

➤ TODAY'S VERSE

Psalm 27:1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

➤ FACES OF MONTGOMERY

People who call our community their own.



Molly, Assistant Manager at Sunflower Herbs & Vitamins offered one of our roving photographers a smile, with Sunflower's Readers' Choice Award. Thank you for your smile!

➤ THREE THINGS You Should Know:

1 From Indiana Department of Veteran Affairs; Indiana Veteran Families experiencing financial hardship can apply for \$500 per dependent child for back-to-school expenses. Students must live in a veteran's home. Children K-12 up to age 18 and Full-Time college students, up to age 23 qualify. Must provide Application, DD-214, Bank Statement, Proof of income, Proof of child's dependency, proof of child's residency. Use this link: <https://www.in.gov/dva/files/2023-BTS-app.pdf> to fill out the application.

2 The Environmental Protection Agency has denied 26 Small Refinery Exemption petitions for the Renewable Fuel Standard spanning compliance years 2016-2018 and 2021-2023, demonstrating the agency's continued commitment to ending the backlog of pending SREs. ASA applauds EPA for its continued transparent and fair assessment of SREs through more stringent hardship and economic impact requirements and appreciates efforts to uphold the integrity of the RFS. Historically, significant SRE approvals without clear and consistent metrics for evaluation created vast market uncertainty and undermined the intent of the RFS, creating a challenging environment for continued growth in the biomass-based diesel industry.

3 Town of New Richmond is having a Special Meeting on July 19, 2023 at 5p.m. at the New Richmond Town Hall.

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Luke Rice having a day at the Zoo!



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Rice showing his winning smile.

Meet Luke Rice, A Local We Are Trying To Help

Luke was born with a heart defect and had open heart surgery at 7 days old. At the age of 6 months old development delays were apparent and he was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. The development specialist we were seeing at that time wanted to do genetic testing and the results showed Luke has a unique and rare chromosome deletion identified as 1Q4 Chromosomal Deletion. He is a happy 15-year-old boy who is non-verbal with a sweet and happy spirit. Luke enjoys

wearing hats and watching people.

As Luke is growing into a teenager, his muscle tone is getting tighter due to the cerebral palsy spastic muscle tone he has. He is about 92 lbs. and 5 feet tall. We started Botox injections treatments into his hamstrings and are doing physical therapy to help with his muscle tone. The bike would be a good way to exercise his legs. Luke is not able to walk long distances. He does wear orthotics which help support

his legs.

He attends a special education life skills class at Crawfordsville Middle School and will be an eighth grader this coming school year.

Crawfordsville Kiwanis is raising money to fund a special tricycle for Luke to use. Won't you please help out? You can participate through our GoFundMe page at <https://gofund.me/60847247> or by sending a check to Crawfordsville Kiwanis, PO Box 611, Crawfordsville, IN 47933



Photos courtesy of Athens Arts

Two examples of Tom Slack's work.

Notable Indiana Portrait & Landscape Painter Brings "Sand And Sea"

Tom Slack is an acclaimed Indiana artist who resides in Greenwood. In addition to maintaining a popular blog about the painting life, Slack shows widely in all kinds of venues, has won numerous prizes, and is especially noted for his portrait and landscape commissions. This will be Slack's first exhibition in our region. Don't miss this chance to see this gifted Indiana painter here in Montgomery County starting on July 20.

Opening on Thursday and continuing through September 9, Slack's exhibition "Sea and Sand" is proudly brought to downtown Crawfordsville by

Athens Arts. Athens Arts is located at 216 E. Main Street (across from Little Mexico) and visitors may see the show anytime between 10-6 Thursday and Friday or 10-2 on Saturdays. Athens Arts is free and open to the public. An Opening Reception for Tom Slack's "Sea and Sand" will be held on Friday, July 28 from 6-8. The public is warmly invited to see the work, meet the artist, enjoy light refreshments, and hear local guitarist Rick Pack play.

Tom Slack holds a BA in painting and drawing. That sounds modest enough

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Hey Mom, It's The Fuller Brush Man!



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Who was that knocking on the door in the 1950s and 1960s? Well, it's a good bet that the little fellow dressed in a suit and tie was your friendly door-to-door salesman, and Lord knows

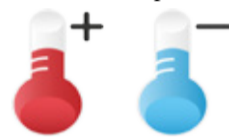
there were at least two or three at our house every month of the year! I'll wager many of you can remember those times when door-to-door salesmen were common.

The salesman who I remember showing up the most was the Fuller Brush man. He was a tiny little fellow, had his hair slicked back, and wore a suit and bowtie...perhaps the father of Pee Wee Herman. He carried a large briefcase, and usually had a couple of larger items under one arm. He was always very friendly, but also

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The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 6:32 a.m.
SET: 9:15 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 83 °F
Low: 61 °F



Today is...

- National Sour Candy Day
- Nelson Mandela International Day
- World Listening Day



What Happened On This Day

- 2013 Government of Detroit declares bankruptcy. The city, which was up to \$20 billion in debt, became the largest municipal entity in the United States to declare bankruptcy.
- 1968 Intel is founded. Founded in Santa Clara, California, the Intel corporation is the world's largest semiconductor chip manufacturer.
- 1870 The first Vatican Council, also known as Vatican I, decrees the doctrine of Papal infallibility.

Births On This Day

- 1921 John Glenn American astronaut, politician
- 1918 Nelson Mandela South African politician, President of South Africa, Nobel Prize laureate

Deaths On This Day

- 1817 Jane Austen English author
- 1792 John Paul Jones American navy commander

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➤ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Regular physical activity keeps the mind sharper. Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Paper and online at www.thepaper24-7.com.



➤ OBITUARIES

Helen "Lavonne" (Wolf) Bridwell

The Paper appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank **Diane Thompson** for subscribing!



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➤ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Crawfordsville Community Schools Registration Now Open

C-ville Community Schools are now open for registration. Be sure to look for the emails in your inboxes that will have the Snapcode required for the registration process on the schools' website. Snapcodes are unique each year and are linked to each student's personal information. For reasons of privacy and security Crawfordsville Community School Corporation has chosen to be the only ones to handout snapcodes. The school included your student's snapcode (15 characters) on their original correspondence with you, giving directions on how to fill out your Registration. If you have misplaced or did not receive the student's snapcode, please contact your school directly to obtain it.

➤ TODAY'S QUOTE

"I am only an average man, but by George, I work harder at it than the average man."
-Theodore Roosevelt

➤ TODAY'S JOKE

Remember the good old days when your money used to run out before your energy did?

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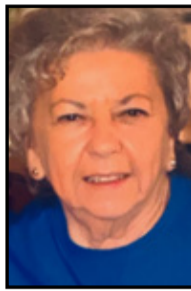
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OBITUARIES

Helen "Lavonne" (Wolf) Bridwell

October 4, 1933, Friday, July 14, 2023

Helen "Lavonne" (Wolf) Bridwell, age 89 of Linden, passed away on Friday, July 14, 2023 at Wellbrooke of Crawfordsville. She was born in Romney on October 4, 1933 to the late Marion & Minnie (Deacon) Wolf.



Lavonne graduated from Romney High School in 1951. She was an executive assistant at Alcoa in Lafayette for 30 years before retiring. She enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, crocheting, playing her organ, playing scrabble on her computer, and spending time at the lake house.

On October 17, 1957 she married the love of her life, Max Bridwell, he survives. She also leaves behind a brother, David Wolf of Mulberry; a sister, Vicki Sherwin of Colorado; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Richard Wolf and Bill Wolf; and two sisters, Judy Reamer and Beverly Switzer.

There will be a Graveside service on Friday, July 21, 2023 at 2:00 pm at the Oak Hill Cemetery Mausoleum, 392 Oak Hill Road, in Crawfordsville. In lieu of flowers, memorials donations may be given in her memory to the Animal Welfare League of Montgomery County, 1104 Big 4 Arch Rd, Crawfordsville, IN 47933. Sanders Priebe Funeral Care entrusted with care. Share memories and condolences online at www.SandersFuneralCare.com.

First Place Team Commands Strong Lead Over Other Teams

Our Senior Golfers hit the links again and this time the first place team of Denny Priest, Joe Noble, Greg Rister and John Welliever finished with a strong lead of 14-under-par. The second place team of Jim Long, Gary Duncan, John Stull and Jack Foos trailed behind three-strokes with a score of 11-under-par. Right on the second place team's heels with a score

of ten-under-par is the third place team of Dave Hart, Greg Simpson, Jim Lee and Ron Stewart.

Proxys this week were won by Hart and Les Clardy on holes one and ten, respectively. Longest drive of a golfer 80-years old or older was awarded to Bill Boone.

Let's congratulate our senior golfers on another amazing outing!

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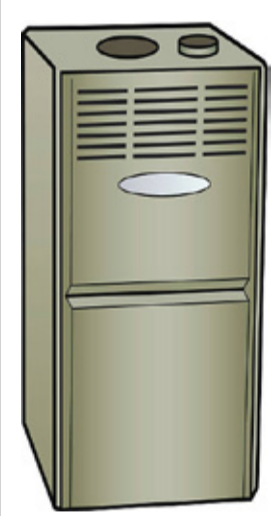
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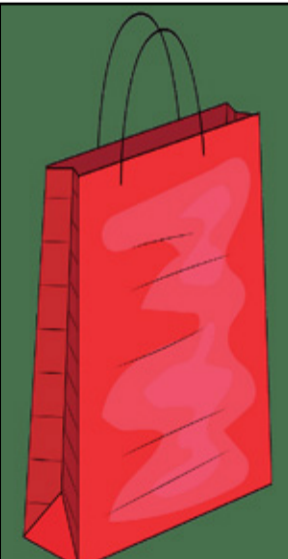
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After A Half Century, An Amicable Divorce For IUPUI



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

For the past half-century, the state's two Big 10 universities shared the Indianapolis market with a

Frankenstein approach that yielded "IUPUI." Last month, Indiana and Purdue universities participated in a cordial divorce, with the two universities going their separate ways, albeit while preparing to live across the street from each other (better for the kids).

Former Purdue President Mitch Daniels credits IU President Pamela Whitten for creating this new paradigm. "I had thought for a very long time, even before I got to Purdue, there might be some better configuration of the campus downtown than what we had," Daniels explained from his office at the Liberty Fund in Carmel. "It served us well, but it was a treaty at the inception."

That occurred in 1969 when, at the behest of new Indianapolis Mayor Richard Lugar, a new urban university was forged, albeit with the two universities protecting turf and legacy. Daniels joined the Lugar administration in 1971. "I was close enough to hear the stories. The original idea that Mayor Lugar had was an urban university of Indianapolis," Daniels explained. "Purdue and IU were not interested in that new rival. So out of that, and I always described it as a treaty, they gave birth to IUPUI."

"But I had thought for a long time, and I was hardly the only one, there might be a better way forward. There is also a lot of interest in the central Indiana community to a genuine, R-1 tech presence, which IUPUI did not represent. There was some good quality faculty and some research was happening there, but not the kind the city needed. The Battelle Study found

us to be the biggest city in the nation that didn't have a genuine R1 university. "

That Battelle report released in 2015 observed: "For continued success, Indianapolis needs to take more strategic advantage of the strong concentration of talent in its urban core, leading to a nationally competitive range of opportunities for regional growth and innovation in life sciences, information technology, agricultural innovation, advanced manufacturing, and other 'advanced industries.'"

BioCrossroads CEO David L. Johnson added, "Our ability to compete on a global level requires two factors — talent and innovation. Talent begets innovation, but it also needs a physical hub to thrive — and we really don't have that place here yet."

Daniels took the helm at Purdue in 2013 after two terms as Indiana governor. "I had tried the idea on the IU administration more than once and there was just not interest," Daniels said. "But when Pam Whitten was chosen, we spoke right away and I congratulated her. We got together very shortly after she had been named and after the pleasantries, the first thing I asked her was, 'Would you be willing to consider doing something different in Indianapolis where we have this thing called IUPUI?' And Pam said, as many had before her, 'Yeah, what the heck is that?'"

"It was always confusing to people," Daniels said of the joint campus that prompted the early derisive phonic "OoeyPooey." "I give her full credit. She was open to the idea and then her board was open to the idea and off we went."

So this was two years in the making?

"Yes," Daniels responded. "Tons of back and forth, trying to make certain what we came up with was beneficial to both schools and to the community. At Purdue, we opted ... this is not a regional campus. It will be fully a

part of Purdue University. The faculty here will be fully part of the engineering, computer science, perhaps other faculties up there. Their work will be integrated. I'm very hopeful it will give us a new option for students. We've been turning away some tremendously qualified applicants at Purdue, principally from other states, even after 30% growth.

"I think IU will have a clearer definition around health care and so forth, as is their focus," Daniels said. "I'm sure they'll do some imaginative things, too, that were just unlikely to happen under the old structure."

Gov. Eric Holcomb told me in June that Whitten and the IU Board of Trustees decision to rethink the Indy campus was nothing short of "courageous."

When this amicable divorce was signed in June, both current university presidents were ecstatic. "IU's goal is nothing short of building one of the nation's pre-eminent urban research universities, one defined by students transformed, discoveries made and communities strengthened," Whitten said.

Purdue President Mung Chiang, added, "Today's announcement launches transformative growth for our state's land grant university. New opportunities for Purdue University in Indianapolis are limitless."

Daniels called it a "great brain gain of possibility" in a state that has been battling "brain drain" for years as a significant percentage of IU and Purdue graduates got their diplomas and headed for the coasts.

"Imagine some outstanding electrical engineer from Oregon who comes down and works in one of the IT startup companies here, or works for Salesforce or Lilly's IT department to capture that talent in the future," Daniels explained.

-Brian Howey is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

Shark Population In Regard To Shark Incidents

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: You hear a lot about shark sightings and attacks nowadays; does this mean that sharks are more abundant than ever and doing well overall—or the opposite?

It's tough to accurately document shark sightings, but shark attacks are documented every year. There are two classifications of shark bites: provoked and unprovoked. Provoked bites occur after a person has initiated interaction with the shark, like attempting to touch or feed it. But, according to Gavin Naylor, director of the Florida Program for Shark Research, "Unprovoked bites give us significantly more insight into the biology and behavior of sharks. Changing the environment such that sharks are drawn to the area in search of their natural food source might prompt them to bite humans when they otherwise wouldn't."

Globally, unprovoked attacks in 2022 were 57. In 2021, there were 73. During the pandemic, many beaches shut down, but looking at the years preceding 2020, we can more accurately deduce changes in shark attack frequency. Using data from The University of Florida's International Shark Attack File, the average number of annual unprovoked attacks from 2015 to 2019 was 79.4. Comparing this to 2022,

it can be seen that the frequency of shark attacks has not risen significantly, if at all, in the past few years.

In spite of this, due to increasing ocean temperatures sharks are more inclined to travel into coastal waters where tourist activity is common. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, these waters are typically cooler than waters offshore. Warmer waters have higher concentrations of chlorophyll which attracts plankton growth. Many species of fish, rays and crabs feed on plankton. As ocean temperatures rise, northern and coastal waters grow warmer, attracting plankton, fish and other shark bait prey. As a result, sharks are more attracted to these regions than before.

Although the number of unprovoked shark attacks around the world has not increased, regions along the United States' East Coast have seen upticks in shark incidents. In 2022, there were eight shark attacks in New York after three consecutive years of zero cases. In 2021, Florida experienced 28 shark attacks following a three-year-average of 17.67 annual incidents. Because of these increases, there may be more media coverage on shark attacks, leading people to believe that there are more sharks overall.

Though shark sightings may be becoming more

frequent, shark numbers are dwindling. Many shark species are struggling in their native coral reefs and marine ecosystems. According to the journal Science, "Five of the most common reef shark species have experienced a decline of up to 73 percent." In addition, The Washington Post states that "a third of all sharks, rays and related species are at risk of going extinct." As a result, scientists are concerned that species lower on the food chain will overpopulate without the presence of sharks as natural predators.

Humans are responsible for many factors that may be causing a decline in shark populations. Overfishing deprives sharks of one of their primary food sources. Millions of sharks get entangled in fishing nets and longlines every year. Plus, some 73 million sharks are killed for the shark fin and meat industry.

CONTACTS: The ocean phenomenon that's bringing sharks closer to shore, wral.com/story/the-ocean-phenomenon-that-s-bringing-sharks-closer-to-shore/20394126/; Widespread diversity deficits of coral reef sharks and rays, science.org/doi/10.1126/science.ade4884.

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Learnin' The Ropes



Slim Randles
Home Country

Steve, the tall cowboy of us philosophy types, was riding a young horse through town the other day to get him used to "boogers."

To gentle a horse, he explained, you give them something to booger at, and then talk them out of it. You keep coming up with new boogers and calming the horse until screaming fire engines and jet exhaust are no problem at all.

He rode up to the Campbell house and saw Anita, Dud's wife, shaking out a throw rug. The young horse began blowing nuclear snot all over the front yard and his eyes bugged out.

"Anita," Steve said, "would you mind coming over here with that rug for a minute?"

She walked slowly up to the young horse, who was crouched in the starting blocks preparing for an elliptical orbit around the sun.

"I don't want to frighten him," Anita said.

"That's why I'm here, actually," Steve said.

"Would you let him smell the rug?"

She carefully and slowly held the rug up to where

the colt could sniff it. He sniffed and snorted, sniffed and snorted ... then sniffed, and sniffed. Then he eyed it carefully and touched it with his nose.

"If you wouldn't mind," Steve said, running his hand along the horse's neck, "could you back up about three steps and then start wiggling it?"

She backed up and gently wiggled the rug. Snort, snort, legs in starting blocks. Ready to booger.

"That's it," Steve said, calmly, rubbing the horse's neck. "Now shake it a little harder."

More snorts. More rubbing. "Now shake it really hard."

It took the best part of a minute before the horse calmed down and just watched Anita with curiosity instead of fear.

"Thanks, Anita," Steve said. "You've helped a lot."

She looked up at him. "But why did you want me to shake a rug at him, Steve?"

And Steve grinned and said, "I'm thinking about getting him a job in a carpet cleaning business and I want him to learn the ropes."

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as a starting point for this award-winning professional artist with over 25 years of experience being represented in galleries, doing commissions, and teaching art classes and workshops. What sets Slack apart and makes his work so sought after (He does portrait and landscape commissions throughout the US, Great Britain, and Japan.) is his attention to the human figure in natural settings. Since the late '90s Tom Slack has had one-person shows in over 20 galleries and other venues such as the Hilbert Circle Theatre in Indianapolis. His work has been in many more juried shows and group exhibitions. He is sought after as a judge for juried art shows.

To take a look at Slack's portrait gallery online is to get a strong sense of why his work is so highly regarded. Seeing the 16 faces represented is like walking into a room of the most vibrant people you think you must already know. Whether we look upon a serene woman's sunlit face under a straw hat or at an elegant grandmother smiling "straight into the camera,"; or, at a hard-bitten country woman with ruddy cheeks and sun-squinted eyes, or a socialite with high cheekbones, her chin resting in her elegant hand, you've met these people before. That teenager with a blonde mane of hair is maybe the daughter of the serious man holding his cello. This effect is arresting. Because the portraits are so alive and full of light, the people portrayed seem to be guests at the very best party where they are being entertained by "The Balladeers," a couple in sunglasses belting out tunes at a summer festi-

val. Can you hear them? Strong artists do magic the rest of us can only marvel at. Tom Slack gives us a clue to his signature technique for both landscapes and people: "Whenever we look at anything we are drawn to what glows versus what is flat. The shiny reflections in wet roads, sunlight through flower petals, the highlighted colors that are more easily seen and the halo on an edge of a silhouette are all examples of 'glow.'" Rather than concentrate on the actual objects, I create a feeling or atmosphere and then work the representation of the items in afterwards. I have attempted to portray this 'glow' in my paintings."

This is a talent, rarely achieved, especially when applied to the human face and to landscapes too. Imagine having your 'glow' painted by an artist who sees your light before he sees your features or sees the actual things that surround you.

For this show Slack brings to Athens Arts a wonderful collection of full length human figures in bathing suits and shorts at play along ocean beaches. To see these oil paintings is to be transported to the shore with its immensity of horizon, sky, and sea. The wash of waves becomes audible as you look at the fisherman in "Casting" and watch the guy in shorts and ball cap rear back to throw his line out: underfoot the grit of sugar sand. You too breathe in the sting of salt.

Don't miss the chance to see this evocative, expert work. "Sea and Sand" will remind you you're alive. Slack's work will be for sale. All exhibitions and receptions at Athens Arts are free and open to the public.

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very persuasive, especially if my mother was the only one home and my Dad was working in the field or had gone to town. Of course, back in those days most women stayed at home, taking care of the household duties and raising the kids. The Fuller Brush fellow had all sorts of brushes for personal use and for cleaning, and Mom was a "soft touch." She just couldn't say no.

There were many other door-to-door salesmen who made regular visits to our house. The Encyclopedia Britannica salesman showed up constantly, even after Mom had turned him down several times. Encyclopedia Britannica was expensive, and Mom became disgusted with that pushy salesman, finally telling him not to show up again. Well, that didn't work, so the next time he showed up, Dad happened to be home and met him at the door. He informed the salesman in no uncertain language that he had exactly one minute to leave our driveway! That salesman never showed his face again, but Mom couldn't resist the next encyclopedia salesman... and we owned a new set of World Book encyclopedia in 1961. I will admit that they were quite handy for school assignments.

Another salesman who was successful was the Electrolux sweeper guy. There had already been salesmen trying to sell their vacuums...I think the Hoover and Kirby brands, but my mother had always wanted an Electrolux. One afternoon, the Electrolux guy showed up, carrying a vacuum and attachments. He was quite the salesman, as he demonstrated the sweeper by throwing some dust or dirt on the floor and sweeping it up...and soon Mom owned her first Electrolux sweeper. If I remember correctly, that was the same week she bought a gigantic Bible from another salesman. I think she was hoping that God would forgive her for spending too much for the Electrolux.

Some of the other salesmen who showed up peddled Tupperware, Avon cosmetics, pots and pans, magazines, women's clothing, and other various products. They were very persuasive, and Mom just could not resist. One time a salesman knocked on the door, and Mom told me to tell him that she was not home... so that's what I did, "My Mom told me to tell you that she's not home." Oh well....

Through the years, many women entered the workforce to supplement the family's income. The salesmen knocked on doors, but the housewives were at work. The emergence of large discount stores which carried a large selection of just about everything a person might need, at much lower costs, also spelled the doom of the door-to-door salesman. In the 1970s, women sold Tupperware and Avon, along with other products, to their friends, relatives, and neighbors at "parties" sponsored by the companies and district representatives. There are very few door-to-door salesmen today. Many people, especially in large metropolitan areas, simply will not open their doors to anyone because of the number of shady people and the amount of crime that takes place today. The Fuller Brush company filed for bankruptcy many years ago, and I believe most encyclopedias today are digital. Although many people still enjoy shopping in brick and mortar stores, a large percentage of sales now is done through the Internet. There are still a few door-to-door salesmen today...for instance the Schwan's man, but most are just a memory of times gone by...a part of the good ol' days we will likely never see again.

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