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TODAY'S VERSE

Romans 5:3 – 5 And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; And patience, experience; and experience, hope; And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

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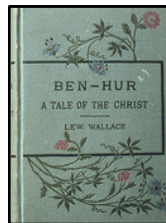
By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts

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!

Crawfordsville's favorite son - Gen. Lew Wallace - passed away on Feb. 15, 1905. In honor of the date, The Paper takes a look at the author of one of the best-selling books of all time, Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ. By many accounts, it is one of the best sellers in history.

50,000,000

Not that many books throughout history have sold more than 50 million copies, but Wallace's Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ has.



Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ

\$600,000

Henry Wallace, son of Lew, opposed any sale of the film rights to his father's literary masterpiece. However, after he watched Birth of A Nation, he changed his mind. He set an initial price tag of \$1,000,000 in 1915 - and in 1921 he sold the rights for \$600,000.

5 The number of movies of Ben Hur. The first came in 1907 and was followed by other version in 1925, 1959, 2003 and 2016.

1 The number of Gen. Lew Wallace studies and museums in the world - and it's located right here off beautiful downtown Crawfordsville. For anyone who has not been there, it is well worth the visit. You can see the study where Wallace wrote much of Ben Hur. You can tour the spacious grounds and ponder perhaps what the general himself pondered.

And of course there is a Carriage House and gift shop to visit. But don't get in a rush. A lot of work is ongoing right now and when it's complete, the museum will reopen - likely this spring.



General Lew Wallace Study & Museum

4-10-1827

The birth date of Gen. Lew Wallace. He was born in Brookville in the southeastern part of Indiana. In 1832, his family moved to Covington. In 1837, his father David became the sixth governor of Indiana and in 1853 Lew moved to Crawfordsville. Three years later he was elected to the State Senate. Wallace died in Crawfordsville in 1905.

7-9-1864

Wallace was not just an author. As a major general, Wallace was given great credit for saving Washington, D.C. during the Battle of Monocacy. It was on that date that Wallace's troops delayed Confederate forces sent to capture the nation's capital. Later, Ulysses S. Grant said that Wallace's work at Monocacy was "a greater benefit to the cause than often falls to the lot of a commander of equal force to render by means of a victory."

\$7 to free Admission prices to the Museum and Study range from \$7 for adults to \$5 for AAA or military, \$3 for students 13-18 with IDs, \$1 for students 7-12 with ID and free for the little ones 6 and under. What a deal!

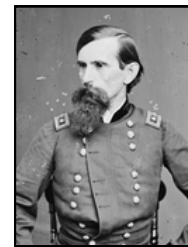


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Gen. Lew Wallace

1 There is one marble statue of Lew Wallace in the U.S. Capitol Building in Washington, D.C. It is in Statuary Hall. A copy of this statue can be found on the Study grounds.

Butch Can Remember Names.... Sometimes!!



BUTCH DALE
Columnist

Does this ever happen to you? Someone greets you and starts a conversation, and evidently they know you, but you just can't place who they are....so you carry on the conversation and act like you know them, while your brain is working overtime to figure out just who it is. This has happened to me several times...and then, after a few minutes, "Mr. Dale, you don't remember me, do you?" ...and I apologize, "No, I'm sorry, your face looks familiar. In what class were you in when I was your teacher?"....to which the person replies, "I wasn't one of your students. You arrested me for drunk driving back in 1985, and you were a nice guy...just like Andy Griffith." Hmmm...I guess that's better than being compared to Barney.

I can recall faces better than names. As a teacher, police officer and librarian, I have met thousands of people. I remember most, but I can't be expected to remember everyone, especially kids who I taught back in the 1970s...who are now in their sixties and whose appearance has changed. You likely have the same problem. But there is one part of our brain that remembers everything...that is, everything we have seen in famous ads and commercials, including people, characters, and even animals. Here are just a few....

Colonel Sanders passed away several years ago, but his famous face and name will live on for Kentucky Fried Chicken devotees. The same goes for the "Marlboro Man," the rugged-looking cowboy who increased the sale of Marlboro cigarettes by over 3,000 percent the first year he appeared in TV commercials. That crazy gal "Flo," who does the Progressive Insurance commercials, will likely be remembered, but I guarantee no one will forget Mr. Whipple... "Please don't squeeze the Charmin!" The most recognizable person is Ronald McDonald, even those of you who can't stand clowns!

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep high calorie snack foods out of sight - you'll eat fewer of them.

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



TODAY'S QUOTE

"Love is composed of a single soul inhabiting two bodies." Aristotle

TODAY'S JOKE

A couple married for 70 years was asked their secret. They smiled and said "A lot of love, a lot of patience and a lot of prescriptions!"

THREE THINGS

You Should Know

1 Former Indiana Governor and Purdue President Mitch Daniels has joined the Liberty Fund Board of Directors. Daniels was Purdue president from 2013-22 and governor from 2005-13. The Liberty Fund was founded in 1960 by Pierre F. Goodrich, an Indianapolis businessman and lawyer. Liberty Fund conducts its own educational programs to encourage research and discussion on the values and institutions of a society of free and responsible individuals. For more information about Liberty Fund, visit www.libertyfund.org

2 Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre's upcoming adult auditions for ages 19 and older are set and seeking to fill roles in Waitress, Heartbreak Hotel, Tootsie, A Beef & Boards Christmas and A Christmas Carol. Auditions are by appointment only and take Feb. 17 (Equity Principal Auditions) from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with dance callbacks from 6-8 p.m., and Feb. 18 (Equity Chorus Call), from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with dance callbacks at 2 p.m. Those with an audition appointment should report to the lobby of Beef & Boards Dinner Theatre, 9301 Michigan Rd., Indianapolis 46268 to sign in. Check beefandboards.com or Beef & Boards' social media for updates. No phone calls, please.

3 Dr. Os Guinness, author, social critic and great-great-great grandson of Arthur Guinness, the Dublin brewer, will be the keynote speaker at this year's Indiana Leadership Prayer Breakfast scheduled on Tuesday, March 25 in Indianapolis. Guinness will address political, civic, business and faith leaders from across the state at the prayer breakfast, which began in 1964. Governor Mike Braun will bring greetings, state legislators will have varied roles, and the state president of FFA and a Girl Scout representative will participate in the service. And, for the 40th year, vocalist Everett Greene will sing "God Bless America" to conclude the event.

MONTGOMERY MINUTE

Nolan Eller will speak, courtesy of the Genealogy Club of Montgomery County, Tuesday at the Crawfordsville District Public Library (Donnelley Room in the lower level). Eller is the Wabash College Archivist. The talk takes place from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. and visitors and guests are a celebration of 70 years of the Frank Hugh Sparks Center.

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Genda's Cremation Bill Heads to Senate



State Rep. Mark Genda testified on his legislation to expand after-death options for Hoosiers.

The Indiana House of Representatives passed State Rep. Mark Genda's (R-Frankfort) legislation to include an ecofriendly alternative to traditional cremation.

In Indiana, the dissolution of human remains is limited to traditional burial or cremation. House Bill 1044 would add the process of alkaline hydrolysis, which uses water, a chemical solution and heat.

"Hoosiers deserve options when it comes to how they are laid to rest and alkaline hydrolysis is just another choice that should be available," Genda said. "This solution allows families to honor their loved one's final wish while

reducing their environmental impact."

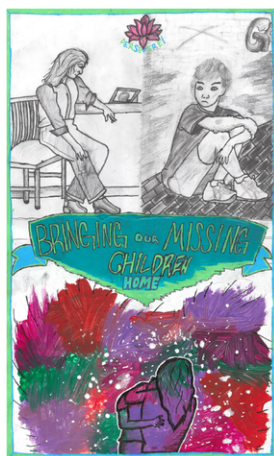
Traditional cremation can release 534 pounds of carbon emissions. Since 2003, alkaline hydrolysis has been legalized in 28 states as a greener alternative to cremation, reducing energy use by 90% and releasing no direct emissions of greenhouse gases or mercury during the process.

House Bill 1044 now heads to the Senate for consideration. To learn more and follow legislative proceedings, visit iga.in.gov.

Genda represents House District 41, which includes portions of Boone, Clinton, Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

Poster Contest Open to 5th Graders

More than 800,000 children are reported missing every year. To help combat this staggering statistic, the Indiana State Police are once again partnering with the U.S. Department of Justice for the 2025 National Missing Children's Day Poster Contest to raise awareness and promote child safety.



Held annually, this contest is open to Hoosier fifth graders and the state's winning poster will go to the national competition in Washington, D.C., where the winning student will also be invited to participate in the U.S. Department of Justice's National Missing Children's Day ceremony.

Each student gets one submission and must include the theme, "Bringing Our Missing Children Home," somewhere on the poster. The deadline for submissions is Feb. 21, 2025, and all contest rules can be

found [here](#). Indiana's winning poster from the 2024 contest is pictured on the right.

Submissions should be mailed to: Indiana State Police Museum Attn: Sgt. Seth Tumey 8660 E. 21st St. Indianapolis, IN 46219

Indiana State Police remind Hoosiers to contact their local police or call 911 if a child goes missing, and encourage parents and guardians to keep updated photos and cell phone images, as well as a DNA sample, of their children in case of such an event.

Roaming Around



DICK WOLFSIE
 Funny Bone

Thanks to an old friend, Bob Shopak, who, while researching a story about our high school alma mater, found online an old student newspaper where I had written a humor column—possibly the first I had ever attempted. Here it is, word for word. Be kind. I was barely 17 years old. My current comments about the piece are in parentheses. Typos and misspellings are as they were. Catch any?

ROAMING AROUND
 By Dick Wolfsie
 (September 5, 1964)

The state of New York has directed the New Rochelle High School history department that world history classes begin with the Roman Empire. Most teachers either conveniently forget this directive or shamelessly distort it. The truth is that Rome fell due to a traffic problem.

(This is a pretty good start. Reference to what was happening in the school system. Also, a good tease to the story.)

In the year 478 B.C., the problem created by thousands of chariots was unbearable. Maximus Speedlimit attempted the first solution to the problem—the license plate. Although many generals applauded the idea, the problem remained. Since Roman numerals were used exclusively, the plates were so long that everybody went into the snow plowing business.

(I should mention here that it hardly ever snows in Rome, and there was no Roman Empire in 478 BC. Also, Mary Ellen told me no one would get that joke. I wish she had told me that 61 years ago.)

Unable to cope with the traffic problem, one famous general invented the parking meters, but soldiers wearing those funny skirts had no pockets for coins and often had their chariots towed away.

(If I had that Google machine, I would have known that these skirts were called pteruges.)

The Romans then invented the stop sign. Traffic never moved. Romans waited for the

sign to say GO. As you can see, nothing helped. They revoked all junior licenses and painted a white line down the Apian Way. They started breeding horses with less car power.

(Not a bad joke. I like that one.)

Finally, in the year 476, the Romans pleaded to their friends, The Huns, for help.

"Dear Huney," Maximus wrote, "Please come to our aid." The Huns' plan called for an unmarked chariot to catch traffic offenders, but when that did not work, they decided to march to Rome. They were then confused by the funny-shaped signs telling them to stop. They were frightened by a brigade of snow plows, and the white line down the Apian Way confused them.

Soon, their friendliness returned to hostility. They saw slave girls standing near the meters. Some of the generals thought that for a few coins, the girls would go somewhere and park with them. This misunderstanding touched off the Gallic War.

To sum up, our teachers are directed to teach that wars have an economic or political cause. This war didn't, so history teachers are creating a false curriculum to adhere to all state requirements. It's all baloney. The real cause was traffic.

(I know the column isn't very funny, now. Not even then. I wonder if I have improved as a writer over 61 years. When Bob sent me the article, he mentioned reading my stuff weekly on the Internet. "You haven't changed," he said. "You're the same Dick Wolfsie you've always been."

Well, I guess that answers my question.

— Dick Wolfsie spent his career sharing his humor, stories and video essays on television, radio and in newspapers. His columns appear weekly in The Paper of Montgomery County. E-mail Dick at Wolfsie@aol.com.

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia



Do You Recognize This 1960 Coal Creek Central Grad?

HINT:
 He was the leading scorer on the Bearcat basketball team and also was the county record holder in the mile run.

Answer on Page A3

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The Proof is on My Ankles



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

I don't normally tackle controversial issues, but today I'm going out on a limb.

Baths are better than showers.

I don't care what my husband, Peter, or my mother and father have to say on the subject. I don't care about those people who take samples of bathwater and look at them under microscopes and tell you that you are bathing in miniscule amounts of dirt and microorganisms. They are all wrong, and I will tell you how I know.

I looked at my ankles.

When Peter and I stay in Mexico, I do not have a bathtub. I will admit, when the sun is shining and we are eating outside in February surrounded by the friendly staff at our hotel, I am not exactly hankering to get back to the gloom of the Midwest. I can go for days without being under a cloud, wearing shorts and sandals and eating fresh avocados every day. If it wasn't for missing my family, I'd be happy just to stay, and I can't honestly say I would miss much—except for my bathtub.

I love a hot bath. And baths are better. I have proof. The proof is on my ankles.

When I get home after a long stay in Mexico, I sit in the bathtub and give myself a good scrub, and the things that need scrubbing the most are my ankles. It would be only a slight exaggeration to say that they are filthy. And this is no surprise.

Anyone who has tried to properly scrub their ankles while standing in a shower should save their skills and become a yoga instructor. Or a stork. It is not physically possible. There are

creative ways to get one's feet clean, but the ankles suffer in a shower. And before anyone tells me it doesn't matter because ankles are covered by socks, I'd like to point out that this could apply to a lot of other body parts. It's a slippery slope. If we're going to be OK with dirty ankles, what's next?

Baths are also much more relaxing. I don't have to be worried about how much water is running down the drain while I wash. I can be concerned about the environment and the cleanliness of my ankles and my need to relax all at the same time. I can simply lie still in hot water and enjoy the sensation of nothing to do (other than wash my ankles, of course) and breathe in steamy air. It is the perfect way to relax after a long day. I get out of the bathtub, and I am never cold or rushed or bothered by the microscopic organisms I hear are rumored to be clinging to me. I am at peace. I have never felt truly peaceful getting out of a shower. (But then, how could I with dirty ankles?)

I realize I will not win this debate. There are houses that don't even have bathtubs these days. I hear people say they are dangerous and take up space and no one has the time.

My feeling is that, if I run out of time for a hot bath, I need to reorder my schedule. I will always have time for a hot bath. I will have time on good days and bad. I will have time when I'm actually dirty and on days when I just need to feel warm and relaxed. I take a bath and feel as if I get out ready for a new beginning, each and every time.

And I have remarkably clean ankles.

Till next time, Carrie

↓ BUTCH From Page A1

Many cereals, especially those that appeal to children, have characters in commercials or on the box itself. Who could forget Tony the Tiger (They're Grreat!) for Kellogg's Frosted Flakes? How about Snap, Crackle, and Pop for Rice Krispies? Do you remember the Trix rabbit, Sugar Bear, Count Chocula, and Cap'n Crunch? And whatever happened to Mikey, who tasted Life cereal?... "He likes it! Hey, Mikey!"

There are a few animals which we will never forget...the "Energizer Bunny" will keep going and going and going on in our memories. And Morris the Cat definitely has 9 Lives. If you like critters, you will always remember the Geico gecko, Spuds MacKenzie for Bud Light, and Gidget, the Taco Bell chihuahua. Then there are

characters such as "Poppin' Fresh," the Pillsbury doughboy and "Speedy" of Alka-Seltzer fame. I can recall those names right away.

But there is one fellow who appeared in a commercial in which I cannot recall his name for the life of me. He was about four inches tall. He was dressed in a little skipper captain outfit. He stood in his rowboat, floating around in the toilet bowl reservoir. Whatever happened to the "Ti-D-Bol man?" I bet my wife accidentally flushed him away in the early '80s...and I didn't even know his name!

John "Butch" Dale is a retired teacher and County Sheriff. He has also been the librarian at Darlington the past 36 years, and is a well-known artist and author of local history.

FOR THE RECORD

For The Record is a public service and regular feature in The Paper of Montgomery County. It is designed to tell you what is scheduled to happen and what actually does happen in meetings paid for with your tax dollars. The Paper encourages all citizens to take an active role in being involved in local government.

SOUTHMONT SCHOOLS BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Corporation Board Room
Monday, Feb. 10, 2025 - 6:00 p.m.

Public Meeting
I. Call to Order
II. Pledge of Allegiance
Students from Walnut Elementary will lead the pledge
III. Roll Call
IV. Welcome and Recognition of Visitors. – We will be recognizing Student/Staff of the Month.
We will be recognizing the Award winners of the Central & Southern Indiana Region of the Scholastic Writing Contest:
Owen McCutchan - Gold Key Dramatic Script.
Tovi Powell - Gold Key Short Story.
Johnathan Severe - Honorable Mention Science Fiction/Fantasy.
Evelyn Zachary - Gold & Silver Keys Poetry, Silver Key Critical Essay, Honorable Mention Senior Writing Portfolio.
Michael Byrum will have a presentation on Diploma Requirements.
V. Revisions to the Agenda
Open for Public Comment.
Adjournment of Project Hearing & Second Preliminary Determination Hearing.
Adopt Project Resolution
Adopt Preliminary Determination Resolution
Dan Taylor will discuss Legal Updates
Resolution to the Agenda
Public Comments
Consent Agenda: (minutes, monthly claims, field trips/facilities usage, contributions/gifts and personnel)

Minutes from previous meetings
Claims/Payrolls
Personnel:
Brooke Minor - Instructional Aide - Walnut Elementary; Rescind Dan McCormick - JH Swim Coach - \$1500.00. -Rescind Mercedes McCormick - JH Assistant Swim Coach - \$1200.00. -Mercedes McCormick - JH Swim Coach - \$1500.00. -Rebekah Thomas - JH Assistant Swim Coach - \$1200.00. -Dan McCormick - JH Assistant Swim Coach - Volunteer. -Shelley Allen - Varsity Co-Ed Track Coach - \$4000.00. -Katrina Burriss - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1125.00. -Mia Myers - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1125.00. -Rebekah Thomas - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - \$1125.00. -Matt Williams - Varsity Assistant Track Co-Coach - \$562.50. -Matt Allen - Varsity Assistant Track Co-Coach - \$562.50. -Ron Hess - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - Volunteer. -Robert Johnson - Varsity Assistant Track Coach - Volunteer. -Dan Taylor - Varsity Softball Coach - \$5000.00. -Chet Remley - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach - \$2000.00. -Kathryn Yoakum - JV Softball Coach - \$1654.00. -Barry Lewis - Varsity Assistant Softball Coach - Volunteer. -Bill Whalen - Varsity Boys Golf Coach - \$3000.00. -Larry Meadows - Varsity Assistant Boys Golf Coach - \$1500.00. -Rob Reimondo - Varsity Girls Tennis Coach - \$4000.00. -Dan Chadd - Varsity Baseball Coach - \$5000.00. -Ed McGaughey - Varsity Assistant Baseball Coach - \$2000.00. -Reese Long - JV Baseball Coach - \$1654.00. -Chris Cox - Varsity Baseball Coach - Volunteer. -BPA - State Leadership Conference - Indianapolis, IN - March 9-11, 2025. -FFA - Indiana Leadership Center - Trafalgar, IN - February 21-22, 2025. -High School Outstanding Checks 2 years or older list. - Donations made to Southmont High School in the amount of \$12,337.52. -SA-5 Reports from Central Office, Ladoga Elementary, New Market Elementary, Walnut Elementary and Southmont Jr. - Sr. High School for the period of July 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024.
Items for Action:
Report from Superintendent:
Items for Discussion by the Board
NEOLA Board Policies Update – 1st Reading
Adjournment

Future Meetings:
March 10, 2025 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM
April 14, 2025 - Regular Meeting - Corporation Board Room - 6:00 PM

This meeting site is handicap accessible. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent at the School Corporation office.

CRAWFORDSVILLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Notice of Regular Meeting
The Board of School Trustees of the Crawfordsville Community School Corporation will conduct a regular meeting on Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Laura Hose Elementary, 800 Fairview Ave. The public is invited to attend.

Deery's Teacher Pay Bill Clears Committee

A bill authored by State Sen. Spencer Deery (R-West Lafayette) to provide schools with new tools to better compensate their most valued teachers passed the Senate Committee on Education and Career Development Wednesday.



State Sen. Spencer Deery

Current law allows schools to offer teachers supplemental pay in addition to their base salary under the school's negotiated salary schedule, but such payments are rarely utilized. Senate Bill 249 seeks to change this by permitting school corporations to fund these supplemental paychecks before collective bargaining.

Additionally, the bill requires that at least 10% of routine teacher raises be based on the academic needs of students.

"Schools across Indiana face challenges in recruiting and retaining teachers in high-need subjects like special education, STEM, and English as a second language," Deery said. "SB 249 would empower school administrators to offer

higher salaries to educators who choose to work in these areas, which often experience teacher shortages."

SB 249 now moves to the full Senate for further consideration.

Deery encourages residents of Senate District 23 to contact him with any questions or comments they may have. Deery can be reached by filling out a "Contact Me" form online at www.IndianaSenateRepublicans.com/Deery or by phone at 800-382-9467.

Deery (R-West Lafayette) represents Senate District 23, which includes Fountain, Parke, Vermillion and Warren counties, and portions of Montgomery and Tippecanoe counties.

Attorney General Office Issues Recall Warning

Attorney General Todd Rokita is alerting Hoosiers to important consumer protection concerns for products recalled in January. The office is encouraging consumers to take advantage of opportunities available to them to return, fix, dispose, or replace a purchased recalled item that could be harmful to their families.

"Hoosiers shouldn't have to worry about faulty or dangerous items in their own homes," Attorney General Rokita said. "Indiana residents deserve protection from products that, for whatever reason, are not reliable or may even cause injury. If you have one of the recalled products, stop using it and pursue resolution from the manufacturer."

- According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, the following consumer products were recalled in January: Pearhead Recalls Infant Learning Toy Sets Due to Choking Hazard; Violation of Federal Regulations for Rattles
- AMX Global Recalls Portable Folding Stadium Seats Due to Fall and Injury Hazards
- Cozchique Tebbis, and Beeziac Girls Pajamas Recalled Due to Burn Hazard; Violation of Federal Flammability Regulations; Sold Exclusively on Amazon by Tupop
- AliExpress Recalls Multi Styler Hair Dryers Due to Electrocutation or Shock Hazards; Sold on AliExpress.com

- Greater Goods Recalls Digital Kitchen Scales Due to Ingestion Hazard; Violations of Reese's Law Federal Safety Regulations for Consumer Products with Coin Batteries and Child Resistant Coin Battery Packaging
- Cabinet Health Recalls 4 oz. Refillable Medicine Bottles Due to Failure to Retain Child-Resistance; Risk of Child Poisoning
- Johnson Health Tech North America Recalls Matrix-Brand Training Cycles Due to Fall Hazard
- SHEIN Distribution Corporation Recalls Teckwe Hair Dryer Brushes Due to Electrocutation or Shock Hazard
- ChrisDowa Roller Window Shades Recalled Due to Strangulation and Entanglement Hazards; Violation of Federal Regulations for Window Coverings; Sold Exclusively on Amazon.com by Shaoxingkeqiao Nenghaozhenfang
- GiantMouse Recalls GM12 and GMP12 Folding Knives Due to Laceration Hazard

➡ See RECALL Page A5

Butch Dale's Flashback Trivia

Answer:
Art Bonebrake

Library Has Plenty of Black History Month Material



IVETTE DE ASSIS-WILSON
Guest Columnist

On Jan. 31, President Trump issued a proclamation declaring February as National Black History Month. The overarching theme for 2025 is “African Americans and Labor,” which centers on the profound ways in which African Americans’ experiences are historically interconnected with various types of work and working – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary, visible and invisible (Dr. Kaye Whitehead). This intersection between the lives of black people and their historical connection with labor is at the center of CDPL’s display honoring the contributions of black Americans to our nation. From books to film, we hope you’ll find an item or a topic that sparks your curiosity.

Growing your knowledge of history? We can help. In “A Working People: A History of African American Workers Since Emancipation” (331.6 Rei) Steven Reich examines the economic, political, and cultural forces that have forged America’s black labor since emancipation. It’s an accessible and inclusive documentation of US labor history of the 19th and 20th centuries. History and education intersect in Noliwe Rooks’s “A Passionate Mind in Relentless Pursuit: The Vision of Mary McLeod Bethune” (370.92 Rooks). Rooks shares the life and legacy of a visionary leader whose painful path toward education led to a university that bears her name to this day. Bethune is the only African American leader whose statue stands in the rotunda, the “symbolic and physical heart” of the U.S. Capitol.

Black people’s perspectives are present and documented in various professional fields. Rachel J. Webster draws on oral history and conversations to recreate the lives of distant relatives in “Benjamin Banneker and Us: Eleven Generations of an American Family” (920 Web). Banneker, an African American

mathematician, writer of almanacs, and one of the greatest astronomers of his generation, was hired by Thomas Jefferson to help survey Washington D.C. in 1791. “Bird Brother: A Falconer’s Journey and the Healing Power of Wildlife” (921 Stotts, R.) shares Rodney Stotts’s extraordinary journey to becoming a conservationist and one of America’s few black master falconers. From pulling trash from the Anacostia River to reintroducing bald eagles to the region, Stotts takes readers through the joys and challenges of achieving his dream. Dr. Chanda Prescod-Weinstein’s “The Disordered Cosmos: A Journey into Dark Matter, Spacetime, and Dreams Deferred” (523.01 Pre) shares her love for physics with a tone and rhythm infused by pop culture and politics. While her vision of the cosmos is non-traditional, she strives to give an understanding of the universe where everyone can see its wonders and find a place of their own within it.

When it comes to the Arts (including the culinary kind), black people have established a wide, long-lasting presence, in our nation’s homes. “The Harlem Renaissance: 100 Years of Black Culture” (DVD 974.7 Harlem) focuses on the development of the Harlem neighborhood in New York City and its cultural explosion in the early 20th century. “Summer of Soul” (DVD 780.78 Sum) is part music film, part historical record created around an epic event in the summer of 1969: The Harlem Cultural Festival in Mount Morris Park (now Marcus Garvey Park). “Gospel” (DVD TV 305.8960 Gospel), written by scholar Henry Louis Gates Jr., honors black spirituality through sermon and song while bringing secular and gospel artists together in a moving celebration. “August Wilson: A Life” (921 Wilson, A.) by Patti Hartigan is the first authoritative biography of the most successful American playwright of the late 20th century. Wilson’s plays include “Fences” (1987), winner of a Pulitzer Prize for Drama, which was

adapted into a film with the same title starring Denzel Washington and Viola Davis (DVD FIC Fen).

In the Culinary Arts, we hold a plethora of materials in our collection that highlight the various talents of African American chefs and cooks’ creations with a dash of History. “Black Food: Stories, Art, and Essays” (641.592 Bla) explores the role of food and black people’s foodways within the U.S. and around the world. Chef, restaurateur and TV show host Marcus Samuelsson highlights the diverse deliciousness of Black cooking in “The Rise: Black Cooks and the Soul of American Food” (641.59 Sam). Talking about delicious food, “Ed Mitchell’s Barbeque” (641.5784 Mitchell) shares the history, tradition, and the pitmaster’s expertise in whole-hog barbeque. For dessert, you may try “Grandbaby Cakes: Modern Recipes, Vintage Charm, Soulful Memories” (641.8653 Ada), by Jocelyn Delk Adams, featuring vintage cakes from her family’s recipes with modern twists. Finally, “Juke Joints, Jazz Clubs, & Juice: Cocktails from Two Centuries of African American Cookbooks” (641.87 Tipton-Martin) by Toni Tipton-Martin will provide you with ideas (and the history behind them) for your next adult get-together. This is just a short list of what you’ll find in our Black History Month display. We have poetry, romance, comedies, mysteries, and thrillers on the page and on the screen displaying the talents of African American authors, actors, directors, and producers. We hope you encounter what brings you the joy of learning as you find yourself on a journey through windows and doors into this quilted experience of American History.

Come visit us and check our display on the second floor at CDPL. Our staff is happy to assist you in finding materials in our collection. The library is open Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Ivette de Assis-Wilson is the Adult Services Department Manager at CDPL.

Back in the Day with Butch Dale



Children love to have class parties at school to celebrate various holidays and occasions. It was the same back in the good old days. Shown above is a second-grade class posing for a photo during their Valentine class party in 1922.

Are Antibiotics Necessary?



JOHN R. ROBERTS, M.D.

Montgomery Medicine

When we get sick with an infection, many people assume that antibiotics are the best and fastest way to recover. However, this is not always the case. Antibiotics are powerful medications designed to fight bacterial infections, but not all infections are caused by bacteria. Many are due to viruses, fungi, or other microorganisms that antibiotics simply do not affect. Taking antibiotics unnecessarily can lead to more harm than good, including side effects and the growing problem of antibiotic resistance.

One of the most common reasons antibiotics are overprescribed is for viral infections like the common cold, flu, or most cases of bronchitis. Viruses and bacteria are very different in how they invade the body and multiply. Viruses enter human cells and use them to reproduce, while bacteria multiply on their own and can sometimes cause harm. Because antibiotics work by targeting bacteria-specific processes – like cell wall formation or protein production – they do not interfere with viral replication. This means that taking an antibiotic for a viral infection will not help you recover faster and may even cause unnecessary side effects, such as diarrhea, nausea, or allergic reactions.

Another key issue with unnecessary antibiotic use is antibiotic

resistance. Bacteria are constantly evolving, and when exposed to antibiotics repeatedly or inappropriately, they can develop ways to survive these drugs. This leads to the rise of “superbugs,” or antibiotic-resistant bacteria, which can cause infections that are difficult, or sometimes impossible, to treat.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has identified antibiotic resistance as one of the biggest threats to public health. In the United States alone, at least 2.8 million antibiotic-resistant infections occur each year, leading to over 35,000 deaths. When bacteria become resistant, stronger and sometimes more toxic antibiotics are needed, and in some cases, no effective treatment exists.

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There are also risks involved with taking antibiotics when they are not needed. Beyond contributing to resistance, antibiotics can disrupt the balance of good bacteria in our bodies. Our gut, for example, is home to trillions of

helpful bacteria that aid digestion and immune function. When antibiotics kill both harmful and beneficial bacteria, it can lead to complications like antibiotic-associated diarrhea or infections with *Clostridioides difficile* (C. diff), a bacterium that can cause severe intestinal illness.

So how can we protect ourselves from infections and reduce the need for antibiotics? One of the best strategies is prevention. Vaccinations help protect against bacterial infections such as pneumonia, whooping cough, and meningitis. Good hygiene practices, like regular handwashing and covering coughs, can help reduce the spread of bacteria and viruses. Staying up to date on recommended vaccines, practicing safe food handling, and avoiding close contact with sick individuals are all ways to reduce the likelihood of needing antibiotics.

If you do get sick, it’s important to follow your health care provider’s advice about whether antibiotics are necessary. If prescribed, take them exactly as directed, completing the full course even if you start feeling better. Never use leftover antibiotics or take someone else’s prescription, as this can contribute to resistance and may not be the right treatment for your condition.

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2024 Ford Ranger Raptor is the Heated Vest for Outdoor Enthusiasts and Urban Adventurers Who Want Comfort and Capability Whether They Need It Or Not



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

Let's discuss necessity. Probably like several of you, I got a heated vest for Christmas. I'm outside a lot, walking the Monon Trail in Indianapolis and shooting auto reviews. Is it necessary? No, but it sure makes cold weather more enjoyable. In that same vein, did Ford really need to make an all-capable Baja-ready Raptor version of the recently updated 2024 Ranger pickup? Nope, but I suspect you'll enjoy it.

A Tool of Work and Play

It's a pretty handsome with a black FORD grille, black fender extensions, 17" wheels and meaty all-terrain tires. Given 10.7" of ground clearance, it's handy to have black step plates. Around back, the truck's pre-wired for trailers, pre-hitched for pulling them and pre-sprayed with bedliner to protect its insides. Power outlets in the bedside are ready for tools of work and play.

There's no need for a heated jacket inside because our truck had heated leather front seats, thick heated steering wheel and dual-zone automatic climate control. Raptors glow up with red stitching, sueded dash and door tops and textured plastics to add allure. The deeply-bolstered seats hold you in when barreling across open desert...or just taking the on-ramp a little too fast. Four wide opening doors and wipe-down seats are ready for your little minions.

Flatscreen gauges and a 12-inch tablet-style touchscreen illuminate the interior while devices connect easily via wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. B&O audio is full and crisp. After an easy set-up, just toss phones on the charging pad in the console to access your device seamlessly. You can swipe or click through stations on-screen, but I'd prefer a proper tuning knob next to volume. For safety, an in-dash brake controller keeps you flying straight. Automatic

emergency braking, lane keep assist, blind spot warning, and rear cross path detection systems help too.

Like my unnecessary jacket, the Ranger's off-road kit brings surprising comforts. For one, the active valve Fox shocks that absorb rough trails also provide a pleasingly compliant ride over city potholes and seemingly wafts down the Interstate. The fat tires help too. It's by far the nicest riding Ranger. Getting into gear is a bit confusing since the manual mode button is where your thumb wants to click the shifter – the release button is actually beneath the top – but once you find it, good times.

Turbo-four Engines Bring Capability

Unlike in the F-150 Raptor, there's no option of a V8 or twin-turbo V6. Instead, there's a turbocharged 3.0-liter V6 delivering 405 horsepower and 430 lb.-ft. of torque – routed to the full-time four-wheel-drive system through a 10-speed

automatic transmission. Feel free to click through gears with paddles behind the steering wheel. Lock in the front/rear differentials if terrain get serious. Fuel economy of 16/18-MPG city/highway is atrocious, but expected.

One of the best parts of the Ranger Raptor is its size. I live in the city with tight side streets and a small driveway. The F-150 Raptor is way too big. In fact, if you actually intend to use a Raptor off-road, its tighter dimensions are better. The Ranger offers all of its larger sibling's style and capability in a more usable package.

Unless you live half-way across a desert or high up a ragged trail, the Ranger Raptor is not about necessity, but it sure is enjoyable to use. It's not cheap, though. Rangers start at an affordable \$32,820, but ours came to a lofty \$59,305 all-in. Competitors include the Chevy Colorado ZR2, GMC Canyon AT4, Nissan Frontier PRO-4X,

and Toyota Tacoma Trailhunter.

Storm Forward!

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- Daily usability
- Turbo engine
- All-trail capability

Dislikes

- Gear selector
- Radio tuning
- Unnecessary price

2024 Ford Ranger Raptor

Five-passenger, 4WD Pickup

Powertrain: 3.0-liter TV6, 10-spd

Output: 405hp/430 lb.-ft.

Suspension f/r: Ind/Solid axle

Wheels f/r: 17"/17" alloy

Brakes f/r: disc/disc

Towing capacity: 5,500 lbs.

Fuel economy city/hwy: 16/18-MPG

Assembly: Wayne, MI

Base/as-tested price: \$32,820/\$59,305

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Montgomery Murder Mysteries

The Courthouse Preacher: Part II

EDITOR'S NOTE: Karen Zach, a 50-year-local history writer, presents her Montgomery Murder Mysteries – historical fiction, based on fact – of the first 13 or so murders in our county. Karen has written a weekly column for The Paper of Montgomery County and was the editor of Montgomery Memories, a monthly publication from The Paper for many years. Now that she is retired, she is sharing these stories and The Paper is very pleased to continue working with Karen and her talented writings.



KAREN ZACH
Montgomery Murder Mysteries

We sat face to face on the floor, attached our hands across the broom handle, and began pulling. He beat me. I couldn't get him up. Lane, though, after little effort, hoisted me off my butt quickly. Now, both me and Jim are peaceable men when we're sober, but I was far from that, and I got angered. Really angered. Mad in fact. I think Lane cheated. He had a pull and tug from another Irish boy behind him. I complained to Callhan but he told me to shush my mouth that he had customers. After pulling, I challenged Lane to a wrestle. I know he cheated at that as someone grabbed my arms from behind and Lane pounced me a good one. When we were tussling, I felt something hard in Lane's pocket. Thinking it was a gun, I leaped behind Callhan's bar and grabbed Mike's pistol. My first shot went wild. Several grabbed me and pushed me down, but Jim yelled, "Pull it, Bill, pull it!" I did just that. I pulled the trigger a second time and this time, even though I was squashed on the floor by several, the bullet went into Lane's stomach area. I saw blood spurt out everywhere. Lane was still moving but was turning white. That's enough to nigh on sober a body. Jim yelled that I better get out of there. I did just that. Several chased me, but I got away. Went straight home to my folks who had been living on Grant Avenue for about a year. As I raced down the block, all I could think of was how ashamed they would be of me. Coming in the front door, I yelled, "I have bad news." It didn't take but a few seconds to inform them of what had happened and as I was concluding, there was a knock on the door. It was Dan Baker, who had been at the pub with us. He never drank too much and he sat my parents down and told them, "Bill has done it this time. He's killed a man." Momma stared straight ahead. Father broke into tears. We talked for a very long time. Just the week before, I had told Father that I'd thank someone to kill me before I did something I could not undo. He told me to just be strong and stay away from drinking. Well, now, that didn't work, did it?

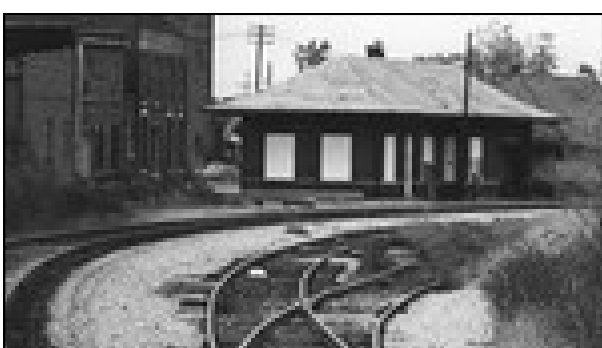
After talking, we decided it was best I turn myself in. Dan and Father walked with me the four blocks to the jail. Officer Cox swore me in. I spent the rest of the dreary night



squashed in one of those horrendous rotating jail cells that are shaped like a piece of pie with a crying man, Jon Coffee who was sentenced to hang and a fellow, Mike Cline, who had confessed to robbing the Monon Hotel. The next day, I went before Justice Ramsay. As expected, I was sentenced to the jail until my trial.

The wait was by far the worst. Hadn't prayed for several years, but Father came by every day and we prayed together. Rev. Fuson was true-blue, too. Came twice each day and his wife even sent my favorite homemade banana bread. Truth be told, the few times of late that I went to any gatherings at church was for Mrs. Fuson's banana bread. Isn't that strange? I went to church for the goodies, and she sends them to me in jail. Would have been a lot worse without Father, the Reverend and the bread. Momma sent me several goodies, too. Mostly, I was ignored or badgered by the papermen, especially Jones of *The Argus*. That man was here every day trying to get the twist on a story from one of us. I tried to ignore him and the others, but it wasn't easy. Luckily, the Coffee trial and upcoming hanging was what they really wanted to talk about, not some poor dolt who had accidentally killed an Irishman in a pub. I say accidentally, because remember I was intoxicated – *The Journal* even said so. Didn't know what I was doing, and had the people left me alone instead of wrestling me to the ground, everything probably would have been fine.

The trial didn't bring that out, though. I think every one of those pubsters that night were at my trial. None of 'em had anything good to say. Made 'ol Lane look to be the poor sorry fellow. Well, I told 'em he'd cheated. I told 'em he'd cursed at me. I didn't mean to kill



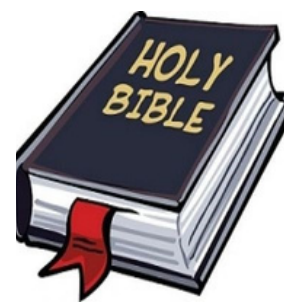
him, just scare him. It got out of hand, as most brawls do, I suppose. Had about the best lawyers in town, too. Stilwell & Stilwell. Odd thing was that Jeremiah Stilwell's own father had been murdered by pro-slavery folks in Linn County, Kansas about 30 years before. Why Father wanted them to represent me, I don't know. Wouldn't they be against someone on trial for murder? Seems like my defense was pretty dreadful. Father promised that he'd get a retrial, but Judge Britton said I had done the deed and I must pay. I tried to be brave, but when I saw Momma and Father at the Monon Depot I grabbed them and held them for dear life. The streets were lined with onlookers and of course, those dratted reporters were there. It was odd that there was nary a dry eye as the train left for Michigan City. Reverend Fuson made one last plea for me to the good Lord, asking that my time would be spent sober and that when I returned to our fair city I would be saved from the vile drink. I prayed for that too, sir!

Although I was sentenced for 17 years, the prison was so overcrowded that I only served a little more than five. Oh what a happy day when my Father met me at those prison gates. I felt no shame, a grown man holding his Father's hand on the trip home. People on the train looked at us strangely, but I didn't care. He made me promise to stay away from the whiskey. Of course, I made that promise. After all, it wouldn't be hard to stay away since I'd not had any for more than half a decade, right? Shame, I'm so ashamed that I couldn't keep that promise. Knew I was sending Father and Momma to an early grave, worrying about their youngest son. Just couldn't help it, though. It called me. It said, "Bill, come to me!" Silly, I suppose, but it's true. Momma and Father were gone almost every evening to church or whatnot and I'd be left alone and even though I loved to read and ride my horse, those pastimes got old after working with Father in the day. They always asked me along, but I'd decline.

In fact, I wasn't home but three weeks when I decided to check the

streets of the city. The Ben Hur group had had an anniversary party for their insurance company at the Elks Hall. I was not drunk but was feeling mighty fine when one of the prettiest ladies I'd ever seen walked by. She was just what I'd dreamed of up in the pen. Her name was Mae Stilwell, yep, you guessed it daughter-in-law of my old lawyer. Didn't know it at the time and didn't care. I went after her and tried to kiss her. Beating at me, she screamed and I hiked it away. Guess she named the wrong man to begin with. They arrested a William Barnwell at the Monon Depot but his shoe didn't fit exactly right on a mud print they found. Someone told the sheriff I was on the street and since I'd been "away" so to speak, they came looking for me. Poor Momma and Father. Another trial for their son, Bill. Again, they were there for me. You'd think I'd learn. Mae Stilwell wasn't even hurt. It was actually kind of a laughed-about thing that she identified the wrong man to begin with and then picked on me because I was not long home from being sent away. I had a better lawyer this time, another distant cousin, Jim Coons. Even with the long list of public intoxication counts and a petty theft brought out, I was only given six months in the local jail because the state pen was so overcrowded.

It was really odd that defending lawyers tried to convince the jury



that I had murdered William Fletcher on the Monon tracks earlier in the year. Bully for them for discovering I was still in Michigan City at that time. Some people believed the worst. I was devastated with my 17 year sentence, but was okay with this one. It gave me time away from the whiskey and ample occasion to ponder my ways.

The six months were reduced to three as again, even our county jail was packed. I stayed out of trouble for quite sometime then. In fact, it was about that time, I became known as the Courthouse Preacher. Although I couldn't seem to stay away from the drink, I decided it was time I should tell others to not get started. Many times the boys from the college would come by and listen to me. I could speak on the subject for hours, telling them what a hell hole the state pen really is, how you work from 4:00 in the morning until after 7 at night, how you fear to go to sleep at night wondering if your throat will be cut or your rations sent from home devoured by someone else. I would advise those gathering to hear me that whiskey cost a great deal of your wages.

Whiskey ruins your health. Whiskey

smothers your youth. Whiskey can even drive you to kill a man. Each and every time I told the story about killing William Lane all ears and eyes were upon me. It was a cleansing of my soul. Occasionally, I'd read a bible verse or two, but mostly, I spoke on and on, always ending with this prayer, "Oh, dear Lord up above, guide those here gathered away from the evil ways of sinful drinking. Keep them safe and out of harm's way, Heavenly Father!"

Sometimes I was a charlatan and went right to the saloon and drank away the coins they sometimes threw. Other times, I'd go straight home to Momma and give her part of the funds. Never did I think to save any for a rainy day. My world crashed when Father died in Spring of 1916 and I was even more devastated in November of 1918 when I lost my dear Mother. It was her death that actually turned me around from the total sinner I had been to the real "Courthouse preacher" and I thank ya', Momma.

Now, as I near my own death and lay my head in a poor man's bunk in the county home, I want to insist that you do not touch the bottle to your lips or all hell and brimstone will rot your soul. Listen to the Courthouse Preacher, folks, as I know. I've been to hell and back and Thank ye' Lord, for it ain't now where I'm headin'!

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