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TODAY'S VERSE

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name.

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 Crawfordsville Mayor Todd Barton's next monthly meeting with the public, his 119th such event, is scheduled for Wednesday. The mayor began these monthly meetings after first taking office and, other than a period during COVID, has held them every month. The latest one is set for Wednesday at City Hall. It will take place from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. in the mayor's office. It is open to the public so that citizens can ask questions or discuss concerns.

2 The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is accepting applications for DUA from individuals in Allen, Benton, Clinton, Grant, Howard, Johnson, Lake, Monroe, Morgan, Owen, Sullivan, and White counties whose employment or self-employment was lost or interrupted due to severe storms, straight-line winds, and tornados between March 31, and April 1. Applications for DUA must be filed by May 22.

3 The General Assembly will have another \$1.5 billion under the latest forecast to incorporate in the two-year budget before session ends in just ten days. "Indiana is doing great, investments are showing the fruits of our labor," said Rep. Jeff Thompson, R-Lizton. "It gives more flexibility and we'll find a spot to land." Sen. Ryan Mishler, R-Mishawaka, urged caution - noting continued increases projected under Medicaid as the rate of economic growth slows from the record-breaking pace of recent years. "We're just fortunate to be in (this) position," Mishler said. "I'd rather be in that position than some of the other states that don't have those opportunities." Several other states have reported far gloomier revenue forecasts for the coming years, including a \$24 billion budget deficit in California and a \$900 million deficit in Alaska. The bulk of the updated revenue in Indiana comes from better-than-expected tax collections, specifically corporate tax returns.

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!



173 The amount of new homes coming from Arbor Homes to Crawfordsville

60 Acres

The size of the development located at 2100 Block of US 231 South in Crawfordsville.

25

Amount of years Arbor Homes has been a leading home builder in central Indiana.

2024

The year Arbor Homes estimates construction will begin.



Photo courtesy of Arbor Homes

Model house for the Maple Run sub-division in Sheridan.

\$285,000

The estimated cost of a completed home in the subdivision that will be called Hawkview.

\$13.9 Mil

Total development costs for land acquisition and utility construction.

\$200,000-\$299,000

As part of the project analysis, Arbor Homes conducted a housing market study of Crawfordsville in 2021 to determine both the need for more quality housing and the price range buyers would consider. Of the 250 respondents, 31% were searching for homes and preferred this price range.



Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:55 a.m.
SET: 8:36 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 56 °F
Low: 32 °F



Today is...

- New Kids on the Block Day
- National Pigs-in-a-Blanket Day
- World Meningitis Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1990 The Hubble Space Telescope is launched into Earth orbit.
- 1915 The Ottoman Empire begins its systematic extermination of Armenians.



Births On This Day

- 1942 Barbra Streisand American singer-songwriter
- 1982 Kelly Clarkson American singer-songwriter

Deaths On This Day

- 1731 Daniel Defoe English journalist, spy
- 1980 Alejo Carpentier Swiss/Cuban author

HONEST HOOSIER

The Library of Congress was started on this date in 1800 with \$5,000. Heck, the current folks in Congress can't even park their cars for that amount now.



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Listen to your body - If it hurts, your body is telling you to rest it. 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

"I learned this, at least, by my experiment; that if one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours."
-Henry David Thoreau

THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Say Cheese!

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 JOKE

Why are fungi good to have on road trips?
They don't take up mush room!

OBITUARIES

NONE

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



7 DAY FORECAST

49 PATCHY FROST, ISO. SHOWERS	32/56 WIDESPREAD FROST	38/61 NOT AS COOL	40/62 MAINLY CLOUDY	38/63 RAIN CHANCE	42/66 RAIN CHANCE	47/62 RAIN CHANCE
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT

3002 Suns, A Story



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

Our landlord, Jorge, loves his suns. I am sure he loves his son, Jorge Jr., as well, but I am talking about the other kind of sun.

This is why there are nearly 3,000 smiling sun faces decorating the hotel where we stay when we are in Mexico. Two more were added yesterday.

Much of the time my husband, Peter, and I are in our little apartment in Jorge's hotel, there is a team of artists working. Fabricio is the father, and usually at least two and sometimes three of his sons work with him. They paint anything that stays still long enough for them to apply paint.

Jorge sets them to work painting ceramic suns to join the nearly 3,000 already hanging in the courtyard. They paint the outside of the hotel for the Day of the Dead and other celebrations—painting over their artwork at the end of the celebration. They paint saints on palm frond mats that are hung during Holy Week. They paint images of famous wrestlers so tourists can have their photos taken with them. They paint murals in the guest rooms. Occasionally, they even touch up the banisters in the hotel, and do not seem to mind.

Yesterday, Peter and I had lunch in the hotel. Jorge has opened up a sandwich shop in the hotel but, like so much that happens in Mexico, the long-term plan remains unclear to us.

Yesterday, for instance, we had salmon.

"Jorge is serving salmon in his sandwich shop?" I asked Peter.

"Yup."

"It's not really a sandwich shop anymore, is it?"

He also had a steak and a shrimp special. Peter and I had the salmon. It was fantastic.

Then I saw Fabricio on a ladder.

"What is he doing

outside our door?" I asked aloud.

We ate. Fabricio painted. After we were through, I went upstairs. Fabricio had found room for two more suns over our door, and had roughed in the first colors.

"Oh! I love that color!" I told him.

There were two suns, side by side, and one of them was painted the blue-green color that I love. I showed him the approximately 11 to 13 bracelets I had on my wrist at the moment, all in shades of blue and green. Fabricio smiled. He kept painting.

Later in the afternoon, Fabricio had taken down his ladder. I stepped outside to see the finished project.

There were two suns: a smiling blue-green female sun with her eyes closed, and a yellow male sun with bright blue eyes—just like Peter's. I realized that none of this was by accident. Fabricio had painted the two of us, as suns, right outside our door.

"Thank you for the beautiful suns!" I told Fabricio as he was on his way out, arms full of paints and paintbrushes, paint splatters all over his T-shirt and face. "They are beautiful!"

That night, Jorge was sitting at the front desk. I told him how good the salmon was. He smiled. Then I told him that Fabricio had painted two suns—and they looked just like Peter and me!

Jorge smiled and nodded. He knew. Of course he did.

Nothing happens in this hotel that Jorge does not know about. Peter and I wander around imagining all the gentle acts of kindness that surround us somehow happen by chance.

"Gracias," I said.

I don't know if he thought I was thanking him for the salmon or the suns or the accommodations that always feel like home, or for simply creating this unique and wondrous place.

And it doesn't matter.

Till next time,
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Lawmakers Get Unexpected \$1.5B For Budget In Latest Forecast

By Whitney Downard
Indiana Capital Chronicle

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The last-minute influx of money bears several similarities to the extra \$2 billion lawmakers learned about in an April forecast during the final days of the budget-writing session in 2021. In that year, legislators resisted increasing education funding to bolster teacher salaries until the very last version of the budget.

What could change with the new forecast?

In particular, Mishler said that Senate Bill 1 was guaranteed to see an increase in funding to shore up the comprehensive mental health crisis system under 988. Whether that would include a line item or a monthly phone fee remains unclear.

"We'll talk after this meeting about the cigarette

tax, 988 (phone fees). Different things have been thrown out but this does add another option," Mishler said.

Federal law allows states to impose up to a \$1 fee on cell phone bills to fund 988, which mirrors the current \$1 fee Indiana charges for 911 call centers. The system hinges on three components: someone to call, someone to respond and somewhere to go.

In recent days, House Republicans and Senate Democrats have also proposed increasing the cigarette tax and dedicating those funds to improving Indiana's lagging health metrics.

But Senate Bill 4, which allocates more funding to local public health departments, likely won't be as lucky.

"That's more than just the funding; I think you have a lot of members who have some issues with the bill itself," Mishler said. "That'll be a tougher one, probably, to increase the funding."

Committee hearings on the latter bill stretched for hours and included misinformation on vaccines, COVID-19 and more. Indiana's public health spending is some of the lowest in the nation but opponents maintained that the bill would erode local control.

Weren't the House and Senate versions pretty different?

But where the two budget architects will meet in the final budget hasn't yet been determined – and the \$1.5 billion adds a new wrinkle to the negotiations.

Thompson and his caucus included an expansive increase in funding for vouchers combined with accelerated income tax cuts while senators prioritized paying down debt obligations and padding the state's reserves.

With the support of House Speaker Todd Huston, a longtime proponent of expanding vouchers, the House budget included

\$1.1 billion to subsidize private education for families making up to \$220,000 annually. Senators, on the other hand, kept the cap at \$154,000 for a family of four.

The House opted to roll funding for textbooks and extracurricular materials into K-12 tuition support while Mishler and his caucus created a new line item.

"(Vouchers are) always an ongoing discussion... you ask the same question every year and it's the same as it has been in the past," Mishler said. "The number one (outstanding) is always education issues."

The two versions of the budget also diverged when it came to reserve funding. The House had just over \$1 billion in reserves, split across several accounts, while the Senate tripled that to \$3.2 billion.

However, the Medicaid forecast, also updated on Wednesday, also had some increases – partially due to the "Great Unwinding" of continuous Medicaid coverage. That pandemic-era provision barred state governments from dropping anyone from coverage but also enhanced the federal payment.

In a typical year, the federal government covers 65% of Medicaid costs but under the public emergency and continuous coverage they covered 71.2% of costs – meaning Indiana will lose that extra funding.

Additionally, an analysis of Medicaid reimbursement rates, as called for repeatedly by members of the General Assembly this year, will require more monies and increasing ongoing obligations. Health care providers maintain that they must overcharge commercial insurance payers to make up for the shortfall from government insurance coverage.

Another issue yet to be decided: potential property tax relief, as proposed by Thompson in various measures.

"We've got some ideas

but we'll find out in the next couple of days," Thompson said.

Across the aisle, Rep. Ed DeLaney, D-Indianapolis, said the windfall should be directed in ways that could help Hoosiers but shared his doubt that Republicans would act. Early this week, Democrats noted that neither spending plan for education kept up with inflation.

"After today's positive forecast, I expect we'll see a renewed effort by House Republicans to enact a vast expansion of private school vouchers, accounting tricks to tuck away this surplus and limited interest in providing homeowners with meaningful property tax relief. Put plainly, there's no long-term strategy on the part of Republican lawmakers," DeLaney said in a statement.

Rather than pouring continued funds into economic development in a bid to compete with the "powerhouses" of Texas and New York when attracting businesses, DeLaney proposed shifting the attention to education.

"Let's get back to doing what Indiana does best – supporting our great colleges, universities and schools. We can lower tuition, help families and limit student debt," DeLaney said.

Legislators must finish drafting the budget before April 29, when they are due to sine die. Following the forecast, members will continue to finalize details behind closed doors before introducing the final version and approving it next week.

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Affordable, Future-Tech 2023 Nissan Leaf EV Deserves A Second Look

I have to admit I didn't give this second-generation Nissan Leaf EV a fair shake. I went to the media preview of the first-generation Leaf a decade ago and was impressed with the effort, but a wobbly oddly-styled compact that could only go 75 miles on a charge wasn't going to lure many out of their hybrids at a premium price for the pleasure. When the second generation debuted, it was a more solid car, but still posting range far below Tesla and Chevy. With greater range and styling tweaks, the deliciously affordable 2023 Nissan Leaf deserves a second look.

If reactions from my 17- and 20-year-old nephews are any indication, styling is spot-on. It has a bit of future-tech '80s vibe with the front aero panel, tall crossover proportions, and black crosshatch 17" wheels, but cues like the boomerang rear lamps, floating roof, and outline of Nissan's trademark V-Motion "grille" connect to its greater family. Squinty LED headlamps

Likes:

- Affordable price
- Rapid acceleration
- Spacious interior

and accentuated lower body moldings give it attitude.

That tall techy exterior encloses a roomy airy cabin that comfortably seats four passengers with a deep well of luggage through the hatch. Flip down the rear seats for bicycles and camping gear. Up front, supportive cloth seats face a lot of hard plastic, but the intuitive touchscreen channels audio, navigation, and phone while retaining proper volume and tuning knobs. Phones connect via Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Heated front seats and steering wheel add comfort, but are also more energy efficient than a blower.

Compared to some EVs, the dashboard is a little underwhelming. There's a reconfigurable flatscreen

Dislikes:

- Dated dashboard
- Base range
- Slow charging

portion that shows energy use and range plus a speedometer if you want it, but the main speedometer has an actual dial – no glassy flatscreen. The touchscreen works well, but seems a generation behind. I do like the drive selector orb in the console and there's a full roster of safety tech that includes adaptive cruise with lane tracing, automatic emergency braking, rear cross traffic alert with auto brake, and blind spot warning.

Styling promises an advanced powertrain the Leaf mostly delivers. If you're looking to rip off 3-second 0-60 blasts, look elsewhere, but the Leaf's 214 horsepower is plenty to squirm the front wheels and accelerate briskly onto the freeway. Base models

2023 Cadillac CT4 Premium Luxury

2023 Nissan Leaf SV Plus
Five-passenger, FWD Hatchback
Powertrain: Li-Ion batteries/motors
Output: 214hp/250 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Ind/Torsion beam
Wheels f/r: 17"/17" alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
Driving range: 212 miles
0-60 mph: 6.5s
Recharge (DC Fast, 80%): 45m
Economy (comb): 109 mpg-e
Assembly: Smyrna, TN
Base/as-tested price: \$28,040/36,985

have 149 miles range, but our SV Plus extends to 212 miles – a fully usable range for a car that will rarely travel beyond city limits. In a world where Kia and Hyundai charge to 80% in 20 minutes, the Leaf requires a lengthy 45 minutes on a DC fast charger and 11 hours to fully recharge on a 240v home or public charger.

While I had the car, my family traveled to my parents' house an hour away for Easter dinner. The car had no problem making

the round-trip, but range diminished much more quickly while hammering the left lane. If you want to travel over 200 miles, I admonish you to drive gently. That said, the Leaf was smooth, quiet, and plenty roomy for my family on the highway, but it also made a surprisingly good city car with its compact footprint and one-pedal driving mode that immediately enacts regenerative braking upon lifting from the accelerator.



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

If you're looking for an affordable EV, the Nissan Leaf definitely deserves a second look. Sure, some of the interior materials are low rent, but everything looks and functions well – especially given a super affordable base price of \$28,040 or \$36,985 as-tested. Since it is built in Smyrna, Tennessee, the car will be eligible for the full \$7,500 federal incentive. At under \$21,000, the Leaf is an epic steal! Storm Forward!

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Victims' Rights Awareness Week Puts Focus On Survivors

The Indiana Criminal Justice (ICJI) is observing National Crime Victims' Rights Week from April 23-29.

According to a report from the Bureau of Justice Statistics, in 2021, there were more than 4.6 million violent victimizations and 11.7 million property crimes, the latest year for which such information is available. From 2017-2019, Indiana was among the states with higher rates of property crimes than the national average.

"As a society, we must understand that victims of crime have already been through so much, and they deserve our full support and attention," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "We must listen to them, respect their rights, and ensure they have access to the resources they need to heal and move forward. It's not just about holding offenders accountable, but also about empowering victims and giving them a voice in the criminal justice system and beyond."

The federal Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) leads communities throughout the country in their annual observances of National Crime Victims' Rights Week by raising awareness of victims' rights and honoring crime victims and those who advocate on their behalf. This year's theme is "Survivor Voices: Elevate. Engage. Effect Change." As commemorative

vigils and events are held across the state, the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute is ramping up efforts to spread awareness about its Victim Compensation Program and other resources that exist to assist those impacted by violent crime.

"A large part of the work we do at the agency is devoted to supporting crime victims and the organizations that advocate on their behalf," said Devon McDonald, ICJI Executive Director. "We would prefer that these resources were not necessary, but it is essential for people to know that they are available in the unfortunate event that they become a victim of a crime."

Established in 1978, the state's Victim Compensation Program works to make victims and their families whole by covering certain expenses incurred as a result of a violent crime. Compensation, which typically comes in the form of reimbursement to providers, can be used to help with items such as medical bills, funeral costs and counseling services, in certain circumstances.

For instance, the crime must have occurred within the past two years, resulted in physical injury and be reported to law enforcement within 72 hours. If eligible, claimants can be reimbursed up to \$15,000 in cases involving bodily injury. If the criminal act resulted in loss of life, the family of

the victim may be eligible for an additional \$5,000 to recoup funeral and burial expenses.

In 2022, the Indiana General Assembly passed legislation, authored by State Rep. Sharon Negele (R-Attica), that expands the list of expenses eligible for compensation. The program is now able to reimburse costs associated with crime scene cleanup and the replacement of windows or door locks.

In addition to the Victim Compensation Program, ICJI also oversees the Indiana Sexual Assault Kit Tracking System. Survivors who are interested in tracking their sexual assault kits can do so by visiting on.in.gov/TrackMyKit and then entering their sexual assault kit serial number and assigned pin. The website is simple, secure and confidential, and the results are available within seconds.

Along with providing direct support to victims, ICJI also administers several state and federal grant programs to assist organizations in their efforts to provide services and support to victims and prevent violent crime.

For a list of those programs and other CJJ resources, like a brochure of sexual assault victims' rights, visit www.cji.in.gov/victim-services. For victim-centered resources on topics ranging from domestic violence to human trafficking, visit HopeAndHelpIN.org.

Causes And Treatment For Shoulder Pain, Part 1



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.
Montgomery Medicine

The next two weeks, I'd like to address shoulder pain and injuries. Most people experience shoulder pain at some point in their lives. Doctors see it in mostly in athletes and people who overuse their shoulders. We also see it in those who suffer trauma, particularly from taking a blow directly to the shoulder or by falling with their arm extended.

To understand shoulder pain, it's important to know the basic anatomy of the shoulder joint itself (see diagram of the right shoulder seen looking from the front). The shoulder is one of the most complex joints in the body. Most joints permit a limited range of motion. The unique anatomy of the shoulder joint allows for a vast range of movements. In order to allow this, it has to be more unstable compared to our other joints.

The easiest way to describe the shoulder joint is to picture a basketball resting on a dinner plate. The basketball represents the head of the humerus, the spherical top part of the upper arm bone. The plate represents the glenoid, the part of the shoulder blade (scapula) that articulates with the head of the humerus. If you imagine the basketball sliding around

on the plate, you can understand how unstable the shoulder joint is.

There are anatomic structures that help reduce this instability. One is the glenoid labrum, a rim of cartilage that runs along the edge of the glenoid. It serves to shape it into more of a shallow cup rather than a flat plate. The other structure is the rotator cuff, a juxtaposition of four tendons that attach around the head of the humerus to hold it in place. These four tendons are connected to four muscles that rotate the head of the humerus and help initiate arm movements. There are also fluid-filled bursa sacs around the joint that help cushion the movements of the tendons. As I said, it's a complex joint!

Now that you're an expert in shoulder anatomy, let's examine what can go wrong. I don't want to cover fractures since they are usually pretty obvious. I also don't have enough space to cover all shoulder injuries, so I'll need to finish up next week.

I'll start with rotator cuff injuries. These are injuries to the tendons and/or muscles that make up the rotator cuff. These structures can be inflamed, stretched, partially torn, or completely torn. An injury may damage one or more of the four tendons.

Rotator cuff injuries usually happen when someone falls on an outstretched arm. This can cause the humerus to act as a lever that puts excess force on the cuff tendons and muscles. Cuff injuries can also occur when someone falls on an elbow causing the head of the humerus to be forced out of its normal position in the glenoid. Other forces on the arm

may cause the humerus to slide around on the dinner plate (subluxation) or completely slide off the dinner plate (dislocation), both of which can cause injury to the rotator cuff. Finally, overusing one's arm, such as when forcefully throwing, can stretch or tear the cuff tendons.

Symptoms of rotator cuff injuries depend on the severity of the trauma and can be quite subtle. The shoulder may simply be achy. Some may notice severe pain when moving the shoulder in a particular direction, especially raising it in a forward or sideways direction. Others may note obvious weakness. Since the rotator cuff tendons are responsible for initiating arm movements, patients with tears may note they have trouble starting movements, especially raising the arm to the front or side.

Treatment of rotator cuff injuries depends on the type of injury as well as the age and activity level of the patient. The goal is to stabilize the joint as much as possible by rehabilitating the shoulder muscles to return the patient to maximum possible function. Young patients and athletes usually receive aggressive treatment including physical therapy and often surgery for a torn tendon. Elderly or less active patients often do fine with physical therapy alone to strengthen the cuff muscles in the shoulder.

Stay tuned next week when I'll cover shoulder dislocations, impingement, and bursitis.

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