by Governor Holcomb and Secretary Chambers," Chiang said. "Boilermakers have long-standing academic partner-

ships with institutions in Taiwan and South Korea, and we look forward to attracting tech companies and jobs to the hard tech corridor in the Hoosier state."

Indiana is home to more than 1,050 foreign-owned business establishments, representing more than 40 countries and territories — including 10 from Taiwan and 12 from South Korea. In 2021, 47 foreign-owned businesses committed to locating or growing in Indiana. Together, these firms plan to invest \$3.55 billion in Indiana, creating jobs with an average wage of \$29.57 per hour and accounting for 14 percent of the total new jobs committed in 2021.

Holcomb is the first U.S. governor to visit Taiwan since 2019 and the first Indiana governor to go to Taiwan in 17 years. This marks Holcomb's 12th international economic development trip as governor. The cost of the trip is being paid through private donations to the Indiana Economic Development Foundation.



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Many Students Have To Pay For School Lunches – Which Could Increase Debt

By Casey Smith

After two years of receiving free school lunches, thousands of Hoosier families will have to pay for them again this fall, including at dozens of eligible Indiana schools that could continue offering free food but chose not to.

Federal child nutrition waivers were offered as a form of COVID-19 relief starting in March 2020, enabling school districts in Indiana and across the country to give out free lunches and breakfasts, regardless of family income. The program ended June 30 after Congress declined to include another waiver extension in its March spending bill.

With a new academic year underway, thousands of students across Indiana will have to go back to applying for free or reduced-price meals as they had before the pandemic.

But not all will qualify. Free school meals only available to some

Children are automatically eligible for free meals if anyone in their household gets SNAP, TANF, or FDPIR benefits – all supplemental safety net programs funded by the federal government.

Depending on family income, additional kids can qualify for free or reduced-price meals, but only if their family submits an application and is approved.

A student in a four-person household can get reduced-price lunch if their family earns less than \$51,338 a year, according to the Indiana Department of Education. To get lunch for free, that same student's family must earn less than \$36,075 per year.

More than 508,000

Hoosier kids — or about 45% of all students in the state — qualified for free or reduced-price school lunches during the 2021-22 school year, according to the National Center for Educational Statistics. It's not yet known how many students will apply and participate in the program for the current academic year.

Not all qualifying schools take advantage of federal program

At least 500 schools in Indiana will continue providing free meals for all students through a separate U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) program, known as the Community Eligibility Provision, according to the latest state data available.

Still, more than 1,000 schools that the state education department deemed eligible are not taking advantage of the federal meal servicing program that allows schools with high poverty rates to provide free breakfast and lunch to all students, regardless of their economic status.

To qualify for CEP, 40% of an individual school's enrolled population (ISP) must be:

- Students certified through food assistance programs like SNAP, TANF, FDPIR, or Medicaid

- Homeless children or "runaways"
- Migrant youth
- Children participating in early childhood Head Start programs
- Children already receiving free or reduced lunches through the National School Lunch Program

Families are not required to submit an application for the community provision like they would for the free and reduced meals program. That



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guarantees free breakfast and lunch for any student at a participating school.

Indianapolis Public Schools, as well as the surrounding Perry, Warren and Wayne school districts, are offering free meals – both lunches and breakfasts – to students through CEP for the 2022-23 school year. Certain MSD of Lawrence Township schools are also participating in CEP to provide free meals.

Thousands of students at other Indianapolis-area schools — in the Decatur, Franklin, Pike, Speedway and Washington school districts — will not automatically get free food, though. Beech Grove City Schools provides free breakfast to all students, but free lunches require an approved free/reduced application.

Emily LeMay, a spokesperson for MSD of Decatur Township, cited recent redistricting when asked by the Indiana Capital Chronicle about why the southwest Indianapolis school district is not participating in CEP.

Franklin Township Community Schools spokesperson Kent Pettet said only that the CEP program "is very complex" and that the district "is currently not considering this program."

For a school to qualify for the CEP, at least 40% of the individual school's enrolled population must already participate in another means-tested program or are part of a protected group, such as students

experiencing homelessness, in foster care, or migrant students.

Schools that meet the minimum threshold to qualify for the community provision receive reimbursement for 62.5% of meals served, according to federal guidelines. Schools with enrolled populations over 62.5%, where nearly two-thirds of students fall into the above categories, get fully reimbursed for students' meals.

While any school with an enrolled population of 40% or more can participate, many schools on the lower end of the scale "fear participating" because the level of reimbursement from the federal government would not fully cover the cost of all meals served to students, said Allyson Pérez, a child nutrition policy analyst with the Food Research & Action Center.

Many schools also choose not to participate out of fear that losing data from school meal applications may also result in the loss of Title 1 funding.

Data collected by the national nonprofit shows 79% of Indiana schools with enrolled populations over 60% participate in CEP, compared to 17% of schools with population's between 40%-50%, and 61% of schools with or 50%-60% of population.

"While we definitely understand where these fears come from, we have found that there are schools with lower ISPs across the country who

are able to successfully implement community eligibility and be financially solvent by implementing strategies," she said.

School lunch debt concerns rise again

School nutrition advocates argue the end of pandemic-era free meals is likely to mean the return of student meal debt.

That's because families who qualify for free meals may not realize they have to fill out paperwork again, and then struggle to pay the fees, Pérez said. Other students who ate for free during the pandemic might rack up debt before realizing their families don't meet the low income thresholds.

"Collecting meal applications is often a challenge for schools and may not always capture all students who are eligible for free or reduced-price meals for a variety of reasons," Pérez told the Indiana Capital Chronicle. "Schools may have an even harder time collecting applications this school year since there was not such an emphasis on collecting applications during the pandemic ... it's fair to assume that not all students who qualify for free or reduced-price meals will ultimately know to apply for them without robust outreach efforts from school nutrition departments."

The USDA has largely left decision-making on meal debt policy up to state and local school

authorities.

In Indiana, there is no statewide policy for student meal debt, leaving policies to be decided at the district level.

Pettet said Franklin Township schools, which serves roughly 10,500 students, has nearly \$9,300 in student lunch debt on record. The debt includes some carry-over from previous years, and some has been accrued since school started last month.

In that district, students can charge an unlimited number of meals, but at the end of each semester, any account with more than \$20 in unpaid meals – lunches or breakfast – will be turned over to a collection agency, Pettet said.

If a child in Decatur Township — a district with roughly 6,800 students — has a negative lunch account balance, they will also be provided a regular meal but accrue another negative lunch account balance. LeMay said student accounts greater than -\$75.00 are reviewed at the end of each school year, and the district's business office determines if the collection process is warranted.

Indiana does not keep track of statewide school lunch debt. A 2021 report by the Education Data Initiative estimated that Hoosier students owe more than \$9 million for unpaid school meals. Advocates predict that number will go up.

"Before the pandemic hit, students would show up in the cafeteria and did not have cash in hand or funds in their account, and those kids had their lunch taken away from them," Pérez said. "We expect some of those stories to pop right back up with schools charging again for meals."

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next four years.

“How will you ensure that – four years from now – you are not looking back with regret at opportunities lost because you didn’t step up to embrace them,” Feller asked. “I need you to listen carefully: How you define your Wabash experience over the next four years is entirely up to you.

“I know this to be true because I’ve witnessed it for 25 years, young men arriving on campus and setting a course for themselves that leads to remarkable achievement. Take advantage of this incredible opportunity,” Feller said. “I promise you that if you are all-in at Wabash, you will develop the capacities of resilience, care, and collaboration that will prepare you to be the leaders our world so desperately needs.”

Using the hand bell that once belonged to Wabash’s first educator, Caleb Mills, Feller rang in the class, using the same bell that will toll once again when the class graduates in 2026.

“Men of the Wabash Class of 2026,” Feller said, “welcome to the brotherhood.”

The potential success of the Class of 2026 is evident in its diversity and accolades.

The class includes students from 22 states and 11 countries. Among their peers are 54 legacies (meaning a family member is already

a Wabash man) and 73 first-generation college students. Five were valedictorians of their high school class, while 10 were Eagle Scouts. The average GPA of the class is 3.86.

Dean for Enrollment Chip Timmons ’96 shared stories of the class that show bravery and empathy.

One student defeated brain cancer and another is the vice-president of a group called Cancer Care and delivers food and supplies to families with children battling cancer.

One student founded an organization that raises money to provide Christmas gifts for senior citizens.

Other new students include a 1920’s ballroom music aficionado, a sports talk show host, a state powerlifting champ, a custom clothing designer, and the host of a weekly jazz podcast.

“Gentlemen, this is not the last four years of childhood or a period of prolonged adolescence. Instead, it’s your first real step into adulthood,” he said. “Wabash will provide you, our sons, the opportunities to succeed and fail, to become the best scholars, leaders, athletes, friends, men you can be – all the while surrounded by a community that will encourage, love, and unconditionally support you, just as a family should.”

Kip Chase ’03, president of the National Association of Wabash

Men, repeated one phrase that many students will be sure to hear repeated: “Wabash won’t be easy, but it will be worth it.” He explained that Wabash is a place that will help students become good men, and it will do so by pushing limits and challenging students academically, physically, emotionally and spiritually.

“My advice to you is, embrace the point that this college will raise the bar of expectations for you,” Chase said, “and therefore so should you of yourselves and each other.”

Chase also emphasized that students will be surrounded by and create close friendships with their peers, professors, staff, coaches, and alumni who all want to see them succeed during their time here and beyond.

“This place will not ask you to do this alone. It will support you in ways that will change your life. Special friendships will develop. The ones that last forever,” Chase said. “These relationships will be sharpened by respectful discourse and trial and error. Enjoy the challenge and beauty in all of this and remember the African proverb, ‘smooth seas, do not make for skilled sailors.’ Wabash College knows well how to prepare its students for what lies ahead and this good place calls out for you.”

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en have not only voted, they have taken a more equal place in public life, in business, in education and elsewhere. The work toward equality in our democratic system remains incomplete. Forwarding equality is an ongoing task for citizens everywhere. In this highly partisan era, League’s non-partisan work is especially valuable.

In 1920, the League of Women Voters formed when suffragists (whose mission had been accomplished) took on a new task. The League’s originating purpose was to help educate the female half of the population about democratic process-

es of our government and how they could play a part. That work continues today – with both women and men as members. In proclamations issued on Women’s Equality Day, each president, starting with Richard Nixon in 1973, has pledged that his administration to forwarding the cause of equality among genders, race and ethnicities in our country.

Here in Montgomery County we’ve had an active League of Women Voters since 1947. In countless ways, for more than 75 years, this non-partisan organization has helped strengthen our county and kept the public informed. Every

person reading this can play a part in this vital effort.

This fall is an election year and those who attend will be able to see and learn about how our county officials, with non-partisan citizen help, keep our Montgomery County elections free and fair. Please join us!

The League of Women Voters has an old-fashioned name but it does cutting-edge, non-partisan work on behalf of citizens. Come and learn more about it. Our Montgomery County League is Indiana’s second largest. Its membership is made up of both women and men.

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Make-believe that your eyes are closed.

That’s better! And it is a perfectly acceptable preamble to what’s coming next. Because from this point on, we are only dealing with the imaginary.

I want you to imagine that you are something that you are not. Make-believe you are a novelist. You could be a renowned surgeon. Perhaps a famous celebrity. Maybe just a grandpa.

How does that make you feel? Are you happier in your make-believe world?

You should be. Make-believers, by inference if not definition, are happy people. Rarely do make-believers ever imagine themselves worse off than they already are. Make-believers get to choose their own destiny; steer their own course.

I picked the term “make-believe” intentionally. I could easily use “fantasize” or “pretend.” However, those terms are impersonal. They don’t evoke emotion or sentiment. You can fantasize that the world is a better place. You can pretend that you are an honest businessperson. Neither of those plots tell me anything about YOU! The make-believe

world is your world? We are only in it with you if you invite us.

My Mother used the term make-believe almost exclusively. I was reminded of this the other evening. It was the beginnings of a beautiful summer night, and the bright flecks of starlight were just assembling into constellations above.

In the summertime, on nights when the temperature is warmish, and the night air dew-less and clean, she would sit with her two sons on the beautiful wrap-around deck that Dad built onto the second story of our brick ranch-style house. Enwrapped by a palisade of mature maple, birch and sweet gum trees, we’d sit in the dark, peering through the canopy at the glittering light above.

“Close your eyes,” she’d say to her boys. “Just listen. Tell me what you hear.”

In the distance, a train’s airhorn punctured the darkness. On a normal night, its blaring signature goes unnoticed in a visual world, too far away to matter to the eyes; an imperceptible melody lost under the din of a family readying for bed, concluding its day.

Tonight, however, it is unmissable. “I hear a

train!” my brother says.

“Now make believe that you are on that train,” Mother said.

“Where are you going?” “The mountains,” my brother says. “Colorado”.

We listen until the train, its horn and its signature clackity-clack, perishes into the night.

“What do you hear, now?” Mother asks.

“I hear crickets and frogs . . . and Jenny Lake yelling at her Mother!” I say, and we all laugh. Mother plays this game again. And again. And one more time, until our happy minds are full of glorious dreams of where we may go, and of what we may become.

There are sweet mysteries in the night.

Our Mother taught us a simple game, really. Yet, its lesson is profound. We too often are restrained by the limits of our own convention — only believing what we can see, or feel, or taste, or smell in that moment.

But if we listen . . . ah, we can hear the sounds of make-believe, and therein lies all possibilities of our lifetimes.

Now, close your eyes.

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for attending funerals). Men hate trying on clothes. They know what size they wear. “Don’t worry...it will fit OK.” Men save time and also lots of money this way so they can buy the important things in life...sporty cars, tools, golf clubs, 4-wheelers, guns, and tickets to sporting events. Men are the same way in a grocery store. They buy the same items each week, and they do not check prices. Easy in... easy out. Happy!

When women shop, it’s a whole different ballgame. You see, women ENJOY shopping. They think about it all of the time. They plan for it. They look through fashion magazines and catalogs and on the Internet. They talk to other women to get their opinions. And then comes the big day... at the mall. Of course, the woman wants her husband to come along to “help her decide.” Soon she sees something. “I kind of like this. What do you think?” she asks. “That’s fine,” he agrees while eyeing his watch and the store exit. But she does not try it on... she just leaves it on the hanger and holds it up to her in front of a mirror. “Try it on,” he encourages her. “I don’t know if I like it that well or not. I wonder how much it is? And then she examines the tag. “Well, I’m not paying that much for this. I can wait. It might go on sale.” So she keeps looking...and

looking...and looking... before making the critical decisions to buy.

Now shopping for shoes is a little different. Price is no object. And women don’t care how comfortable shoes are. They just care about how they look. Sure, they walk around in the new shoes and pretend they are checking for comfort, but it’s all an act. Too tight? “I’m sure they will stretch out a little after I wear them a while.” Too loose? “Well, I can put an insole in them. It will be OK. I just love them, don’t you?” “Yes, they’re very nice, dear.” Now what about purses? They must match outfits, have plenty of room for fifty pounds of personal items, and cost more than two hundred dollars. No discount purse will do. Men need one wallet. They will carry this wallet until it becomes an antique. Women need at least twenty-five purses, which they display in their closet with pride.

Fellows, this shopping experience with a woman can go on for hours...and at numerous locations. You might spend more for gas than what the clothes will cost. You will be asked your opinion hundreds of times. And she will always think you’re lying if you tell her that you like what she picked out. What if she finally makes up her mind and actually purchases several items? Sorry, that is not the end of your troubles,

because I guarantee you that she will return some of the clothes. When she arrives home, “I just don’t know if I like this outfit or not”...or “It feels tighter now than it did in the store.”...“I think I’ll take it back and get a refund or exchange it.” Women do this all of the time. It gives them another excuse to have you drive them to the mall for another shopping “adventure.”

So...here is my advice to all of you men out there. You have to go with them when they shop, or they will think you don’t care. Stock up on aspirin, Tylenol, and Roloids. Keep some in your pockets, and munch on these when you enter each clothing store. If your stomach becomes upset, you can drink Pepto-Bismol when you arrive back home. Then go for a long drive by yourself out in the country, or go out into your garage or workshop and lock the door behind you. And pray. Pray to God that she will be satisfied with her new purchases for at least a couple of weeks. You can get through this if you believe God is merciful. And just try to concentrate on that new radial arm saw at Home Depot.

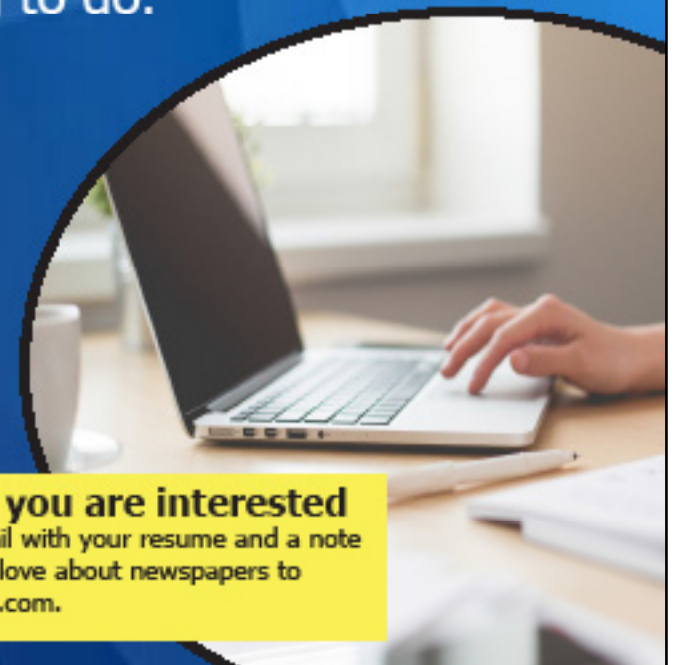
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