

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalms 1:1-3 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.

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



Tianna Walbert and Kelsey Ramey smile happily for our roving photographer. Thank you for your beautiful smiles ladies!

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 With apologies to Mother Goose who allegedly wrote all those nursery rhymes, you don't have to be an old woman to live in a shoe, says the Association of Mature American Citizens (AMAC). The new owners of a three bedroom home shaped like a shoe in York County, PA have put it up for short term rentals. The house was built in 1948 by Mahlon Haines who owned a chain of shoe stores and was known as the "Shoe Wizard." Its three bedrooms are called the "Shoelace Space," the "Instep Suite" and the "Ankle Abode."

2 Each year, the General Lew Wallace Study & Museum hosts several regional authors for their annual Lew Wallace Hoosier Author Fair. The event takes place on the third floor of Fusion54 Coworking Space, which is located at 101 W. Main St., Crawfordsville. The 2022 Hoosier Author Fair is on Saturday, from 5 - 8 p.m. The Hoosier Author Fair is free and open to the public. Authors will have books and book-related merchandise for sale and are happy to sign copies and chat with readers. Attending authors represent several genres of writing. Authors interested in participating should email Stephanie Cain with questions. Completed author applications can also be emailed to scain@ben-hur.com or mailed to PO Box 662, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

3 Greg Henderson, an assistant professor in the Department of Nutrition Science at Purdue University's College of Health and Human Sciences, says that there is a common idea that eating turkey makes you sleepy thanks to tryptophan, a chemical compound tied to sleep. In a recent video on apvideohub.ap.org, he explains that nutrition scientists do not believe that tryptophan is the reason people feel drowsy after a big meal. Henderson points out that turkey and chicken contain the same amount of tryptophan, so it is unlikely that eating turkey would make you sleepier than eating any other protein. Instead, he says that consuming large amounts of food and drinking alcohol are more likely to contribute to feelings of drowsiness. To fight this "food coma" effect, Henderson suggests taking a walk outdoors or engaging in fun conversations and activities with loved ones. All videos in

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Lane Place Christmas

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The public is invited to experience a Lane Place Christmas on Nov. 26 from 4 - 6 p.m. Lane Place will be free to visitors. Festive music will drift in the air as visitors explore our historic home. There will also be family friendly activities inside! Come spend a few hours with us going back in time to experience a Victorian Christmas. Please come and be our guest!

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:37 a.m.
SET: 5:22 p.m.

High/Low Temperatures
High: 51°F
Low: 26°F

Today is...

- Go For a Ride Day
- Humane Society Anniversary Day

What Happened On This Day

- 1943 Lebanon gains independence from France
- 2005 Angela Merkel becomes the first female Chancellor of Germany

Births On This Day

- 1819 George Eliot English author
- 1890 Charles de Gaulle French general, politician and President of France

Deaths On This Day

- 1963 C. S. Lewis Irish author and poet
- 1963 John F. Kennedy American lieutenant, politician and 35th President

A Baseball Game Butch Will Never Forget



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

When I started playing baseball at the age of 7, I knew absolutely nothing about the game. My coach, Marion "Runt" Maxwell, asked me what position I played, to which I replied, "I bat!" Well, batting was fun, but eventually

I became a pitcher. I watched major league baseball on TV, and I tried to imitate the pitching styles of Warren Spahn, Whitey Ford, Don Drysdale, Sandy Koufax, and other great pitchers. I practiced with my friends, and if no one was around then I just threw the baseball at a target I had drawn with chalk on the side of our barn. During all of the years that I played, I was the starting pitcher for the Darlington Indians.

When I was in junior high, I watched some great high school pitchers. Two of the best were Steve Burkle from Linden and Steve Powers from New Market...and then later on... Don Evans from Waveland. I developed a good fast ball and

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Twelve Angry Pilgrims (Reach A Settlement)



JOHN MARLOWE
Columnist

"All rise! The case of Chief Ousamequin of the Wampanoag Indians v. The Pilgrims is now in session. The honorable Willie B. Upright presiding."

Judge Upright: "Before I discharge you to the Jury Room, I

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Crawfordsville Adult Resource Academy



The Crawfordsville Adult Resource Academy (CARA) is an adult education program designed to help adults improve basic skills. CARA offers High School Equivalency Diploma preparation, academic remediation, career pathways and certifications, and language reinforcement for non-English speakers. The donations from United Way in

Montgomery County are used in a myriad of ways to help teachers and students reach their goals. These funds help cover costs for High School Equivalency exams and help teachers purchase research-based curriculum that is relevant and diverse. At CARA, students with learning disabilities can be tested by a school psychologist and receive accommodation as needed. Resources such as educational software, testing materials, technology for students in the classroom, and the ability to loan computers to those who need

EDITOR'S NOTE:
Live United, Montgomery County! This is a continuing series explaining a little bit about each United Way agency. And please don't forget that the annual fund drive is going on right now. This fund drive helps these agencies, which do so much good work in our county, keep their doors open. If you would be willing to donate, you can do so at www.uwmontgomery.org. Or you can mail donations to PO Box 247, Crawfordsville IN 47933. And if your employer doesn't offer the ability to donate through work, you can drop off the donation at 221 E Main St, Second floor.

them for online classes are some of the ways that campaign donations help to fulfill CARA's mission.

TIM TIMMONS

Two Cents from The Holy Land



The biggest thing I'm being asked is what's our first impression of the Holy Land. Four words.

Jet. Lag. Is. Real.

The time difference is seven hours, so when we arrived at 7 a.m. Hoosier time, it was already mid-afternoon in Tel Aviv. Got to say though, the folks at Delta treated us very well and other than some less-than-friendly TSA agents in Boston (for which I blame the New England Patriots), the service, flights and food were all good.

But that jet lag thing made Sunday kind of a lost day. None of us, my wife, sister-in-law and me, slept well. But by Monday morning we were

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER
For folks my age, Nov. 22 still carries a somber reminder of what might have been.

➔ INSIDE TODAY'S EDITION

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➔ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE
Show Us Those Smiles!
Are you a proud parent or grandparent? Got a great photo of your loved one? E-mail it to news@thepaper24-7.com along with the pertinent info (and your contact information so we can reach you if we have questions). C'mon, let's show off as many bright and smiling faces as we can and make clear exactly why Montgomery County is such a great place to raise a family!

➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP
If you can't fall asleep within 20 minutes of going to bed, get out of bed, go to another room and do something boring until you get sleepy. 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.

➔ TODAY'S QUOTE
"If not us, who? If not now, when?"
John F. Kennedy

➔ TODAY'S JOKE
Why does the turkey cross the road?
Around this time of year, he wants everyone to think he's a chicken!

➔ OBITUARIES
None

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



13 WTHR **7 DAY FORECAST**

26/51 BUNNY HOT AS COLD	31/55 MOSTLY SUNNY	36/56 MILDER, LATE DAY SHOWERS	45/48 RAIN SHOWERS POSSIBLE	35/49 MIX EARLY, PARTLY CLOUDY	36/52 RAIN CHANCE EARLY	38/47 MAINLY SUNNY
TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON

Meeting Notes

Montgomery County Central Communications Center

Governing Board Meeting
Monday, Nov. 28, 2022 at 11 a.m.
Crawfordsville City Building
300 E. Pike Street – 2nd Floor

Crawfordsville, In 47933
Call To Order
Approve Minutes – Oct. 24, 2022
New Business
Proposal - Mcc7500e Consoles
Central Communications Center Director Sherri Henry
Acknowledge Receipt Of Financial Report
Other Business
Adjournment



Photo courtesy of AWL

Liam- post surgery

A Life Worth Saving

It was a mid-Spring in 2018. The day started off chilly with a promise of warming up. Staff at the Montgomery County Animal Welfare League went about the morning routines of taking dogs out, cleaning cages and sifting through litter boxes. A few workers congregated in the front office to start answering phones and troubleshooting for the day ahead, when in walked Nickee, the medical coordinator carrying a small bundle. A young boy of about 10 followed along behind.

“Please, can you save it?” he cried.

Nickee, looking Misha square in the eye, gave her head a brief shake. Misha, AWL’s Shelter Director, walked over to the bundle and started to unwrap a bloody rag covering a tiny body. Misha, who had seen more than her share of animal carnage gasped.

“Oh my God!” In her arms, Nickee held the most pitiful kitten she had even seen. The skin on its face had been completely peeled away; its nose was gone and while the rest of its tiny body was covered in soft beige fur, the head was a bloody, hairless pulp.

“Can you save it?” the boy interjected again. The distraught boy found the mangled kitten on the side of the road. It was later thought the kitten, seeking warmth, had crawled into a car’s undercarriage and most likely fell out once the car got on the road.

Misha turned to him and as she put one hand on the boy’s shoulder to give him the dreaded answer, she placed her other hand on the kitten still in Nickee’s arms. The kitten began to purr. In that moment, Misha made a decision. The kitten wasn’t giving up and neither was she.

Misha alerted the emergency personnel at the VCA Animal Hospital in Indianapolis where

facial surgery was performed and Liam, randomly named, survived. As he recovered, Liam became the VCA mascot, purring and spreading love and hope throughout the building. The \$3000.00 surgery was covered by the generous donation of one of the veterinarians who ended up adopting the special kitten. Almost five years later people still talk about Liam’s injuries and how he was saved from certain death.

In 2012, Henry Timms of the 92nd Street Y along with the United Nations Foundation created the concept of Giving Tuesday. Occurring the Tuesday directly following Thanksgiving, it is designated as a day of global generosity. Granted, there are many charities and organizations worthy of gifts, but consider this; over 38% of American households own dogs and over 25% own cats. Combined, there are close to 80 million companion animals in the USA alone. In addition there are approximately 6.3 million stray and unwanted pets that enter shelters every year. Funding for these shelters is dependent upon allocations from various sources, but the need to operate a no-kill shelter, one where every life is a life worth saving, requires extra resources. Food, shelter, medications, bedding and equipment are standard costs in running a shelter. When an animal comes to the shelter in need of extra medical attention like Liam, the expense depletes money allocated for general operations. Shelters like AWL rely on gifts and donations from the public to help with these much needed funds. Won’t you please consider donating to your local animal shelter on Giving Tuesday? The life you help save may become your next best friend and spread hope and joy. Just like Liam.

New Market Elementary Honor Roll

Preschool
Character Counts (Respect): Ezekiel Lesko, Bradley Newton
Kindergarten
Character Counts (Respect): Jaxon Cummins, Emma Kelsey, Aaron Schindler, Jep Carrell
1st Grade
Character Counts (Respect): Maverick Roach, Aunysa Pyle, Kenna Lowe

High Honor Roll: Ava Barclay, Leo Cox, Isaac Steiner, Brecken Thomas, Kerstin Wilson, Olivia Clark, Braden Ford, Hudson Hockersmith, Benson Jones, Erza Mortara, Paige Simpson, James Wurtsbaugh, Ainsley Anglin, Cole Boyd, Enzo Carr, Hadley Cornelius, Caroline Nichols, Chaseten Scheurich, Raelynn White

A/B Honor Roll: Kinley Archer, Delaney Carr, Ellie Ember-ton, Finley Fisher, Eli Hester, Nevaeh McMullen, Maverick Roach, Kaydan Sims, Hadley Abell, Gracie Barnhart, Parker Bonilla, Kason Hall, Aunysa Pyle, Alex Badertscher, Michael Bell-Grayson, Cora Clos, Noah Fruits, Kaydence Lambka, Connor Largent, Jason McNair, Eliana Starceovich, Laura-Belle Surber

2nd Grade
Character Counts (Respect): Lucille Fishero, Maxine Hartman, Harmony Cheesman, Lux

Highland
High Honor Roll: Tyberius Anglin, Isla Beach, Ace Charles, Sawyer Cohee, Sutton Cohee, Lucille Fishero, Henry Jones, Elyse Langevin, Landen Marine, Charlotte Stull, Syllis Barnett, Alden Bray, Eli Brown, Maxine Hartman, Hudson McCandless, Eva Rice, Oliver Vice, Vera Carrell, Peyton Doss, Beckett Hughes, Briley Malone, Josh Rosenbaum, Kaison Steiner, Macy White, Katana Willhite, Audri Cohee, Creed Newkirk, Sawyer O’Neal, Ellie Poole, Nolan Rothrock, Conner Sexton, Jackson Surber, Zane Turner, Kynlee Cleary, Cale Cunningham, Azariah Hernandez, Elayna Johns, Carley Meseraull, Sam Newlin, Levi Rhodes, Darryan Wade

3rd Grade
Character Counts (Respect): Rowyn Cravens, McCoy Gomez, Marlaina Halstead
High Honor Roll: Rowyn Cravens, Quinn

Badertscher, Branch Blakley, McCoy Gomez, Hunter King, Evelyn Stephens, Mackenzie Bullock, Libby Stull
A/B Honor Roll: McKaley Gibson, Trevor Largent, Stella Livingston, Maribelle Marine, Nevaeh Nelson, Gwen Norman, Elizabeth Parker, Jackson Parrish, Brogan Blakley, Emma Bonebrake, Noah Carr, Dorothy Cotten, Baine Franklin, Cayson Hester, Autumn Hunt, Avery Keuterman, Tobias Lacy, Coree Perez, Avalyn Simpson, Eli Van Dorn, Koltan Collins, Marlaina Halstead, Alex Langevin, McLaren Mason, Conner McMullen, Holly Priddy, Clayton Ray, Riley Thompson

4th Grade
Character Counts (Respect): Jacey Hoenshell, Abigail Badillo, Aiyanna Haslam, Joslynn Gray

High Honor Roll: Karsyn Charles, Addilynn Edwards, Ruger Foster, Colby Kessler, Abigail Badillo, Ryder Fruits, Presley Lesko, Hillary McCandless, Addilynn Wood, Arian Wrede, Raylan Hester, August Ashment, Mila Barsotti, Jett Cummins, Tori Frazier, Ryan Gilliland, Joslynn Gray, Jolene Kappel, Anna Lindsay, Elouise McGaughey

A/B Honor Roll: Emma Callis, Aaleeah Carrell, Adalyn Cas-

well, Elliana Franklin, Jacey Hoenshell, Charlie Moore, Lainey Sheldon, Tregan Sutton, Carson Barker, Kellan Dittmer, Ava Eubanks, Thomas Fishero, Richard Hens, Hope Smith, Phoebe Buckler, Oviencia Fowler, Haven Hernandez, Karter Maddock, Logan Rosenbaum, Harrison Simmons, Angel Waddell, Wyatt Wilkinson, William Boots, Kaitlyn Burkhart, Adrien Cohee, River Eller, James Ethington, Zayden Gross, Kinzie Price, Sully Roark, Remy Stetler, Rayleigh Thomas

5th Grade
Character Counts: (Respect): Ryder Newkirk, Tracy Long, Andrea Allen,

High Honor Roll: Keiarra Archer, Harper Cornelius, Cole Fullen-wider, Lea Gregg, Carter Harshbarger, Ryder Kessler, Ryder Newkirk, Taylor Sering, Judah Smith, Kenzie Turner, Ailise Bradshaw, Maddox Clark, Tracy Long, Jordanna Troutman,

A/B Honor Roll: Hudson Beach, Jack Cripe, Lorelei Hoskins, Kailyn Howard, Carter Kessler, Ethan Langevin, Jagger Rector, Shawn Smoot, Gunnar Williams, Elijah Endicott, Hadley McArthur, Andrea Allen, Delilah Amstutz, Addison Anglin, Arabella Jackson, Allison Largent, Abigail Thomas

Walnut Elementary Honor Roll And Perfect Attendance

Honor Roll
First Grade – All A’s – Mason Allen, Easton Crossley, Kida Fields, Mila Fields, Emylann Gleason, Carson Hopkins, Colten Morgan, Oliver Needham, Taylor Nelson, Isla Rosen, Elijah Smith, and Blake Williams. Regular – Maclynn Brierty, Cohee Eppley, Emery Fullen-wider, James Noggle, and Carter Roberts.

Second Grade – All A’s – Jacen Burriss, Natalie Duke, Sophia Ellenberger, Harper Gilstrap, Josephine Miner, Bailey Rhoads, and Franklin Skelton. Regular – Penelope Bridge, Jaylen Clark, Mahala Cooksey, Hadley Dowell, and

Hunter Sutherland.
Third Grade – All A’s – Oliver Woods, Maverick Cagle, Keely Hardin, Lillian Moore, Mikenna Vannice, Reagan Webb, and Eva Yates. Regular – Addyson Krieger, Iain Miller, Hartley Morris, Makenna Nekolite, Trinity Nephew, Aurora Noggle, and Addison Potts.

Fourth Grade – All A’s – Catherine Barry, Walker Cleek, Jackson Duke, Jeffrey Hopkins, Carter Scott, William Whetstone, and Oliver Woods. Regular – Summer Binch, Autumn Blythe, Clayton Davis, Kadyne Dowell, Adalyn England, Haven Estelle, Kaylee Fox, Avari Ham-

mers, Koralye Kemble, Kaleb Kerkhoff, Hailey Nelson, Shiloh Newlin, Brantly Williams, Brylee Winningham, and Hunter Winningham.

Fifth Grade – All A’s – Easton Kelsey, Juliet Miller, Hallie Rhoads, Isabella Roberts, and Kobyn Stadler. Regular – Ezra Booth, Braycen High, Mayleigh James, Grady Miller, Harmony Norton, Addison Presley, and Braylin Taylor.

Perfect Attendance
Kindergarten – Lydia Bridge, Lincoln Fullen-wider, Scarlett Hagan, Brayden McHargue, Sloan Morris, Kobe Raines, Oliver Webb, and Caroline Whetstone.
1st Grade – Cohee

Eppley and Emylann Gleason.
2nd Grade – Harper Gilstrap and Bailey Rhoads.

3rd Grade – Sophia Baker, Lilah Eppley, Keely Hardin, Lillian Moore, Hartley Morris, Makenna Nekolite, and Reagan Webb.

4th Grade – Catherine Barry, Kaylee Fox, Koralye Kemble, Shiloh Newlin, Hudson Perigo, Kaydenn Weaver, Olivia Weaver, William Whetstone, Brylee Winningham, Hunter Winningham, and Oliver Woods.

5th Grade – Ezra Booth, Braycen High, Madison Pierpont, and Hallie Rhoads.

Down To The Final Four In Coolest Thing Made In Indiana Tourney

The semifinalists are set for the Indiana Chamber of Commerce’s second Coolest Thing Made in Indiana tournament, which kicked off earlier this month with 54 companies representing 43 communities.

The final four competitors are:

- Hiker Trailers in Columbus with a custom teardrop camping trailer;
- Kidstuff Play Systems in Gary with a tri-ride slide;
- Maple Leaf Farms in Leesburg with its roast half duck; and
- Polywood in Syracuse with the Elevate 12-piece pit sectional.

Public fan voting to see who reaches the finals is underway at www.indianachamber.com/coolstthing.



day, November 28 at 9 a.m. ET. The tournament concludes November 30. The top companies will be recognized and the champion announced December 14 at the Indiana Chamber’s Best IN Manufacturing Luncheon at the Indiana Roof Ballroom, which also features the first honorees in the Indiana Best Places to Work in Manufacturing

program.

Coolerest Thing Made in Indiana sponsors are spirit sponsor Purdue Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP); gold sponsor Gibson; and silver sponsors Evonik Corporation, Insuperity, Nucor Steel Indiana, SMC Corporation of America and The Horton Group.

For fairness, an online randomizer generated the initial matchups. Entry in the competition was free. To participate, a company did not need to be headquartered in Indiana, but the product entered must be manufactured in the state.

Learn more about the semifinalists and vote at www.indianachamber.com/coolstthing.



Are You Traveling For The Holidays? 'Waterproof' Your Home Before Leaving

For many, the holiday season includes travel, whether it is to join a family gathering or enjoy a holiday vacation. These traditional holiday trips stand to amplify an already growing travel demand. The U.S. Bureau of Transportation Statistics* reports that for July 2022, the number of people boarding a U.S. airline plane for domestic or international travel grew to 69.9 million, up 8.6 percent from July 2021 numbers.

As the holiday travel season approaches, the water and fire remediation specialists at SERVPRO caution homeowners that they need to go beyond buying tickets and packing a suitcase before they leave on a trip. Homeowners need to "waterproof" their homes.

"Your home is subject to water damage from inside and out when you head out on a trip," said Rick Isaacson, CEO of Servpro Industries, LLC.

"Leaking or burst pipes can wreak havoc on the inside of your home. Severe weather can pose a flooding threat inside and outside your home. If you are planning to travel this holiday season, there are six important steps you can take before you leave to help ensure your home will be ready and



welcoming when you return."

• Ask Someone to Check on the House While You're Gone.

Taking the simple step of asking a friend or family member to stop by while you're gone may catch a potential problem before it becomes a disaster.

• Check for leaks.

Inspect pipes under kitchen and bathroom sinks, check your water heater for cracks or rust, and ensure that hoses connected to dishwashers, refrigerators, and washing machines are leak free.

• Insulate exposed pipes. Insulating exposed pipes can help prevent them from freezing in cold climates, but wherever you live, your home needs constant air circulation to help prevent water damage and mold caused by condensation. Keep the HVAC system turned on and open the cupboard doors under sinks to promote airflow.

• Turn Off the Main Water Valve.

If you don't already know where this is, this is a good time to find out - and then shut it off if

your home will be unattended and vacant during your trip.

• Clear Gutters and Downspouts of Debris.

Clear out debris, dirt, leaves, and sticks and position downspouts to direct water at least ten feet away from the home to prevent flooding.

• Inspect and Test the Sump Pump.

If you have a sump pump, test it before you leave by filling the sump pit with water and watching to see if the pump empties out the water. This can mean the difference between finding a dry or flooded basement when you arrive home.

"SERVPRO specializes in water damage remediation so we know how difficult it can be to deal with flooding caused by burst pipes, failed sump pumps, or heavy rainfall, even if you discover the problem right away," says Isaacson.

"It would be even more heartbreaking to return to your home after a holiday trip to find that water has been creating chaos while you were away. Taking steps to 'waterproof' your home

before you leave on your holiday trip can help ensure you return to a dry, safe home, rested and relaxed from your time away."

SERVPRO specializes in fire and water cleanup and restoration services, helping to remediate damage for both commercial and residential customers. For more information about SERVPRO, please visit www.servpro.com/. For more information on SERVPRO in the Noblesville area, please contact please contact one of the local business owners below.

For SERVPRO of Hamilton County, contact Mike Johnson at (317) 773-0422 or office@servproindynorth.com.

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For more than 50 years, SERVPRO has been a trusted leader in fire and water cleanup and restoration services, construction, mold mitigation and biohazard and pathogen remediation. SERVPRO's professional services network of more than 2,000 individually owned and operated franchises spans the United States and Canada, responding to property damage emergencies large and small - from million-square-foot commercial facilities to individual homes.

Turkey Deserves Respect

Happy Thanksgiving, world! One of my favorite days, but I couldn't tell you why ... exactly. Oh, it's time to get the clan together around the table and compliment Grandma on how yummy the world's dumbest bird is this year, like always.

The complete stupidity of the turkey is legendary. Of course, they have been domesticated since Miles Standish was in Pampers, and domestication gave them large breasts but didn't help the thinking process much. You know, like some actresses we could name.

And of course, there is the family entertainment. We get to check out the elderly uncle to see if he'll tell the same stories as last year and if he can keep cranberry sauce off his white shirt. It's always fun to tease old folks, of course, because since I happen to BE the old folks these days, it sometimes hits close to home.

Some Native American tribes referred to November as the Hunger Moon. Sure has seemed to be that way for a lot of the people I know. Folks who don't have a nine-to-five like smart people have. Outdoor-type folks



SLIM RANGLES
Columnist

just have to tolerate November until Thanksgiving, because then it's okay to consider the remainder of November to be "almost December."

Did you know that domesticated turkeys can't reproduce without help? Yep. The tom turkey is now so heavy if he tried the traditional method on a hen he'd break her legs. Turkeys have to be bred artificially.

But fat or stupid or not, the turkey deserves our respect for one thing at least. There have been some changes over the past 250 years. There are today more turkeys in America than there are Pilgrims.

Has turkey become boring? Here's one alternative.
<https://www.townandcountrymag.com/leisure/g41429719/easy-thanksgiving-cocktails/>

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Diego Morales, Indiana's Next Elections Chief, Faces Vote Fraud Reports. Could Legal Action Follow?

By Leslie Bonilla Muñiz

Diego Morales might have easily clinched the Secretary of State race, but his future is clouded by allegations of 2018 voting improprieties reminiscent of another Indiana elections chief convicted of voter fraud.

Lawyers and election experts — including the special prosecutor who handled former Secretary of State Charlie White's case in 2012 — expressed doubt that Morales would face a legal challenge in conversations with the Indiana Capital Chronicle.

Political calculations, subjective residency rules, the staleness of the alleged acts, and differences between the two men's circumstances complicate the issue, they said.

Any entity that took it up, for example, would face intense public scrutiny, and possibly the closed-door wrath of leading Republicans. The party dominates Indiana government bodies.

"Someone's got to come forward, even law enforcement, to pick it up and say, 'Hey, let's look into this.' If it doesn't get looked into, somebody can say so, to the judge in Hendricks County, via a request for special prosecutor," said Daniel Sigler, who served as one of three special prosecutors in White's case. The process is outlined in Indiana law.

But otherwise, he said, it's unlikely.

"Usually, law enforcement agencies stay away from those kinds of investigations unless they're asked or ordered to," said Sigler, now retired. "[That] seems to be the way it happens — nobody wants to pick up the ball."

And there's not much time left on the clock for even those that would want to take up an investigation or legal action. The five-year statute of limitations on the primary election would be up next May, and for the general election would be up next November.

What happened?

Five days before the General Election, the Indianapolis Star in an opinion column revealed that Morales appears to have lived in one county while voting in another, potentially violating the elections law he'll soon uphold.

Morales voted in Hendricks County twice in 2018 — in the May 8 primary and the November 6 general election — registered as the resident of a Plainfield condo. That year, he ran an unsuccessful campaign for the Republican nomination to Indiana's Fourth Congressional District, which includes none of Marion County.

But Morales and wife Sidonia Nicolae have owned a significantly

larger house in Marion County since 2016, and have claimed a homestead deduction on the property since 2017, according to county auditor records. To qualify for that common tax break, a house must be its owner's primary place of residence.

Morales didn't respond to multiple requests for comment from the Capital Chronicle, but issued an earlier statement to The Associated Press on the allegation saying "The issue regarding my residency has been previously vetted in the media and no wrongdoing was discovered then and nothing new is being reported now. I followed all applicable state and federal election and property tax laws. This defamation and character assassination by replaying old news and attaching damaging headlines is reprehensible."

Like for any potential crime, anyone can file a complaint with local law enforcement or a prosecutor — likely with Hendricks County Sheriff Brett Clark's office or Prosecutor Loren Delp — or Indiana State Police.

Charges typically begin with investigation by a police agency, which presents evidence to a prosecutor, who then chooses whether to move forward with prosecution. Delp didn't respond to multiple requests for comment.

Big consequences for a predecessor

With the news of Morales' 2018 voting registration change and ballots cast came immediate comparisons to White, another Republican felled under similar circumstances.

"Where people are making comparisons is that [White] was a troubled Republican candidate who campaigned on election integrity and ultimately was chased out of office," said Robert Dion, a political science professor at the University of Evansville. "And now years later, we have another troubled Republican candidate campaigning on election integrity."

"The question is: what's going to happen to [Morales]? What would be the consequences?" asked Dion, who is a research associate with the nonpartisan Mike Downs Center for Indiana Politics.

White in 2009 was a Fishers Town Councilor running for secretary of state. He rented and then bought a townhouse outside of his council district, but changed the address on his voter registration records to his ex-wife's house, which was inside the council district. And he voted using that address in the May 2010 primaries.

A jury in 2012 convicted White of six out of seven felony counts, including

submission of a fraudulent voter registration application, perjury regarding that registration change form, voting in another precinct and casting a fraudulent ballot.

The felony convictions automatically removed White from office, and then-Gov. Mitch Daniels, also a Republican, appointed an interim officeholder.

But White's actions, his successful candidacy and public scrutiny of both those factors occurred in the same year. Morales won office more than four years after casting the Hendricks County votes associated with his ill-fated congressional run.

A different deadline approaches

The Indiana Election Division could also play a role. Under Indiana code, a candidate, county party chair or state party chair can file a verified petition to request a recount, or contest the nomination or election of a state officer. That section of law doesn't apply to the governor or lieutenant governor.

That deadline is 14 days after election day: Tuesday at noon. And the division can reject the petition. Both Indiana Democratic Party Chair Mike Schmul and Democrat Secretary of State candidate Destiny Wells declined to comment on if they planned to file a verified petition.

In White's case, then-Indiana Democratic Party Chair Daniel Parker filed a verified petition for election contest with the division, according to court records. The Indiana Recount Commission, after holding a hearing and receiving evidence, declared White was eligible to run for secretary of state. The Marion County Circuit Court reversed the commission's decision, but the Indiana Supreme Court reaffirmed it.

Separately, the Hamilton County Prosecutor at the time petitioned for the appointment of a special prosecutor. A trial court appointed three, setting White on the path to his eventual criminal convictions. An appeals court later vacated three of his convictions, two of them vote-related because they constituted double jeopardy.

Not simple

Several lawyers and elections professionals cautioned that Morales' circumstances aren't clear-cut. If it is taken up, any results will depend on the specific facts of his situation — which could require things like mortgage applications, utility billing, cell phone records and more — and the nuances of Indiana code.

For example, the burden of proof in a dispute over residency rests on whoever's challenging it. And Indiana law seems subjective in terms of

residency.

Former Indiana House Speaker Brian Bosma — also an attorney — said the issue of residency goes back to the famed 1988 case involving whether Democrat Secretary of State Evan Bayh was allowed to run for governor.

Bayh's case was about residency in terms of a qualification to run for office, but many of the same concepts are instilled in Indiana's election statutes in terms of where to register to vote.

To qualify constitutionally to hold office, Bayh was required to have been a resident of Indiana from November 1983 to November 1988. However, for sixteen months during that time he lived in Washington, D.C. while working as a lawyer.

The case eventually worked its way to the Indiana Supreme Court, which essentially ruled that a person's residency is where they intend for it to be.

"That ruling makes all these cases hard to prove," Bosma said.

What now?

Bosma didn't comment specifically on the details of Morales' circumstances, but noted the irony in Morales moving to an apartment in Hendricks County for his run for Congress. That's because a person doesn't have to live in a congressional district to run for it.

That isn't the case for state House and Senate seats: "We've had legislative candidates on both sides essentially rent a broom closet to run," Bosma said.

In addition to the disincentives that exist for Hoosier police agencies and prosecutors, comes the will of the people: Hoosier voters overwhelmingly supported Morales on November 8.

Reports on his 2018 registration and votes were published days prior, in addition to months worth of controversies. Morales won 54% of the vote, while Democrat Wells earned 40% and Libertarian Jeff Maurer notched nearly 6%, according to Indiana Election Division results.

"This story made the news around the state, and voters more or less ignored it," Dion said. "We didn't see the political consequences that people thought it might [have]."

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Trump/Pence 3.0



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In gauging the dynamic of Trump/Pence 3.0, look no further than star-struck U.S. Rep. Jim Banks.

"Donald Trump remains a very popular figure in the Republican Party in each corner of the country," Banks told "Fox News Sunday" last weekend in the aftermath of Nov. 8. "I believe that Donald Trump was a very effective president for our country. I believe he could be a very effective president for our country again."

This assessment came after the Nov. 8 congressional Republican debacle, when a series of kooky GOP Senate candidates hand-picked by the former president lost in races that more mainstream Republicans would have easily won.

And there is the bizarre spectacle of Georgia Republican Senate nominee Herschel Walker, who said Wednesday, "I don't know if you know, but vampires are some cool people, are they not? But let me tell you something that I found out: A werewolf can kill a vampire."

Despite the torpid economy, Democrats kept control of the Senate while the GOP took a tiny majority in the House after many predicted they would pick up 25-40 seats.

Trump raised, and then hoarded about \$100 million in small donations that could have been used to help fund those candidates. His selection of "election denial" swing state candidates for governor and secretary of state that could have dramatically destroyed the key contour of democracy (accepting election results) all lost. Most, except for Arizona gubernatorial nominee Kari Lake (who told John McCain supporters to "get the hell out") conceded after their defeats.

The Banks assessment comes after Trump launched an insurrection at the U.S. Capitol that resulted in the deaths of five police officers (injuring 150 more), and could have cost the lives of the two top constitutional successors, Vice President Mike Pence and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

And Donald Trump stands to be indicted in the coming weeks and months for the top secret federal documents he hoarded at his Florida resort, as well as in Georgia where he allegedly conspired to render the will of the people moot.

We watched Donald Trump's presidential announcement Tuesday at Mar-a-Lago — the first in history to take place at a crime scene — with an uninspired, almost rote, low energy speech filled with lies and flubs. Most of the Trump clan did not attend, the cable networks didn't carry the whole speech, it was savaged by Murdoch media, security prevented a number of people tired of the rambling stream of consciousness leave, and former key aides lambasted it on air (former chief of staff Mick Mulvaney: "I think he's

the only Republican who could lose.")

Conservative commentator Amanda Carpenter: "Trump — who dragged his party to midterm losses in 2018, lost the White House in 2020 to the oldest man ever to have the job, incited an insurrectionist mob into attacking the U.S. Capitol, was impeached twice, and contributed to yet another GOP midterm flop last week — sneered and grimaced through his announcement. He slow-reared prepared remarks in a monotone, digressing to riff on whatever non sequitur popped into his mind. The biggest bold-faced names spotted in the crowd were a grifter's row of deplorables and has-beens: Roger Stone, Madison Cawthorn, Mike Lindell, and Dick Morris."

And it's not like Rep. Banks doesn't have options. He could back fellow Hoosier Mike Pence.

Pence's new book, "So Help Me God," positioned him for an ABC "World News Tonight" interview with David Muir on Monday, a CNN town hall on Wednesday, and the beginning of Trump/Pence 3.0, which will be a vastly different dynamic than anything this political odd couple has been through before. "I think we will have better choices in 2024," Pence said.

"I'm very confident that Republican primary voters will choose wisely."

"My conclusion," he said of the mid-term debacle, "is the candidates that were focused on the future, focused on the challenges the American people are facing today and solutions to those challenges did quite well." But those still questioning the 2020 results — as Trump demanded — "did not do as well."

And Pence had this scathing assessment of the Jan. 6 insurrection: "I'll never forget the simmering indignation that I felt that day, seeing those sights on the cellphones as we gathered in the loading dock below the Senate chamber. I couldn't help but think not this, not here, not in America."

Pence reacted to Trump's 2:24 p.m. Jan. 6 tweet ("Mike Pence doesn't have the courage"), noting that it "criticized me directly at a time that a riot was raging in the Capitol hallways. The president's words were reckless, and they endangered my family and everyone at the Capitol building."

"It didn't end well," Pence acknowledged in an epic understatement.

Pence is now pondering a 2024 presidential run. "We're giving it consideration in our house. Prayerful consideration," Pence told Muir.

And that would be a huge gamble for the former Indiana governor.

That not only reduced what was to be a "red wave" into a trickle; Trump's instincts will be to destroy any GOP opponent, and if denied the nomination, turn 2024 into what conservative commentator Charlie Sykes calls the Republican "red wedding," in reference to the murderously epic "Game of Thrones" episode. "He's prepared to burn it all down. They may be done with him, but he is not done with them."

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State Works to Advance Semiconductor Research

Governor Eric J. Holcomb and Secretary of Commerce Brad Chambers joined local officials and business executives yesterday in Odon to break ground on a new microelectronics campus at WestGate@Crane Technology Park that will power the growth of Indiana's semiconductor industry.

The \$84 million development, which has already attracted four semiconductor companies to the state, will leverage academic, corporate and defense partners to speed the re-shoring of semiconductor research and manufacturing in the U.S.

"Indiana's has a rich tradition of advanced manufacturing that continues to push new technologies and innovations forward," said Gov. Holcomb.

"Today's announcements solidify our Semiconductor Corridor strategy. With a growing microelectronics and CHIP industry, Indiana will be at the forefront of creating critical components to ensure both economic and national security."

"It is critical to our national security that innovations in microelectronics are homegrown," said Sec. Chambers.

"American leadership and ingenuity have changed the face of the globe for decades, and these investments in the Silicon Heartland will ensure that tradition continues well into the 21st century."

The new microelectronics campus, WestGate One, is a 10-acre public-private development that will create a hub for semiconductor excellence in the Indiana Uplands region, supporting technology innovation, talent development and infrastructure needs while fostering continued partnerships with the U.S. Department of Defense through the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division (NSWC Crane) to advance American-made microelectronics.

WestGate One, which is advancing with support from the nationally recognized Indiana Regional Economic Acceleration and Development Initiative (READI), has already secured four semiconductor companies – NHanced Semiconductors, which will anchor the development; Everspin Technologies; Trusted Semiconductor Solutions; and Reliable MicroSystems. Together, these companies plan to invest more than \$300 million in Indiana and create up to 549 new, specialized jobs in the coming years, advancing the verification, validation and production of critical microelectronics components in the U.S.

NHanced Semiconductors, an Illinois-based design and manufacturing innovator, will anchor the new campus, investing more than \$236 million to establish operations at WestGate One. The company will build out and equip 100,000 square feet to be the first U.S. fabrication facility (fab) built specifically for Advanced Packaging (AP). The fab will support NHanced's suite of AP solutions: 3D-ICs, silicon interposers, 2.5D, chiplets, additive silicon manufacturing, photonics, microfluidics and more. NHanced will lease the remaining space at WestGate One to other industry companies and partner with USTF to build microelectronics collaborations, investments and innovations throughout the campus.

NHanced expects to move into its new space in mid-2024 and create up to 413 new jobs by the end of 2028. New posi-



tions should offer average salaries exceeding 250% of the Daviess County average.

"We're eager to see the growth and impact of this exceptional venture," said Bob Patti, president of NHanced.

"There's potential for truly revolutionary collaboration among government, industry and Indiana's first class educational institutions. As a Rose-Hulman alumnus, I'm excited to create an Indiana career path for talented young engineers."

Everspin Technologies, a publicly-traded company based in Arizona, plans to establish a 10,000-square-foot fabrication and R&D site at WestGate One. The new facility will allow the company to increase production and fulfillment of discrete and embedded Magnetoresistive RAM (MRAM), a specialized technology critical to next-generation defense applications. The company plans to begin its build out in 2023 and create up to 35 new, high-wage jobs by the end of 2027.

Trusted Semiconductor Solutions (TSS), which delivers high-reliability semiconductor and electronic assemblies, will invest more than \$34 million to establish operations at the new microelectronics campus. The Minnesota-based company will lease and equip 10,000 square feet to expand its operations, designing and delivering integrated circuits, radiation hardened products and electronic systems solutions for military and defense, space and industrial markets. The company, which expects to begin operating in Indiana in mid-2023, plans to create up to 40 new, high-wage jobs by the end of 2027.

Reliable MicroSystems, headquartered in Tennessee, will invest \$7.3 million to expand its operations to Indiana, establishing a presence at WestGate One. The company, which offers radiation effects modeling for large contractors, specializes in concept-to-foundry creation and maturation of high-reliability electronics for mission-critical applications. Reliable MicroSystems plans to start its new operations in 2023 and create up to 61 new, high-wage jobs to support its growth.

"Today's announcement is the result of tremendous



Gov. Eric Holcomb

collaboration among many local, regional and state partners over the past decade," said Joe Carley, interim CEO of the Uplands Science and Technology Foundation (USTF), a nonprofit foundation established to lead the physical development and enhance the vitality of WestGate.

"With the rise of our region's defense sector and NSWC Crane as a national leader in emerging technologies, Indiana Uplands is growing as a vibrant hub for high-tech innovation. We are delighted to welcome these companies to WestGate and look forward to the opportunities they provide for continued industry growth, high-wage jobs and investment in the region."

Yesterday's announcement is the latest in a series of wins for Indiana's semiconductor industry. In May, the state announced a new Accelerating Microelectronics Production and Development (AMPD) taskforce to help companies in the semiconductor supply chain locate, innovate and produce in Indiana.

Soon after, Taiwan-based MediaTek announced plans to establish a new semiconductor design center in partnership with Purdue University, and in July, U.S.-based SkyWater Technology announced plans to establish operations in Indiana, building a \$1.8 billion semiconductor R&D and production facility in West Lafayette.

"In the past few years, we have all seen how global events can have an effect on our supply chains and our ability to get our hands on the goods and services we might need," said Dr. Angela Lewis, SES, technical director at NSWC Crane.

"It is NSWC Crane's job to get the fleet what they need for our nation's defense, when they need it, so having domestic microelectronics and semiconductor resources to call upon is critical to limiting microelectronics supply chain disruptions. NSWC Crane is a leader for innovation with microelectronics and has built a defense ecosystem here in the heartland with our partners, so this resource will certainly bolster our

critical support for this defense requirement."

READI matching funds (up to \$10 million) are committed to support infrastructure needs for WestGate, accelerating this shovel-ready project that will transform Indiana's semiconductor industry, attract talent to the region and create high-paying, quality jobs for Hoosiers. The project is a key part of the Indiana Uplands region's strategic plan being led by Regional Opportunity Initiatives. The region was awarded \$30 million in READI matching funds to advance its vision, which includes accelerating new technologies and industries while bolstering economic and community prosperity.

"This semiconductor development represents a transformational investment in our region, and Daviess County is privileged to collaborate with IEDC, state and technology partners to support this critical innovation," said Bryant Niehoff, executive director of the Daviess County Economic Development Corporation.

Pending approval from the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) board of directors, the IEDC, based on the company's job creation plans, will commit an investment in NHanced Semiconductors of up to \$10 million in the form of incentive-based tax credits and up to \$1 million in training grants. These tax credits are performance-based, meaning the company is eligible to claim incentives once Hoosiers are hired. The IEDC will also invest up to \$10 million in redevelopment tax credits, which provide an incentive for companies to invest in redevelopment and revitalization to improve the quality of place within Indiana.

Additionally, the IEDC will commit investments in Everspin Technologies of up to \$1.3 million in incentive-based tax credits and up to \$150,000 in training grants; in Trusted Semiconductor Solutions of up to \$1.4 million in incentive-based tax credits and up to \$150,000 in training grants; and in Reliable MicroSystems of up to \$1.7 million in incentive-based tax credits and up to \$150,000 in training grants based on the companies' job creation plans.

Daviess County will consider additional incentives to support the four companies and the development of WestGate One, which is being led by StrongBox and will be constructed in the Daviess County section of the tri-county certified technology park off U.S. 231.

Police Ramping Up Patrols During Peak Thanksgiving Travel

Thanksgiving is one of the busiest travel seasons of the year. AAA is predicting 54.6 million people will be heading out for the holiday. Of those, nearly 49 million will be traveling by car, a rebound to almost pre-pandemic levels. This time of year is also associated with higher drinking rates, which combined with the sheer number of drivers on the road, makes it an especially dangerous time for motorists.

To prevent crashes, more than 200 state and local law enforcement agencies will be ramping up enforcement as part of the Safe Family Travel campaign. Starting this week, officers will be out in greater numbers conducting sobriety checkpoints and saturation patrols designed to discourage impaired driving and promote seat belt use.

Safe Family Travel operations begin before Thanksgiving each year and run through New Year's Day. The extra high-visibility enforcement is funded with grants provided by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) through the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI).

"We're anticipating a very busy travel season this year, so for those sharing the road, remember to slow down, drive sober and buckle up," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director.

"Most fatal crashes are avoidable, not inevitable. We want everyone to make it to the Thanksgiving table safely."

According to NHTSA, drunk driving and fatal crashes spike during the Thanksgiving holiday season. This can be attributed, in part, to cultural phenomena like "Blackout Wednesday" or "Drinkssgiving," an event synonymous with heavy alcohol consumption. This year's holiday also comes at a time when fatal crashes and dangerous driving are up across the state and nation.

In Indiana, 932 people lost their lives on the road last year, a 4% increase from 2020. Of those fatalities, 12 occurred during the Thanksgiving holiday season, with more than half (7) found unbuckled at the time of the crash.

On average, approximately one-fourth of the state's traffic fatalities are caused by drunk drivers.

"Impaired driving is life-threatening, but even more so around the holidays," said Robert



Duckworth, ICJI Traffic Safety Director.

"With so many ride options available, there's no reason that should be the case. We're asking everyone to plan accordingly and to make safety a priority. Our goal is zero fatalities this year."

With officers on high-alert, motorists are encouraged to plan ahead to get home safely by designating a sober driver or by using public transportation or a ride service like Uber or Lyft. Even if one drink is consumed, never drive impaired or let friends get behind the wheel if they've been drinking.

It's also important to wear a seat belt, put away the distractions and follow posted speed limits. Travelers are encouraged to check road conditions before each trip and to leave with plenty of time to reach their destination safely.

Driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol is illegal in Indiana and all 50 states. Those who choose to drive impaired are, not only risking their life and the lives of others, but also could face an arrest, jail time, and substantial fines and attorney fees. The average drunk driving arrest costs up to \$10,000.

Motorists are encouraged to call 911 if they encounter an impaired or unsafe driver on the road.

For safety tips, visit nhtsa.gov/risky-driving/drunk-driving. To learn more about the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute, visit www.cji.in.gov.

About the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute:

The Indiana Criminal Justice Institute (ICJI) is the state planning agency for criminal justice, juvenile justice, traffic safety and victim services. ICJI is designated as the state administering agency for distribution of federal funds and as the state Statistical Analysis Center for research.

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a big, slow curve, and during Pony League, when I was 13 years old, I managed to throw a couple of no-hitters. I had good success against the other Montgomery County teams...all except for New Ross, who always had great hitters... and an outstanding pitcher, Pat Evans. We came close a couple of times, but could never manage to beat those Blue Jays. In high school, I came close to throwing no-hitters on a couple of occasions, but "close doesn't count."

When I was a senior in 1966, my Grandpa gave me a Babe Ruth autographed bat. It was too long and too heavy for me, but I told him I would use it in our next game against the Warriors down at Alamo. I doubt that there were twenty boys total in their high school, but they always seemed to have good players, such as Glenn Williams, Wayne Denham, Steve Hallett, and Don Myers, who provided stiff competition. During warm-up, my arm felt really strong that afternoon, and in the first inning, I struck out all three batters. During the progression of the game, I struck out every batter that stepped up to the plate, and to top things off, I hit two home runs with the Babe Ruth

bat...both ending up beyond centerfield into the cornfield...a miracle!

By the end of the fifth inning in this six-inning game, I had struck out all fifteen batters and had not walked anyone. If I could just do the same in the last inning, I would not only have my first high school no-hitter, but also a perfect game. But then the Alamo coach made a substitution. A boy, appearing to be not even 5 ft. tall, walked up to the plate...and crouched down, bat resting on his shoulder. His strike zone was perhaps 6 inches. He was sent in to just get a walk and get on base. I knew he wasn't even going to swing his bat. Guess what? I threw three straight strikes...I could not believe it! I then struck out the next batter...one more to go.

However, in that last inning, since we were so far ahead, our coach made some substitutions to allow other boys to play. Our new first base man was a very nice and intelligent boy, but unfortunately his baseball skills left a lot to be desired. Alamo's last batter stepped up to the plate. I threw my fast ball right down the middle. He swung at it, and hit a little dribbler right toward the first base man, who was standing only four

or five feet from the bag. But instead of fielding the ball and stepping on the bag for the easy out, he went over and stood on the bag...and let the ball dribble into the outfield. I couldn't believe it. Alamo now had their first runner on a base, and my perfect game was over. I then struck out the next batter to end the game. After the game was over and we shook hands, our coach informed me that the Alamo coach had, instead of scoring an error on our first base man, had scored the little puny dribbler as a hit! So...I had struck out all 18 batters in the six-inning game, but had not been given credit for a no-hitter.

I learned several lessons that sunny afternoon down at Alamo. A Babe Ruth bat is lucky. The hometown coach is the official scorer. If you're ahead and the coach puts in a sub, it is best to pray...and don't count your chickens until they've hatched. Oh yes, the sub who ruined my no-hitter...he became an attorney. Go figure.

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want to remind jurors that there is to be no discussion of this case beyond this courtroom."

Juror Five: "Does that mean, Your Honor, that we can't even talk about it in the loo? I need to go to the loo."

Judge Upright: "No. You cannot discuss these proceedings with anyone other than fellow jurors. Let me remind the jury that before you is the case of whether to continue perpetuating -- in our public schools -- the Thanksgiving story of 1620; whether it is appropriate to have children dress up in long black skirts and white shirts, wear craft store feather headdresses and don black construction paper hats; whether it is proper to retell the Thanksgiving story, passed down through generations -- the story of Native Americans welcoming the courageous pioneering Pilgrims to a celebratory feast, when evidence, today, indicates that the story is plagued with inaccuracies and falsehoods. I discharge you to your deliberations."

Juror Six: "I'm glad that's over. All this better not make me late for Thanksgiving dinner. I told everyone I'd be there by noon. I still think we can wrap this up in time."

Juror One: "Don't be in such a hurry. We haven't even elected a foreman, yet."

Juror Five: "Did any of you see the loo when we came down the hallway? I had the oysters at the Plymouth Tavern, and I really need to find the loo."

Juror Ten: "I nominate Juror Four as foreman. He's the only one in the room who knows how to use 'thee' and 'thou' properly."

Juror Six: "Why bother with a foreman? It is obvious that the Pilgrims are innocent. These sad Puritans were tired of getting picked on for their religious beliefs back in England, and someone had the crazy notion of sailing across the ocean to get away. To me, they should be admired for their daring."

Juror Nine: "Do they serve snacks in here? I'm hungry."

Juror Seven: "Yeah, but the Pilgrims brought all kinds of diseases with them that overwhelmed the Native American's immune systems."

Juror Six: "That's hardly the Pilgrims' fault! They didn't plan on it. Viruses weren't even discovered until 1898, some 278 years later. They had no way of knowing. That's like blaming some dude for showing up at his wedding, and learning that his ex-wife is Matron of Honor. It's horrible, but did he really have a say in it?"

Juror Eleven: "Did anyone wonder why there are no women on this jury?"

Juror Three: "Not now, Eleven! By the way, that's a smart-looking belt buckle you have there. Gucci?"

Juror Seven: "The Pilgrims ultimately cheated the Wampanoags out of much of their land and resources. The Wampanoags consider Thanksgiving to be a day of mourning, not celebration. They should get reparations."

Juror Six: "That's just business. It wasn't the Pilgrims' fault that the locals weren't great business people. Next you'll be blaming Elon Musk for ruining Twitter!"

Juror Twelve: "But the Native Americans were friendly to the Pilgrims.

They offered them peace."

Juror Six: "Only because the Wampanoags were getting their butts kicked by the Narragansetts. The Pilgrims were partly welcomed because their alliance shifted the balance of power with their rivals."

Juror Nine: "Does anyone smell gravy?"

Juror Twelve: "None of that matters. It's about the kids."

Juror Two: "I still have my construction paper Pilgrims hat. Wanna see it?"

Judge Upright: "Mr. Foreman, has the jury reached a decision?"

Juror Four: "We the jury, after careful consideration, find in favor of The Future."

Judge Upright: "You what?"

Juror Four: "Yes, Your Honor. It is the belief of this jury that we should not, must not, ignore the past. That we live in a chaotic and sometimes punishing world. That all men and women are created equal, but circumstances nearly always belie that fact. That the first act of peace is always forgiveness.

That being truly thankful for who we are, and what we have starts with the full understanding of the costs paid and the debts owed to others. That our children should know that one scene does not tell the whole story. And that it is important to hope, even if reality often disappoints us."

Judge Upright: "Thank you, jury, for your careful discernment. Was this decision unanimous?"

Juror Four: "We voted 11-0. We couldn't find Juror Five. We're pretty sure he was in the loo."

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This sign showed progress on the excavation of old Nazareth. On the right, was the setting sun Monday over Megiddo, the site for Armageddon.

ready to go.

And what a day Monday was. We began in Old Town Jaffa, believed to be the oldest port city in the world. The apostle Peter spent time here, as did Jonah, as in Jonah and the whale. We toured the Church of St. Peter and left not long after for Caesara, the capital of Judea under the Romans.

We also learned that it was the first day of the World Cup – something we saw evinced multiple times with people celebrating in the streets here.

We also learned that during excavations in Caesara, the names Pontius Pilate and Herod were found, historically documenting their time there.

From there we headed to Nazareth, Megiddo (the site for the final battle of Armageddon), Mt. Carmel and of course the Mediterranean.

Breathtaking doesn't begin to describe.

At one point I was standing on an overlook, Megiddo straight in front of me and Jerusalem a little off to the side. To

think about the coming battle that will take place at the end of days filled me with a sense of awe and wonder.

Actually, the whole day did.

At Nazareth, we walked through the Church of the Annunciation, a shrine devoted to the Virgin Mary. As if that wasn't neat

enough, underneath was an excavated area of Nazareth dating back to the time Jesus Christ walked the streets. He spent 25 years or so in Nazareth. It's not a stretch to think we could well have been looking at where the son of God walked.

The pilgrimage continues tomorrow with a trip to the Sea of Galilee, the

Golan Heights and the place where Jesus said, "On this rock I will build my church."

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