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➔ TODAY'S VERSE

John 1:1-5 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.*

➔ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Jace Melvin smiles for one of our roving photographers. Thanks for your smile, Jace! 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).

➔ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 Want to really go all out on St. Patrick's Day? Then consider a trip to New York City. According to our friends at LawnStarter, they ranked the big apple as the most Irish city in America. How did they arrive at that? They looked beyond the green bloodlines and took into account Irish pubs, dance schools and social groups. Chicago, Boston, Philly and San Francisco rounded out the top five. As far as the great Hoosier State? Indianapolis ranked 45th and Ft. Wayne 83rd.

2 The Indiana Department of Transportation announces a moving flagging operation on State Road 47 will begin on or after Wednesday, March 22, near Turkey Run State Park. This is for a road resurfacing project. These restrictions will be between U.S. 41 and about 2.5-miles west of S.R. 59, through the beginning of June, weather permitting. These restrictions will move as crews progress. Flaggers will be out directing traffic. INDOT reminds motorists to slow down, use caution and consider worker safety when traveling through a work zone.

3 Good news for those lonely couples engaged in a long-distance romance. China's Changzhou Vocational Institute of Mechatronic Technology has come up with a device that lets absent lovers to share a kiss via their cell phones, reports the Association of Mature American Citizens [AMAC]. He and she simply download the kissing app to their phones, dial up their partners and exchange a life-like smooch using silicon lips that fit into their phones' charging ports.

BTN

By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!



1,000

Benjamin Nichols, age 1, has completed the Crawfordsville District Public Library program "1000 Books Before Kindergarten". He is the son of Tyler and Mindy Nichols. Benjamin's favorite book is Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann. Mom said, "Our family loves all of the children's programs they offer for all ages. All of our kids look forward to finding new books to check out."

11th

The Indianapolis International Airport is at it again. For the 11th year in a row, Indiana's largest airport claimed the title as Best Airport in North America. And airport officials are making it clear it's their employees who are responsible for that amazing winning streak year over year – and they're looking to recruit from a variety of professional fields to hold that top position among North American airports into the next decade.

59th

The Indiana Chamber of Commerce's 59th Annual Indiana HR Conference and Expo in May offers a wide variety of in-depth workshops and sessions on critical HR challenges in 2023. Top industry services and products also will be showcased at the full market expo. The three-day program, sponsored by Frost Brown Todd, will take place May 1-3 at the Indiana Convention Center in downtown Indianapolis. The keynote on May 2 will feature Indianapolis-based home remodeler and seller Mina Starsiak Hawk from HGTV's hit series, "Good Bones."

\$10.8 billion

The unpaid care provided by the 790,000 family caregivers in Indiana is valued at \$10.8 billion, according to new state data available in the latest update to AARP's Valuing the Invaluable series. This is more than a \$1.5 billion increase in unpaid contributions since the last report was released in 2019. The report highlights the growing scope and complexity of family caregiving and highlights actions needed to address the many challenges of caring for parents, spouses, and other loved ones.



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The Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer dipped 5 points to a reading of 125 in February. Farmers' perspectives regarding both current conditions on their farms and expectations for the future also weakened. The Index of Current Conditions fell 2 points to 134 and the Index of Future Expectations declined 6 points to 121. The Ag Economy Barometer is calculated each month from 400 U.S. agricultural producers' responses to a telephone survey. This month's survey was conducted Feb. 13-17.



Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs announced on Wednesday that Crawfordsville and 20 other Indiana Main Street communities will participate in Community Transformation Workshops. The workshops will be held from March 2023 through December 2023 with the assistance of Main Street America consultants. The 21 organizations are required to participate in the workshops sponsored by OCRA's Indiana Main Street program. The two-day workshops will help programs to become or stay accredited through Main Street America. Additionally, the workshops provide services to assist the organizations to define community-informed and market-driven strategies that can direct and strengthen its revitalization efforts.

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Boys start practicing baseball today. Let's go, Gents!



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Basic weight training helps you build muscle that speeds your metabolism. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



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➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"A good friend is like a four leaf clover – hard to find, lucky to have."
– Irish Proverb

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

What did one calculus book say to the other in preparation for Pi Day?
Don't bother me. I've got my own problems!

➔ OBITUARIES

NONE

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



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Meet Mr. Muscles

My husband, Peter, is learning Spanish his own way.

I do Duolingo online. It is free. It is easy to do. The whole thing is designed like a game, and dancing animated creatures hop up and down and celebrate every time I get five answers in a row correct. This shouldn't matter to me—yet I find it deeply satisfying. Peter doesn't do any of this.

Peter learns Spanish by talking with the sandwich shop staff.

Since we started staying in our little apartment in Mexico, Jorge, the resourceful owner, has converted what used to be a storage room into a sandwich shop. The sandwich shop is not large. There is a grill and a counter with a few stools, and that is it. But they make everything from scratch, and it is very good. Peter takes his long morning hike and stops by the sandwich shop, just inside the hotel, on his way back. He orders lunch.

Ten minutes later, either Eduardo or Miriam, the employees of the sandwich shop, knock on the door. Sometimes Miriam is accompanied by her small son, Santiago. Peter's lunch arrives on a plate, and he pays for it, along with a generous tip. There is usually enough for two lunches, so he puts the leftovers in the refrigerator, and he's all set for the next day.

I recently pointed out the obvious to Peter. "You are getting very spoiled."

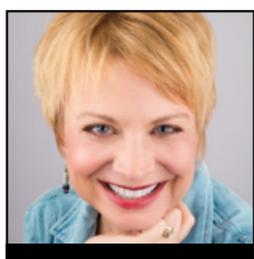
He does not argue. But in addition to getting a delicious lunch, Peter is working to improve his Spanish, and Miriam and Eduardo are eager to assist. The problem is that Peter has decided to forgo the usual "How are you? I am fine" first steps in language acquisition and jump right into real conversations. This has not always been successful.

"They were laughing like crazy at me!" Peter announced, not for the first time.

"What did you say?" I asked, a little afraid.

"I was trying to ask if Miriam and Eduardo were siblings. I asked them if they were hermosos."

"They were laughing because you asked them



CARRIE CLASON
The Postscript

if they were beautiful."

"Oh! I meant hermanos!"

"Yes, that would be different."

Miriam and Eduardo (and the rest of the staff) were still laughing about this when I left later in the day. I assured them that we thought they were all beautiful. A couple of days later, Peter came up from ordering lunch and reported that he'd done it again.

"Oh, boy! They are really laughing at me today."

"What did you say this time?" I asked.

"I tried to say 'Mr. Muscles' and they just stared at me. I said Eduardo was Mr. Muscles because he was squeezing fresh orange juice by hand. But I said it again, and they started laughing. So I wrote it out on a paper—and they started laughing even harder!"

Peter showed me the paper as evidence.

"So, why are they laughing?" I asked.

"They said it was slang—that I said, 'Show me your butt!'"

"Oh, dear."

"They are still laughing!"

Miriam and Eduardo are laughing almost every day at Peter, and I think Santiago, who is only four, may have joined in.

But, amazingly, while providing daily entertainment, Peter is picking up quite a lot of Spanish. The first rule in learning a second language is to let go of the fear of making mistakes. Mistakes are a necessary part of the process.

Peter is very fortunate. He has found teachers who will not only forgive his mistakes—they are eagerly looking forward to the next time he makes one.

Till next time,
Carrie

Carrie's memoir is "Blue Yarn." Learn more about her writing at CarrieClason.com.

The Lincoln School For Colored Children

EDITOR'S NOTE: In 1881 Crawfordsville School Trustees ordered a school be built at the southwest corner of Spring and North Walnut Streets to serve black students in grades 1-8. Once graduated, the students attended the integrated Crawfordsville High School. This site accommodated the vast majority of black families living in Crawfordsville's north end. Trustees purchased the lot in September 1881 for \$2,000. On Dec. 3, 1881, Hinckley and Norris won the contract to build the building for \$6,400. The architects designed a plain two-story red brick structure with playgrounds for all the black children who resided in that area. Lincoln School officially opened in September 1882 with 42 students. When the black population moved to the east end to work in the factories, Linclon Building 1 was renovated into Horace Mann, and Linclon Build 2 was opened on East Wabash Avenue. That building became Lincoln Rec Center and was demolished in 1981. This project began as a project historical research project to honor all those individuals who went to school in separate and unequal facilities as the law dictated.

Wycliffe (various spellings) Smith 1868/1869 – 1932
 Wycliffe Smith was born in Kentucky in approximately 1868/1869 to his inferred mother, Ellen, a housekeeper.

Nothing is known about his father.

How and why he chose Crawfordsville as his home is unknown, but once here, Wycliffe wasted no time becoming involved in the community. In March 1888, he became the newly formed Republican Lincoln Club secretary. In June 1890, he graduated from Crawfordsville High School as one of 24 graduates. He and classmate Henry L Brown were refused entry into the post-graduation celebrations because they were both Black. By August 1890, he had established himself as a poet and headed to Hoopston, Illinois, where he had secured a position in a canning factory. Little is known about his work in Hoopston, but by July 1883, he had returned to Crawfordsville and was elected a trustee of the Bethel AME Church.

By January 1894, Wycliffe had honed his debating ability. The local chapter of the Wayman Literary Club sponsored a debate centering around the question, "Is capital punishment justifiable?" Wycliffe and his partner, GA Drake, won handily. On 7 March 1894, Wycliffe and GA continued on the debate circuit. This time, the Douglas Literary Society of Danville, Illinois, debated the topic "Resolved, that a division of the Negro vote will be a benefit."

Wycliffe's life was to take a dramatic turn when in January 1898, the U.S. Steamship Maine sunk. Wycliffe chose to enlist, becoming secretary to Captain Charles (Edwin) Winter of the 161st Indiana Regiment. He served in

Jacksonville, Florida, Savannah, Georgia, and Havana, Cuba.

On 7 September 1898, Wycliffe, now a college graduate and law student, penned a letter to his sister. He shared details about the challenging weather conditions, the deplorable living situations of the locals, and that he was suffering from malaria. "It rains here every day and is very disagreeable for about an hour, then the sun comes out, and the air is filled with steam, then before night, it seems impossible to presume that it has rained for months. The mud here is spongy and like rubber; the soil is very poor. The people are impoverished and distressed; some are half-clothed, and some are starving. Their houses are poorly constructed, boarded up with coconut bark, and covered with palm leaves. The upper class is but little better. Window glass is a thing of the past. The windows are covered with iron bars and represent a jail or penitentiary. They keep their pigs, chickens, and horses in the house. No wonder there is so much sickness, for this is certainly a dirty place, and there is always an obnoxious smell. Here and there can be seen breastworks and rifle pits where the Spaniards and Cubans fought. When I am made an eyewitness to so much distress and want, I am hungry and am dying to come home and see you. We are amid coconuts, oranges, lemons, and bananas, and such fruits as these are very cheap. But meat, rice and such are very dear. Cigars are

worth three and four for five cents; they are so cheap and plentiful that men and women smoke them. I bought two poll parrots and named one Lou and the other Cora. I'm going to bring several of them home when I come. There is so much to tell that I can't tell it all now. May God bless America, the paradise of the world."

By 25 October 1898, the 161st Indiana regiment spent ten long weeks in Savannah, Georgia, after their return from Havana, Cuba. By this time, Wycliffe had earned the status of Major but was sent home ill and unable for duty. The acting chief surgeon of the Seventh Army Corps had diagnosed him with typhoid fever. Once back in Crawfordsville, Wycliffe resumed his community activities, speaking to the Booker T Washington Club. His speech graphically described his experience as a soldier in Cuba.

11 April 1900, Wycliffe decided it was time to marry. The Danville News reported, "Mr. Wycliffe Smith, Porter at the Aetna House, and Miss Louisa Gillick, 407 Harmon Avenue, sprung a surprise yesterday when they drove to Covington and were united in marriage. Both are very popular in colored society, and all wish them a happy and prosperous future". Louisa brought two daughters into the marriage, Hallie and Lorene. The couple settled into Louisa's home on Hartman Avenue in Danville, Illinois, for several years after.

Wycliffe died in October 1932.

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2023 Hyundai Palisade Three-Row Crossover Puts The Affordable In Luxury

I'm betting when you think of a luxury three-row crossover, models from Audi, Cadillac, Lincoln, Jeep, and Mercedes-Benz are front of mind. So, you may be surprised to find one of the most comfortable and stylish crossovers comes from Korea – more specifically Hyundai and its 2023 Palisade Calligraphy.

Calligraphy is the top trim in the Palisade hierarchy, which means it has the flashiest styling and biggest wheels. Its wide face is dominated by an arrangement of faceted silver pieces and what seem like thinline headlamps, but look closer and you notice the LED headlamps are contained in pods beside the grille. The thick bodysides are visually diminished by silver lower inserts and formal chrome window surrounds. Around back, angled taillamps give an upscale appearance. Place it all over 20" alloys for that flash luxury

Likes:

- Bold style
- Cossetting luxury
- Advanced safety

look.

The Palisade's interior is an art gallery that just happens to carry seven people in absolute comfort. The swaths of light woodgrain, contrasting light and dark gray heated steering wheel, and perforated ribbed leatherette on the doors are all very Zen, soothing minds like a Japanese rock garden. Aluminum finishes on the console and doors add an industrial vibe. Rub hands over sueded headliner. Nappa leather seats – heated and ventilated up front, heated in all rows behind – are as beautiful as they are comfortable.

Glassy twin infotainment screens provide easy access to gauges and devices connected to the Harman Kardon audio

Dislikes:

- Merely adequate power
- No air suspension
- Non-luxury badge

system through Apple CarPlay or Android Auto. Rear USBs and front console wireless charging provide convenience. It would take a separate guide to fully explain all of the safety systems, but include a head-up display, adaptive cruise, automatic emergency braking, and rear cross traffic alert with braking. Lane following steering, blind spot warning, and lane keep assist add capability while ultrasonic rear occupant alert and safe exit assist add protections.

There's not an abundance of power, but there's enough. Behind the glittering grille is a 3.8-liter V6 engine delivering 291 horsepower and 262 lb.-ft. of torque. It sends all of that power

2023 Hyundai Palisade Calligraphy

Seven-passenger, AWD Crossover
Powertrain: 3.8-liter V6, 8-spd trans
Output: 291/262 hp/lb.ft.
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy
Brakes f/r: disc/disc
Must-have features: Style, Luxury
Fuel economy: 19/25 mpg city/hwy
Assembly: Ulsan, Korea Base
As-tested price: \$35,550/\$52,310



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

to the all-wheel-drive system through a crisp 8-speed automatic transmission. With two to four people aboard, the big wagon feels peppy, but fully loaded with seven plus their luggage, it will be pressed. Add on the maximum 5,000 lbs. of trailer and you'll want a couple of turbos. On the plus side, fuel economy rates 19/25-MPG city/highway – pretty frugal for a large non-hybrid crossover.

Some of the luxury pretensions disappear when you hit the road. There's no air suspension

and the big wheels can thunk over bumps, but the tight steering and four-wheel independent suspension provide a balance of everyday comfort and backroad fun. You'll always remember you're driving a large vehicle, but there's nothing sloppy about the handling either. Hyundai got it mostly right.

Hyundai may not be the first name in luxury crossovers, but the Palisade Calligraphy makes a strong case for itself. It's beautiful inside and out, has a full array of safety gear, and spoils

passengers rotten with everything you expect in a \$100,000 automobile. But, this luxury crossover doesn't carry a six-figure sticker. Instead, it's about half that. The Palisade starts at \$35,550, but came to \$52,310 as-tested. Competitors include the Buick Enclave, Acura MDX, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Ford Explorer, Nissan Pathfinder, and similar Kia Telluride.

Storm Forward!

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Stem Cells And The Critical Role They Play



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
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I've been seeing some news stories recently describing stem cell therapy. This week I will describe what they are, where they come from, how they might be used to treat disease and finally, touch briefly on the social and ethical challenges surrounding their use.

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

Stem cells have a hierarchy of potency that is important in determining what they are capable of doing. Totipotent cells sit at the top of the stem cell pyramid. They have the capacity to differentiate

into any of the approximately 200 cell types in our bodies. Pluripotent cells can differentiate into nearly all cells, while multipotent cells can become only cells of a closely related family of cells. There are additional levels of potency that produce even fewer cell types.

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

Adult stem cells are found in most tissues in the body and are multipotent. They are generally able to produce all of the cell types of the particular organ where they reside. They can also be found in umbilical cord blood. These cells exist to replace and repair tissues. It is hypothesized these cells may bear responsibility for development of some cancers since they have the capacity to divide almost indefinitely, one of the hallmarks of cancer cells.

Stem cells can be removed from either embryos or various tissues of the body and then grown in laboratory tissue culture. This is a very tricky business, as stem cells naturally want to differentiate into other cells. The stem cells need to be kept in a very

specific biochemical soup to prevent them from differentiating. One of the most challenging facets of stem cell research is discovering the complex biochemical signaling that controls stem cell differentiation.

The excitement surrounding the use of stem cells arises from the potential they have to replace damaged or genetically defective cells and tissues in the body. Currently, the only stem cell treatments approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) are products that treat certain cancers and disorders of the blood and immune system.

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

There are a number of potential challenges when using embryonic stem cells. One is discovering how to program them to differentiate into the desired cell type. Stem cells can differentiate into masses of different cell types and tissues if allowed to grow on their own. If a patient receives stem cells from a human donor, there is also the risk of rejection by the recipient's immune system.

Finally, embryonic stem cell research pres-

ents social and ethical challenges in regard to obtaining stem cells from human embryos. Removing embryonic stem cells usually resulted in destruction of the entire embryo. A technique was developed in 2006 that allows the embryo to survive following stem cell removal.

More recent research has developed a methodology to produce pluripotent stem cells from fully differentiated cells. These reverse-engineered stem cells are called induced pluripotent stem cells. Scientists have taken skin cells and added various proteins to alter DNA expression to cause the mature skin cells to revert to stem cells. This discovery is very exciting and has the potential to obviate the need to use embryonic stem cells.

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

Dr. John Roberts is a retired member of the Franciscan Physician Network specializing in Family Medicine.



IDHS Encourages Hoosiers To Plan Ahead During Severe Weather Preparedness Week

Indiana is no stranger to storms. Snow and ice happen each winter, then in the summer, extreme heat can alter outdoor plans. Even though Hoosiers experience this kind of weather often, they cannot get complacent.

That is why Governor Eric J. Holcomb proclaimed March 12-18 Severe Weather Preparedness Week.

Each year, the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS) collaborates with the National Weather Service during Severe Weather Preparedness Week to remind and educate Hoosiers about seasonal severe weather threats and how to prepare effectively for them.

"This week reminds us that we all have a role in preparing for severe weather, whether we're emergency responders, community leaders or simply concerned citizens," said Emergency Management and Preparedness Director Mary Moran.

All Hoosiers should learn the best practices to

stay safe, save lives and recover from Indiana's severe weather.

IDHS encourages all families, schools and workplaces to make tornado safety plans. You can practice these plans during the statewide tornado drill at 10:15 a.m. Tuesday, March 14.

Throughout the week, IDHS will share severe weather safety tips on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Follow IDHS and use the hashtags #SevereWx and #SWPW.

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