⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

Philippians 4:4-8 "Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." (KJV)

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THREE THINGS You Should Know:

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The Arts Federation (TAF) is looking to hire a full-time Programs Officer to oversee its nationally regarded programs and exhibition series. TAF's work is centered around increasing inclusivity, diversity, equity, and access and these values permeate through every facet of the organization's culture.



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neous 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!

\$2.7 Million

ICHE awards \$2.7 million to ICI and CELL to expand STEM Teach initiative for high school educators

12,200 Jobs

Private sector employment in Indiana increased by 12,200 jobs over the last month, resulting in a gain of 52,900 jobs from this time last year. Indiana's July private employment stands at 2,847,200, making this Indiana's new private sector employment peak. Industries that experienced job increases in July included:

\$6 Billion

U.S. Senators Todd Young (R-Ind.), Tim Scott (R-S.C.), and a group of Republican colleagues sent a letter to the Biden Administration demanding answers regarding the approximately \$6 billion the Administration released to Iran in exchange for American prisoners.

23 Percent

Permanent ink is getting a lot less permanent, according to a new study 1 in 4 adults admit to having tattoo regret in 2023. The report found 23% plan on getting their tattoos removed in the future. With the forearm, bicep, chest, and shoulder being the most regrettable parts of the body to tattoo.

100 Years Of Operation

"Farming is not an easy job, and to maintain a farm for 100 years or more in the same family is a remarkable achievement," said Baird, vice chair of the House Agriculture and Rural Development Committee. "These families are truly deserving of this recognition." The Coltrain/McNabb Farm, in operation since 1840, received centennial and sesquicentennial awards, and the McBee Farm, in operation since 1873, received the sesquicentennial award.

600

More than 600 Indiana students started the new school year on Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Indiana Connections Career Academy, a tuition-free fulltime public virtual school serving students statewide in grades 6 – 12. Indiana Connections Career Academy provides students a safe. engaging environment that offers STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) and career-focused courses to offer specific skill development and career exposure.

\$33 Billion

During Brad Chambers tenure as the Secretary of Commerce, the IEDC secured more than \$33 billion of committed capital investments, including an unprecedented \$22.2 billion last year alone with average wages 30 percent higher than anytime in IEDC history.

1.200 Consumers

Consumers who report they are most satisfied with their food consumption also spend the lowest share of their incomes on food, according to the latest Consumer Food Insights Report. The survey-based report out of Purdue University's Center for Food Demand Analysis and Sustainability (CFDAS) assesses food spending, consumer satisfaction and values, support of agricultural and food policies, and trust in information sources. Purdue experts conducted and evaluated the survey, which included 1,200 consumers across the U.S.

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset RISE: 7:03 a.m. SET: 8:37 p.m.

> High/Low Temperatures High: 92 °F Low: 73 °F



Today is...

- National Senior Citizens Day
- Stay Home with Your Kids Day
 - Poets Day

What Happened On This Day

• 1991 Latvia gains full independence from the Soviet Union. Founded in 1918, the Republic of Latvia was fully incorporated as a Soviet republic after the Second World

War. Independence for the Baltic state was achieved after a peaceful revolution known as the Singing Revolution, which began in Estonia.

- 1911 The Mona Lisa is stolen. The famed Leonardo da Vinci painting was stolen by a Louvre employee. It was recovered 2 years later in Italy.
- 1879 Oldsmobile is founded by Ransom Eli Olds of Olds Motor Works. The popular brand of car was first manufactured in Lansing, Michigan. The company was purchased by GM in 1908 and closed its doors in 2004.

Births On This Day1986 Usain Bolt Jamaican sprinter

• 1936 Wilt Chamberlain American basketball player

Deaths On This Day

- 1993 Tatiana Troyanos American soprano
- 1940 Leon Trotsky Russian theorist, politician, founded the Red Army

⇒ HONEST HOOSIER

🗢 TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

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Water exercises are very helpful for

Today's health tip was brought to you

by Dr. John Roberts. Catch his column

each week in The Paper and online at

people with back and joint pain.

Is it just me, or are antique stores a lot more fun to shop in than they used to be?



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⇒ THE MONTGOMERY MINUTE

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⇒ TODAY'S QUOTE

"Either write something worth reading, or do something worth writing." Benjamin Franklin

⇒ TODAY'S JOKE

What do sprinters eat before a race? Nothing. They fast.

OBITUARIES NONE



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87-Year-Old Wins Long Drive

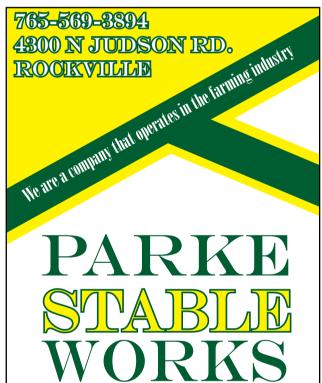
The team of Steve Hoagland, Dale Wilson, Terry Powell and Lou Mason won the weekly Senior Golf outing with a sizzling 12-under-par.

That was three shots better than Shawn Grady, Terry Reed, John Stull and Mike Dozier's 9-under. In third at -7 was Bill Boone, Jay Furnia, Steve Snyder, Jack Foos and Joe Irwin.

Hoagland and Reed got proxys. And 87-year-old Dick Baker won the long drive for those 80 and older.







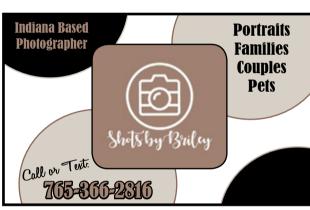














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Your monetary support is vital in keeping the gallery open for local artists to share their talents, sell their art, and bring visual arts to the community. We thank you! For this special exhibition, we would like to extend the opportunity for you to be pART of the [untitled]3 celebration! Athens looks forward to allowing you to choose the award winner within levels. Athens Arts' board and artists appreciate your continued support. This prize money will go a

long way to celebrate the artists! Kindly fill out this form and return to be received no later than September 6, 2023. Name: Address: Phone: Email: Amount of award donation*: _\$35* ____ ___\$50* ___ ____\$100 _____\$250 ___ *Donations may be combined with other awards - award would be listed as: award given by ZXY company and CBA family PLEASE PRINT 1. How business/individual to be listed on the program: 2. Is this in honor or memory of someone? **HONOR of:** MEMORY of: 3. (circle) YES NO

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2024 Buick Enclave Finds Presidential Luxury At Wright-Patterson Air Force Base

I'm the kind of guy who likes a luxury car, but doesn't feel the need to scream with a glitzy badge. Don't get me wrong, I enjoy vehicles like the Cadillac XT6 three-row crossover, but sometimes it's nice to arrive elegantly without throwing down. That's where the 2024 Buick Enclave Avenir comes in. Avenir is to Buick what Denali is to GMC: Legit American luxury with none of the drama.

So, where does one take such a conveyance to experience the height of American luxury travel? Wright Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio for a start. Because, why? The museum houses "Air Force One" airplanes used by Presidents Roosevelt through both Bushes. stuff among hundreds of airplanes like a B2 stealth bomber, SR-71 Blackbird, and Memphis Belle. Fortunately, the base is only

two hours away. The Enclave shares its architecture and technology with the Cadillac XT6, but trades ostentation for understated comfort. Sure, the softer leather is diamond-stitched, wood looks carved from real timber, and the leather-wrapped steering wheel is heated. Front seats are heated, ventilated, and massage too. Rear captain's chairs are heated and everybody stays comfortable with tri-zone automatic climate control under a dual-pane sunroof.

There's more to indulge. Crank up the crisp Bose audio system and connect devices via Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Charge wirelessly too. I'd like to have a proper tuning knob to go with volume, but the touchscreen is super intuitive with icons for audio, phone, and navigation. I liked the push-button gear selector and head-up display too. Safety is serious business given automatic emergency braking, lane keep assist, blind spot

2024 Buick Enclave Avenir Sevenpassenger, AWD Crossover

Powertrain: 3.6-liter V6, 9-spd Output: 310hp/266 lb.ft. torque Suspension f/r: Elect Ind/Ind Wheels f/r: 20"/20" alloy Brakes f/r: disc/disc Towing: 5,000 lbs Fuel economy city/ hwy: 17/25-MPG Assembly: Lansing, MI Base/As-tested price: \$44,800/\$62,095

warning, and safety alert seat that buzzes the driver's perch in direction of danger.

Jetting to Dayton was no problem given the 3.6-liter V6 delivering 310 horsepower and 266 lb.-ft. of torque. I wouldn't complain if they added a couple of turbochargers, but Buicks are more about confident motoring than ripping rubber

LIKES

 Sleek styling · Luxurious interior · Adaptive suspension

from tires. It's no GNX. Besides, routing that amount of power through a nearly imperceptible nine-speed transmission nets 17/25-MPG city/ highway – downright frugal for a non-hybrid three-row crossover.

I especially appreciated the adaptive suspension with five-link rear set-up. No matter the road, the chassis absorbs whatever comes at it and stays controlled despite this being a pretty hefty high-riding mini-bus. Unlike a prestigious German crossover I recently tested that drunkenly wallowed through corners, the Enclave adaptive suspension was superb. In Touring mode, it wafts down the Interstate, but click into Sport mode and it firms up corners and plants it off of bridges.

DISLIKES

· Marginal power No tuning knob Luxurious price

I couldn't resist photos in front of the museum where the Enclave glistened in the reflection of the building's stainless facade. The Enclave looks so at home with its tri-color badge hung on a wing of its own. It's pretty hard to upstage Raymond Lowey's iconic blue and white paint scheme on Air Force One, but GM's designers expertly styled this large three-row crossover with thin LED headlamps, 20" wheels, and even a hint of mid-century sweepspear in the side sculpting. Look close at the side vents to see three on each side echoing historic portholes that count cylinders.

Back in the day, it was said Doctors bought Buicks instead of Cadillacs because they didn't want to look like they



CASEY WILLIAMS Auto Reviews

were getting rich off patients. They were cars with unquestioned luxury, but understated branding. The Enclave Avenir is that kind of car, but it comes with a luxury price. Enclave starts at \$44,800, but came to \$62,095 in Avenir trim. Competitors include the Lincoln Nautilus, Acura MDX, Mercedes-Benz GLE, and Jeep Grand Cherokee. Storm Forward!

Send comments to Casey at AutoCasey@aol.com; follow him on YouTube @ AutoCasey.

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"Curse Of The Celts" A Deep Dive Into Rosacea



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D. Montgomery Medicine

comedian W.C.
Fields once said, "I never drink water; that's the stuff that rusts pipes."
This was in response to

a question about his alcohol habit. So what do alcohol and W.C. Fields have to do with this week's topic of rosacea? Read on.

Rosacea is a common skin condition usually found on the face, which can be very disconcerting. It is a disease with various clinical presentations. These can include redness, flushing, coarse skin, and bumps and pustules resembling acne. It may also present with visible spider-like superficial blood vessels called telangiectasias.

The condition is found three times more often in women and usually presents between 30 and 60 years of age. It is also more common in fair-skinned people of European and Celtic origin, hence its nickname of "curse of the Celts."

The diagnosis of rosacea is made on clinical grounds (i.e. signs and symptoms). There has to be a persistent rash on the central part of the face for at least three months to meet the diagnostic criteria. Classifying rosacea is important in determining the best treatment.

The exact cause of rosacea is not well understood, though there are numerous factors that likely play a role. The flushing associated with rosacea is thought

to be due to the increased number of blood vessels that are close to the skin surface as well as the increased sensitivity of the vessels to heat. Sun exposure may play a role based on the location of the rash though some studies refute this.

Skin inflammation is a major finding in rosacea. Demodex, a species of skin mite, may also play a role in the development of an inflammatory reaction though studies are somewhat conflicting. Free radicals in the skin produced by various biochemical reactions can also cause damage.

There are four subtypes of rosacea based on clinical findings, likely the result of how a particular patient responds to various biologic factors and triggers. The first is the erythematotelangiectatic type. Its main signs and symptoms are central facial flushing, often with burning or stinging. The redness usually is not found around the eyes. The involved skin can be rough with some scaling.

The second subtype is called papulopustular. This is the most common type, typically found in middle-aged women. It presents with redness of the central part of the face with small red bumps (papules) that have small pustules on top of them.

Phymatous is a third subtype. It presents with severe thickening and irregular contours of the skin of the nose, chin, forehead, ears and/or eyelids. W.C Fields suffered from phymatous rosacea that caused his distinctive enlarged nose, known as a rhinophyma.

The last subtype of rosacea is ocular. It can

present with signs that may be present for years before the skin manifestations develop. Patients can develop inflammation of various structures of the eyelids and coverings of the insides of the lids. Symptoms can include burning eyes, dryness, light sensitivity or the sensation of a foreign body in the eye.

There are various triggers that can worsen flushing in rosacea. These include stress, alcohol, spicy foods, hot drinks, wind, topical skin products, caffeine, exercise, hot or cold weather and hot baths or showers.

The first goal of treatment is to identify a patient's triggers so that he or she can avoid them (alas, W.C. Fields could not). Daily use of broad-spectrum sunscreen (protection from UV-A and UV-B) is recommended for all patients. Sufferers should avoid astringents, toners, menthols, waterproof cosmetics that require solvents for removal, camphor, and products containing sodium lauryl sulfate.

Some types of rosacea respond to topical medications including antibiotics and acne agents. Oral antibiotics may also be used. Mild cases can be masked with creams containing green pigments. Laser surgery aimed at reducing the size and number of blood vessels are the mainstay of treatment. Surgery, dermabrasion or laser treatments may also be used to reduce excessive skin.

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

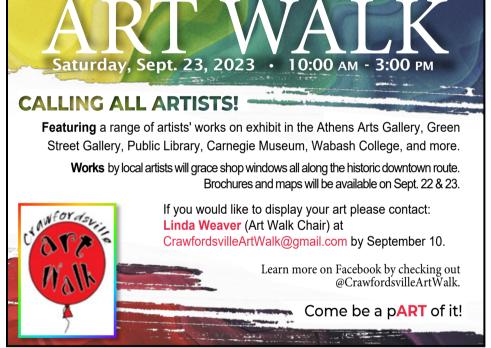




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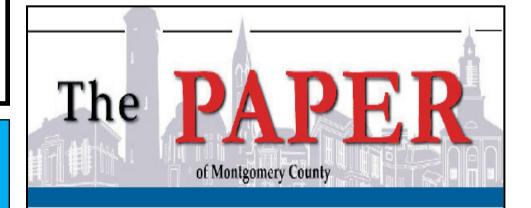


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Understanding A Misunderstanding



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whether here in Mexico or in the US, I take a walk. Walking in The Postscript the morning would

ery day.

be nice, but that's when I write, so, in the afternoon, I head out to see what the world looks like.

I always greet a lot of people on my walk, no matter which country I am in. I talk to dogs if there are dogs involved, or I comment on the weather, or I compliment what someone is wearing, or I simply say, "Hello.'

I do pretty much the same thing in either country, and my ability to converse with dogs in Spanish has improved dramatically, but there is one complication in Mexico that I do not encounter in the US, and I have taken to calling it the "Hola Hour."

Because what one typically says in the afternoon to a stranger (unless I am complimenting their hat or their dog or noting the imminence of rain) is simply, "Buenas tardes," ("Good afternoon!")

In English, this sounds a little formal, but teenagers and old women and shopkeepers and street workers all say it. It is the universal greeting-until it isn't.

As it turns to night, everyone naturally starts saying, "Buenas noches," ("Good evening.") This seems pretty straightforward, but determining when to stop saying "Good afternoon" and start saying "Good evening" is far more complicated than it seems.

I used to think there was some magic time that changed incrementally as the season changed, and everyone knew they should start saying "Good evening." But I could never determine when this was. Was it completely dark? No. Perhaps it was just as the sun set? Not necessarily. Maybe it was the quality of light or when the streetlights turned on?

I would sometimes ask for a clarification; "Is it evening? Or is it still afternoon?" Whoever I asked would scan the sky and give me an answer that sounded very certain. I assumed this knowledge of when afternoon changed definitively to night was something one must be born in the culture to learn, and I would never be able to make this determination on my own.

But I don't think I was correct.

Because in this twilight time—with the sun either up or down, depending on your altitude, or the buildings in the way, or the number of trees, or the density of clouds, or any number of other complications in this brief time of less than an hour—I don't think anyone knows.

And the reason I believe this is because people start saying "Hola." They simply say "Hello."

It's a simple solution. No one wants to get it wrong. No one wants to get into an argument about it. So, when it's too close to call, people start saying "Hola" to me instead of "Good afternoon," before they've begun to say, "Good evening."

I shared my theory with Jorge, the owner of our hotel. It was a slightly complicated thing to explain in Spanish, but Jorge is very patient. In the past, I had asked Jorge, "Is it afternoon? Or is it evening?" and Jorge, like everyone else I asked before, claimed to know exactly which it was.

But when I shared my theory about the "Hola Hour," he laughed. And he said, "It is true."

Jorge looked just a little embarrassed, as though I'd discovered a secret. And I was pleased.

It takes a very long time to understand another culture, and there are many things I will never know. But I feel much better prepared for the Hola Hour tomorrow.

Till next time, Carrie

- Carrie Classon is a freelance writer and author and lives in New Mexico. Her columns appear each week.





Pence Defends Georgia Election After Trump Indictment, Announces States' Rights Plan

By Leslie Bonilla Muniz

Former Vice President Mike Pence defended Georgia's elections in a speech Wednesday morning — days after former president Donald Trump was indicted in that state even as he denounced what he framed as politically motivated attacks on his former boss.

"Despite what the former president and his allies have said ... the Georgia election was not stolen, and I had no right to overturn the election,' Pence said.

Pence, who spoke during the National Conference of State Legislatures' summit in Indianapolis, also announced a new states' rights-focused campaign platform.

During an audience question-and-answer session, he further reassured an Alaska Republican that he'd "never allow Washington, D.C. to intrude on the conduct and certification of (presidential) elections.

But Pence also criticized the handling of Trump's actions.

"I've said many times (that) I'd hoped the judgment about those days would be left to the American people. Such is not the case," Pence said of the Georgia investigation into 2020 election interference.

Georgia prosecutors on Monday charged Trump and 18 allies with a racketeering statute usually used on mobsters, the Georgia Recorder report-

And Pence criticized the federal justice system as

"politicized," arguing that advocated to repeal the Democrats in Washington, D.C. have engaged in "ongoing pursuit of the former president" but "seem to look the other way (as) Hillary Clinton (and) Hunter Biden undermine public confidence in equal treatment under the law."

Bringing back federalism

Pence took advantage of his audience — largely state lawmakers and staff — to announce his campaign's third policy platform: federalism.

The term refers to how the federal and state governments divide and share power, according to Congress' Constitution-focused website.

"As a former governor, I know that states are not subsidiaries of Washington, D.C. States are not subordinate departments of the federal government," Pence said. "Our 50 states are the very foundation of our Repub-

"When states are free, America thrives," he added.

Pence's five-part plan generally limits the federal government's powers in favor of the states.

1. The plan starts with eliminating the federal Department of Education, and sending educational funds directly to the states. Pence has long been an advocate of "school choice," or education strategies that allow parents to enroll their children in schools other than their assigned district public schools, often using public funding.

Pence also

Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare. The plan would divert federal dollars currently spent on low-income health care services and on insurance subsidies toward the states.

The federal 3. government owns 28% of U.S. land, according to a 2020 Congressional Research Service report, and Pence wants to change that. He said that "a portion of" the land should be returned to the states for "development" and "innovation."

The plan also calls on the states to take over all social safety net programs currently administered by the federal government, and the money involved similarly turned into grants to states.

The plan concludes with a push to reform the federal highway trust fund, similarly to states' benefit.

"Under any administration I lead, any regulation that imposes unfunded mandates on the states will be prohibited from day one," Pence added, to applause. "In my administration, if Washington calls the tune, Washington will pay the bill.'

The federalism plan comes after plans for the nation's economy and energy.

On the debate stage next week

Pence is among a crowded field of Republicans challenging Trump for the 2024 presidential nomination. He has struggled to gain traction, polling consistently in the 5% range, according to a FiveThirtyEight compilation of national polls.

He said Wednesday that he was grateful to qualify for the Republican presidential debate next week in Milwaukee. That required a certain polling threshold and donor minimum.

And Pence indicated that he's shedding his staid vice presidential persona.

"I'm well known, but I don't think I'm known well," Pence said, recounting how, as second-in-command, he prayed daily "not to be the story."

"I hope in that debate, people maybe get to know me a little bit better," he said.

Trump, meanwhile, is unlikely to attend. The former president has said he won't sign a pledge required of all debate participants — to support the GOP's eventual nominee.

"I hope he comes, I really do," Pence said. "I always answer (reporters) the same way: I've debated Donald Trump a thousand times — just not with the cameras on. ... I hope this is the beginning of a vigorous debate about the future of our coun-

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