⇒ TODAY'S VERSE

Matthew 7:2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.



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People who call our community their own What makes Thom Johnson happy? The joy of spending time with his four grandsons, losing a great deal of weight in the last 33 months and "the reaction and appreciation of the audience for giving a great show," said the Westfield resident, who is vice president of community engagement for Basile Westfield Playhouse, which was recently renamed for Playhouse donors Frank and Katrina Basile. Johnson was found attending the board gathering with the new donors during their signing of the naming rights, which will last 10 years. Johnson earned Encore Association award nomination for Best Producer of a Drama for "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" and a nomination for Best Minor Supporting Actor in A Comedy for "Lie, Cheat & Genuflect," both during the 2019-20 theater season at Basile Westfield Playhouse. He co-produced with Jen Otterman of Noblesville a 2021 Playhouse production of "Silent Sky." He's performed in about 50 shows over the past 13 years, appearing also with The Belfry Theatre (during the 2017-18 season as a patient in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," for which the patients earned Best Ensemble in a Play from the Encore Association for 2017-18), Footlite Musicals, Epilogue, Buck Creek and Nickel Plate players, among others. He's been in more than a dozen productions at Basile Westfield Playhouse including a portrayal as a maniacal psychiatric client in "Perfect Crime" and as the loveable Nick in the Emporium for the Playhouse's "A Little Christmas Spirit." Thom is vice president of business on the Basile Westfield Playhouse board of directors and has been a part of Voices From the Past living history walk in Westfield. He also performed in the 2017, 2018 and 2019 Indy Fringe Festivals. He graduated from Plainfield High School and University of Evansville with a degree in pre-theology. By day, he trains others in customer service for the State of Indiana. He has two sons and four grandsons. He thanks friends and family for their support. For tickets

And **Another Thing...**

westfieldplayhouse.org/

Noblesville Schools kindergarten enrollment for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year will be Feb. 7- March 18,

to the current Playhouse show, "Of

Mice and Men," a drama directed

by James H. Williams and continues

through Feb. 20, visit https://www.

Children must be at least five years of age on or before Aug. 1, 2022 in order to enroll for kindergarten. Children who will be five after Aug. 1, but on or before October 1, 2022 can be considered for early entrance.

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Candy, played by Chris Otterman (left) of Noblesville, and George Milton, played by Brian Coon of Westfield, rehearse this week for a scene from the drama, "Of Mice and Men," on stage Thursdays-Sundays, through Feb. 20 at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

New Director Shares Importance Of Keeping 'The Language' In Play

"Of Mice and Men," a play by John Steinbeck, contains

strong adult language and racial slurs. Some community

theater play directors might ask permission from a playwright to cut or change the wording, but not James H.

His intent when he directs a

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The Times Editor

play is to perform the play as-is. While Basile Westfield Playhouse, where the play opened

Architecture, Engineering and Construction

Job Fair for Juniors, Seniors On Wed., Feb. 16

Hamilton Heights is opening the door to opportunity for juniors

and seniors at this spring job fair. The event connects students

with a strong pool of companies and post-grad support orga-

students a jumpstart in their respective careers.

nizations serving greater Metro Indy and beyond to give these

Thursday night, doesn't condone the use of said language, Williams said, "I opted to present the show the way that the author wrote it many years ago."
He said, "While the hurtful

language is there, we feel that there's so much more to the story and not upon what Steinbeck wrote. The lesson of the story rings true today. It is OK to dream. It is OK to have compassion for one another. It is OK to love one another. And finally, it is OK to have hope when all

hope is lost."
"Of Mice and Men" is Williams' first show to direct at Basile Westfield Playhouse. The drama opened Thursday and continues for a total of eight performances, at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and 2:30 p.m. Sundays, through Feb. 20, at the Playhouse in downtown Westfield.

Williams fell in love with the story "Of Mice and Men" 35 years ago in high school English class, growing up in Muncie.

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Quarterbacks **And Leadership**

We are witnessing an end to an era of leadership. The NFL quarterbacks we've been watching for the past

BRIAN HOWEY

two decades are retiring. There was valiant leader here in Indiana named Peyton Manning, who in February 2007 led the Indianapolis Colts to their lone Super Bowl title. Manning defined leadership on the field and in his community. He quarterbacked the Colts to 11 playoff runs, eight division titles, three AFC championship games, two Super Bowl appearances, and one championship title in Super Bowl XLI. He won five NFL MVP awards, four with the Colts.

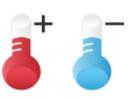
I recount these heroics because one golden era of the NFL quarterback is passing before our eyes. Tom Brady, Ben Roethlisberger and, perhaps,

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The Daily Almanac



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Wacky Holiday Today International Day of Women and Girls in Science

 National Make a Friend Day



What Happened On This Day

- 1990 Nelson Mandela is freed after 27 years as a political prisoner
- 1975 Margaret Thatcher becomes the first female leader of the British Conservative Party





Births On This Day • 1847 Thomas Edison

American businessman,

- invented the light bulb, • 1969 Jennifer Aniston American actress, director,
- producer

Deaths On This Day • 1963 Sylvia Plath

- American poet
- 2012 Whitney Houston American singer, actress, producer, model

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for a career, summer appren-

ticeship, and/or internship in the local construction trade

industry. Potential opportu-

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This event gives students

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tions a chance to meet, estab-lish professional relationships,

and discuss potential job and/

or internship and appren-

ticeship opportunities while

developing relationships that

Got big plans for Monday? I do!



TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Chronic nasal congestion is often helped by routine irrigation of the nose using over-the-counter nose wash kits.

Today's health tip was brought to you by Dr. John Roberts. Be sure to catch his column each week in The Times and online at www. thetimes24-7.com.

The Times appreciates all our customers. Today, we'd like to personally thank Lynnette Czizek of Noblesville for subscribing!

🗢 TODAY'S QUOTE

"Age does not protect you from love. But love, to some extent, protects you from age" —Anais Nin

⇒ TODAY'S JOKE

What'd the farmer give his Valentine? Hogs and kisses (which might explain why he slept in the barn





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OBITUARIES

Steven Lynn Rennaker June 11, 1967 - Jan. 23, 2022

Steven Lynn Rennaker, Sr., 54, passed away Jan. 23, 2022.

He was born June 11, 1967 in Springfield, Ohio to the late Harold Delee Rennaker, Sr. and Dorothy Dot (Niverson) Rennaker.

Mr. Rennaker was a contractor and came to Sarasota 3 years ago from Fort Wayne, Ind. He enjoyed building things, remodeling houses, fixing cars, reading and watching crime shows.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl; daughters Samantha (Aiden) Baldwin, Melissa (Trevor) Spinola, Kaytlynn Rennaker and Alicia Shanks; son Steven Rennaker, Jr; sisters, Martha Rennaker (Mark Johansen) and Dorinda (David) McKenzie; brother, Jimmy (Renee Percy) Rennaker; grandchildren Lucas, Elaina Marie, Johanna, Raiden and Elliott.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Rennaker was predeceased by his brother Harold Rennaker, Jr.; niece Paula Wood; and nephew Joel Rennaker.

Mr. Rennaker loved his wife very much and they took care of each other for years.

Memories and condolences may be left online at www. MFHcares.com.

Gov. Holcomb Signs Three Executive Orders Granting Medical Clemency

Governor Eric J. Holcomb today announced he signed executive orders granting medical clemency for the first time while in

"Today I granted medical clemency to three offenders who are bed ridden and diagnosed with terminal health conditions. The three men will be released to the supervision of the Parole Board and will serve the remainder of their lives at a skilled nursing home under the state's care. In all three cases the offenders require 24-hour a day care as they are unable to care for themselves.

I granted the medical clemencies after a great deal of research and consideration. These men are no longer a threat to society, and it's been determined they are better cared for at a skilled nursing home. The Indiana Parole Board unanimously recommended a medical clemency for all three men," said



Gov. Eric Holcomb Gov. Holcomb.

The three men who have been granted clemency are Charles Calhoun, Alphonzo Griffin and Jerome Maclin. Mr. Calhoun was serving an 80 year sentence for murder, of which he had already served 40 years. Mr. Griffin was serving a 50 year sentence for robbery causing serious bodily injury, which he has served 19 years of. Mr. Maclin was serving a life sentence for rape and kidnapping, of which he had served 45 years.

Letters

Internet Item Concerns Reader

Dear Editor, I just read on the internet a plea to stop the approval of vaccines to children under five years of age and precious six month old babies from Mary Holland, President

and General Counsel of

Children's Health Defense. She states, "There is no Covid emergency for children under five years old. Children have a 99.995% recovery rate from COVID and healthy children are not dying from COVID. Not only is this injection medically unnecessary for this younger age group, but there are clear signals coming from U.S. government sources that the risk to human health is real, and that adverse events to this vaccine are not rare. "

Have you seen the precious pictures of innocent bright eyed babies in Kroger near the babies aisle? They are adorable and look very healthy. How could you harm an innocent child with these un-approved experimental so called vaccines!

On February 15, the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee (VRBPAC) is scheduled to meet to deliberate granting Emergency Use Authorization to Pfizer's BioNTech SARS-CoV-2 vaccine for babies aged six-months and children up to five years old despite the lack of safety and efficacy to support its use - a statement within this article.

I have written about this issue before and I am seriously concerned about the bad side effects upon our very young children if parents decide to go ahead and give their children the shot. They could become very ill, have side effects later on in life or die. If you care about our very young population, please join with me and share these concerns with contacting the FDA products advisory committee, our board of health officials, family, friends and neighbors to stop the approval of this

horrid shot. It is suggested to send the hard copy letters in red envelopes. Let the letters pile up on their desks and jam the phone lines with your disapproval of an action that may have the worse results ever as these children cannot fight for themselves, we must do it for them.

Mari Briggs Sheridan

Lip Smacking Column



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

Valentine's Day stresses me out. I never know what to buy for my wife. The worst part is looking for the perfect card. I've lurked on the holiday aisle at the Hallmark store, waiting until some guy about my age laughed at a particular punch line. If there was another one of those cards in the rack, I'd snap it up and buy it, assuming it didn't contain a crass, juvenile double entendre or risqué joke. For our entire marriage this has been my annual method to make the perfect selection. One thing is sure: the cards Mary Ellen received when we were

dating were a touch edgier than in recent years.

Here's a statistic that's apropos for the upcoming day for sweethearts. The average person spends 20,000 minutes in his or her lifetime kissing. Again, this is an average: your smoothing may vary, depending on whether you attend a lot of Greek and Jewish weddings or have more than six grandchildren. Of course, this is pre-Covid data, so the numbers have probably gone down.

How did the American Dental Association come up with this number? It took a little math, but it looks like if your kissing career spans 75 years, you need to kiss about 47.4 seconds a day to reach this target. I'm a happily married guy, but to reach this number would require counting my relationships with each of our three dogs as well as the seven iron I used to make two holes in one.

Even though we both have a competitive streak,

Mary Ellen and I can't possibly keep up with the Joneses, who just happen to be the newlywed neighbors down the street. The Fettermans next door have been married 40 years like us, so their numbers may

> But how do I increase my output so my obit could read: "Exceeded the Standard Kissing Time by 3,500 minutes"? Even my harshest critics would be forced to concede that when it came to lips, I was successful at putting two and two together.

represent a more realistic

goal for us to shoot for.

When I walked in the house after returning from a pickleball game last Wednesday, my wife received the customary smooch. Now if you multiply my average weekly number of YMCA visits by my predicted remaining lifespan, total osculation could be increased by 20 percent. Osculation, by the way, is the scientific name for kissing. Don't use that word during romantic encounters. It could have

a negative impact on your lifetime kissing total.

Mary Ellen soon caught on that I was not enjoying the act as much as I was trying to run up my total time so we could surpass the Fettermans' totals.

'What was that all about?" asked Mary Ellen.

"What do you mean?" "Your kiss. You were lingering a lot longer than usual. It's not even the weekend yet.

In order for my wife and me to someday surpass the national average, it will require her full cooperation. Last night I told Mary Ellen how beautiful she is and how great dinner was. Maybe now we'll be able to break that 20,000 mark...as long as kissing up counts.

- 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







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PUBLIC NOTICES

Innovative Engineering & Consulting, Inc (3961 Perry Boulevard, Whitestown, IN 46075) is submitting an NOI (Rule 5) letter to notify the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements under 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities for the following project: Ackerson Farms Section 2 located northwest of intersection of 171st Street and Ditch Road, within the City of Westfield. Run-off from the project site will discharge to SM Smith legal drain. Questions or comments should be directed to Jerry Kittle at the above mentioned Innovative Engineering & Consulting, Inc.

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NOTIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY

Wilfong Land Companies, (14199 Nicholas Drive, Carmel, IN 46074) is submitting a Notice of Intent to the Indiana Department of Environmental Management of our intent to comply with the requirements of 327 IAC 15-5 to discharge storm water from construction activities associated with the Goodwill. Project is located at 25 East Spring Mill Pointe Drive, Westfield, Hamilton County, Indiana. Run-off from the project site will discharge into the SR32 Arm of the Anna Kendall Drain. Questions or comments regarding this project should be directed to Beau Wilfong of Wilfong Land Companies at the above mentioned

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State's Largest Safety and Health Conference Returns Feb. 28

Safety tactics, substance Gibson is the lead abuse, leadership and cybersecurity will be among the hot topics at the state's largest safety and health event. The 2022 Indiana Safety and Health Conference & Expo, which takes place Feb. 28 - March 2, will feature more than 70 educational sessions to keep Hoosier workers safe on the job.

The three-day event is presented by the Indiana Chamber of Commerce and Central Indiana Chapter of the American Society of Safety Professionals, in partnership with INSafe Indiana and the Coalition for Construction Safety.

conference sponsor.

"We're always thrilled to host this largescale event and it will be fun to meet new attendees and see those friendly faces who attend annually," relays Kerri Begley, vice president of business education and events for the Indiana Chamber. "We have an esteemed group of speakers tackling many topics and conferencegoers will leave with much more knowledge in their

arsenals." The conference's two keynote speakers are Manley Feinberg II of Vertical Lessons, Inc. and retired FBI Special

Agent John Iannarelli, also known as "FBI John," who will speak on cybersecurity.

Through Feinberg's address, "Reaching Your Next Summit,' attendees will gain tools they can use immediately to develop a leadership mindset that equips them and team members to step up and lead, regardless of their title.

New this year is the Forklift Rodeo, hosted by ASSP Central Indiana Chapter and the Indiana Chamber, along with ProLift Toyota Material Handling. Forklift operators will showcase their driving abilities in an obstacle

course March 1 and complete challenges as quickly and efficiently as possible. (All forklift rodeo participants must be certified to operate a lift.) Forklift operators will be scored individually and a grand prize of \$250 will be awarded along with a trophy and bragging rights as the 2022 Indiana Forklift Rodeo Champion.

On day three of the conference, the 2022 Governor's Workplace Safety Awards (GWSA) will be presented during the lunch hour.

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to register to attend or for more information. Registration options and costs can be viewed at www.insafetvconf.com/ registration.

A virtual option is available for those who cannot attend in person. The educational sessions, both general sessions and GWSA luncheon recordings, will be available to view from March 8 until June 1. Of note: Virtual attendees will not have access to sessions during the live conference Feb. 28 - March 1. Some educational sessions will not be provided ondemand at the request of the speaker.

Additional 2022 Indiana Safety & Health Conference sponsors include: platinum sponsors Indiana Safety & Supply and ClearPath Mutual; gold sponsors Board of Certified Safety Professionals and Martin Supply; and silver sponsors: Advanced Rescue Solutions, Healthy Roster, Honeywell PPE, Intelex, iReportSource Safety Management Software, KHA Online-SDS™, KPA, OraSure Technologies, Peak Performance, Safety Management Group, Sentinel Safety Group and Work Comp Management Services.

Gavin Coulter Of Carmel Awarded Gold Stars For Fall Semester At The Citadel

Gavin Coulter of Carmel, Ind. is one of the more than 650 cadets and students recognized for their academic achievements during the fall 2021 semester.

Gold stars are awarded to cadets and students at The Citadel who achieved a 3.7 grade point average or higher. Cadets and students who achieve gold star recognition are also placed on The Citadel's dean's list.

Those cadets will be recognized at the awards parade on Jan. 28, where they will be presented their gold stars, which they may wear on their uniforms throughout the semester following their

academic achievement. A gold star recognition certificate is awarded to non-cadet students who meet the requirements; veteran and active duty students are also awarded challenge coins.

About The Citadel The Citadel, with its iconic campus located in Charleston, South Carolina, offers a classic military college education for young men and women focused on leadership excellence and academic distinction. The approximately 2,400 members of the S.C. Corps of Cadets are not required to serve in the military, but about one-third of each class earn commissions

to become officers in every branch of U.S. military service. Citadel alumni have served the nation, their states and their communities as principled leaders since 1842. The Citadel Graduate College, founded more than 50 years ago, offers dozens of graduate degree, graduate certificate and evening undergraduate programs in the evening or online. Consecutively named Best Public College in the South by U.S. News & World Report for 11 years and No. 1 Best Public College for Veterans in the South for four years. Learn more about Our Mighty Citadel here.

University of Utah Announces Fall 2021 Dean's List

The University of Utah congratulates more than 9,600 students who were named to the Fall 2021 Dean's List.

 Priya Patel of Carmel whose major is listed as Business Administration BS

• Erin Doyle of Westfield whose major is listed as Environmental & Sustain Std BS and Political Science HBS

• Ryan Zeh of Carmel whose major is listed as Undeclared Pre Medicine BA

• Savanna Jensen of Fishers whose major is listed as Theatre BFA

About the U The University of Utah, located in Salt Lake City in the foothills of the Wasatch Mountains, is the



flagship institution of higher learning in Utah. Founded in 1850, it serves over 32,000 students from across the U.S. and the world. With over 100 major subjects at the undergraduate level and more than 90 major fields of study at the graduate level, including law and medicine, the university prepares students to live and

compete in the global workplace. In 2019, the university was selected as a new member of the Association of American Universitiesan invitation-only, prestigious group of 65 leading research institutions marked by excellence in academic expertise and research impact, student success, and securing resources in support of core missions. Known for its proximity to seven world-class ski resorts within 40 minutes of campus, the U encourages an active, holistic lifestyle, innovation and collaborative thinking to engage students, faculty, and business leaders.







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Super Boilermakers In The Super Bowl: The Story of Purdue Football In The Big Game



KENNY THOMPSON

By late Sunday night, either Ricardo Allen and Markus Bailey of the Cincinnati Bengals or Brycen Hopkins of the Los Angeles Rams will become the latest Purdue football alumni to earn a Super Bowl ring.

A former Boilermaker has been on the Super Bowl-winning team 15 of the last 20 years, most recently with linebacker Ja'Whaun Bentley of the New England Patriots in Super Bowl LIII.

Bailey, a second-year linebacker, has enjoyed the most playing time of the three former Boilermakers in 2021. He has started three games and compiled 34 tackles. Allen, a safety in his first year with Cincinnati after six seasons in Atlanta, has made 12 tackles in a mostly reserve

Bailey and Allen aren't the only Purdue ties with the Bengals. Defensive coordinator Lou Anarumo is in his third season with Cincinnati. He coached defensive backs at Purdue

from 2004-11, and one of his prized pupils was Allen.

Hopkins has played in just five games this season for the Rams, who have two veteran tight ends ahead of him in Tyler Higbee and Kendall Blanton. Los Angeles could have used Hopkins in the NFC championship game when Higbee went down early with a leg injury. Hopkins was not active for the NFC title game, leaving the Rams with just Blanton available. It's a possibility the Rams will not risk being caught shorthanded

again. Purdue's ties to the Super Bowl go all the way back to the inaugural game in 1967 between Green Bay and Kansas City. Chiefs coach Hank Stram and quarterback Len Dawson tasted defeat that day in Los Angeles.

Three years later, Kansas City won Super Bowl IV and Dawson became the first of three former Purdue quarterbacks to claim a Super Bowl title. Dawson was 12 of 17 for 142 yards and a touchdown in a 23-7 victory against Minnesota, earning MVP honors.

Both Stram and Dawson are in the Pro Football Hall of Fame as is the second Purdue Super Bowl winning quarterback, Bob Griese.

Griese led the Miami Dolphins to three con-

secutive Super Bowls, winning in Super Bowl VII and VIII. It's hard to believe in comparison to today's NFL but Griese only threw a combined 18 passes in the victories against Washington and Minnesota. He completed 14 of them, though, with one touchdown.

Dawson and Griese in the near future will be joined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame by Drew Brees. Brees led the New Orleans Saints to a 31-17 victory against the Indianapolis Colts in Super Bowl XLIV in 2010. Brees threw for 288 yards, two touchdowns and a Super Bowl record-tying 32 pass completions.

Former Purdue linebacker Keena Turner holds the distinction of the Boilermaker alumnus with the most Super Bowl rings. Turner played for the San Francisco 49ers in their victories against Cincinnati (XVI), Miami (XIX), Cincinnati (XXIII) and the San Diego Chargers (XXIV).

Including Bentley, Boilermakers have had a role in the New England Patriots' record-tying six Super Bowl victories. Offensive tackle Matt Light owns three championship rings for Super Bowls XXXVI, XXXVIII and XXXIX. Linebacker Rosevelt Colvin and offensive linemen Brandon Gorin and Gene Mruczkowski were

champions in Super Bowls

XXXVIII and XXXIX. Linebacker Rob Ninkovich was a key member of teams in Super Bowls

the Patriots' championship XLIX and LI. Defensive lineman David Nugent picked up a ring for Super Bowl XXXVI.

Purdue legend Mike Alstott went down in history as the first Boilermaker alumnus to score a touchdown, doing so for Tampa Bay in its Super Bowl XXXVII victory.

Rod Woodson, like Griese a member of the College and Pro Football Hall of Fame, is one of just 11 players in NFL history to play in three Super Bowls with three teams. Woodson won a ring with the Baltimore Ravens in Super Bowl XXXV while being on the losing side for Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XXX and Oakland in Super Bowl XXXVII.

Linebacker Cliff Avril is one of just seven NFL players to record a safety in the Super Bowl, doing so during Seattle's victory in Super Bowl XLVIII.

Defensive tackle Dave Butz earned two Super Bowl rings with the now Washington Commanders. In Super Bowl XVII, Butz helped hold Miami to 176 yards and nine first downs during a 27-17 victory. Butz earned his second ring in Super Bowl XXII, a 42-10 thrashing of

Denver. Safety Tim Foley was a starter on the two Miami Dolphins Super Bowl

championship teams. Other Purdue alumni wearing Super Bowl rings are linebacker Gilbert Gardner and wide receiver John Standeford of the Indianapolis Colts (XLI), defensive lineman Mike Neal of Green Bay (XLV), offensive lineman Chukky Okobi of Pittsburgh (XL), safety Bernard Pollard of the Baltimore Ravens (XLVII), linebacker Jim Schwantz of Dallas (XXX) and Jeff Zgonina of the then-St. Louis Rams (XXXIV).

Batting 1,000 When Purdue became the first school to reach 1,000 Big Ten Conference victories thanks to last Sunday's victory against Michigan, I was curious to learn which Big Ten school was second on the all-time wins list.

Those of you who guessed Indiana, like I did, are wrong. The Hoosiers are third with a 954-714 record in conference play, a tidy .572 winning percentage.

It's Illinois, which after Tuesday's loss in Mackey Arena is 973-741 (.568). Third-ranked Purdue now stands at 1,001-686, a winning percentage approaching 60 percent (.593).

Through games of Feb. 8, here's the rest of the Big Ten all-time standings in order of victories: Wisconsin (854-857),

Ohio State (831-735) Iowa (807-811), Michigan (788-698), Minnesota (725-884), Michigan State (677-504), Northwestern (533-1,128), Penn State (170-349), Chicago (168-296), Maryland (85-59), Nebraska (61-136) and Rutgers (44-100).

Chicago left the Big Ten in 1946, to be replaced by Michigan State in 1950. Penn State joined officially in 1992, and Nebraska in 2012. Maryland and Rutgers completed the current conference lineup in 2014.

According to Fox Sports, the only school with more conference victories in its current league is Kentucky with 1,028 wins in the SEC.

However, Kansas' conference history spans the Missouri Valley (1908-28) and the Big 6/7/8 (1929-96) before the latter league evolved into the Big 12. Taking all of those conference wins into consideration, the Jayhawks have 1,138 league victories.

UCLA is next with 963 victories covering its history in the Pac-8/10/12. North Carolina owns 723 ACC victories and Villanova leads the Big East with 435 wins.

- Kenny Thompson is the former sports editor for the Lafayette Journal & Cou¬rier and an award-winning journalist. He has covered Purdue athletics for many

Logan Signs to Play Soccer for DePauw University

Jayla Logan, Hamilton Heights' senior, has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for DePauw University in Greencastle, Indiana this fall. DePauw University is a member of the North Coast Athletic Conference (NCAC) and a NCAA Division III athletic institution. She is the daughter of Tom and Lisa Logan.

Logan was drawn to De-Pauw University because of its strong management fellows' program and multitude of internship opportunities. "I also really resonated with the women's soccer coach, team values, and believe I can contribute to the team's future successes," said Jayla Logan, who plans to major in chemistry and minor in economics as she works toward her long-term goal as a pharmaceutical sales representative for Eli Lily.

Logan, a multisport athlete, has been playing soccer since age of 5. She has been recognized on and off the field for her achievements. She served as the Heights' girls soccer team captain twice; named as the team's MVP twice; named to the ALL Conference team twice, 1st Team All District twice; and received an All-State Honorable mention. She was named Defensive Player of



Hamilton Heights' senior Jayla Logan has signed a letter of intent to play soccer for the DePauw University Tigers in Greencastle, Indiana this fall. Logan is pictured with her parents, Tom and Lisa Logan.

the Year and ISCA Girls Top Team player in 2019 and named Academic All-State twice.

In wrestling, she was a 2021 state qualifier at 6th place; a 2022 State Qualifier at 4th place; and named Academic All-State twice. She was a three-year member of the Girls Varsity Track & Field team and named a 2021 Academic All State. In addition, she is secretary of the senior Student Government class and member of the National Honor Society.

Logan built her skill on the field through club soccer, works with a personal trainer, and set up a goal in her backyard during the COVID-19 lockdown. In addition, she trains at the

gym in her free time with her dad. Being a member of the as wrestling and track teams have helped keep her skills, agility, and

stamina strong for soccer. She says her parents are her biggest supporters. Whether it was her dad throwing soccer balls at her to develop ball control or her folks traveling with her to soccer tournaments, they have been there every step of the way to help her prepare for post-secondary success.

"I'm super excited to see what the next four years bring for me at DePauw," she added. "I'm confident that this university will provide me the tools necessary for a successful future!"

"Jayla has been an outstanding role model for the girls' soccer team the past four years," said Hamilton Heights High School Athletic Director, Kurt Ogden.

"She is such a hard worker on the field and in the classroom and has a very strong will to succeed. She has earned this opportunity to play at the next level from her commitment to excellence in everything she does. We wish her well at DePauw University the next four years."

Travis Kauffman, Hamilton Heights High School Girls Soccer Head Coach, added that Jayla has personified the attitude and teammate-centered play that can change the direction of a program. "During her four years with the women's soccer program, she helped change the culture of our team and was a central part of the most successful four-year periods of my tenure," Coach Kauffman explained. "Jayla has always been a tremendously hard worker and has very high expectations for herself. But even more importantly, she trains and plays for her teammates and looks for ways to help make them better. Jayla will be missed but her talent and leadership is legacy to be proud of.'

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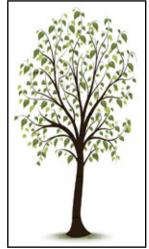
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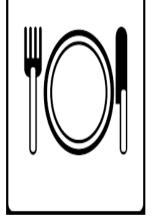
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It's a story "of love, hope, compassion and dreams," the 52-year-old Fishers resident said. "Of Mice and Men" is a tragic story of two great friends who struggle to live the American dream. "Though a lot of things have changed over the years, the story remains the same of how we need

to be today," he said.
"Of Mice and Men" by John Steinbeck is regularly on the banned books list put out by the American Library Association. It's been banned because of vulgarity, racism and its treatment of women.

Williams said while other community theaters in the area aren't willing to take on sensitive topics, language and cutting-edge shows, such as this story, "Westfield is welcome to it, as long as it's done in good taste.

He said, "Knowing this made it easier" when he went there after submitting the play several months ago for consideration. "I wish more theaters would take on the classics like this and not shy away from them and take the risk. With Westfield being this way, it has made my first experience an amazing one, one I hope to

repeat in the near future.' Whenever he chooses a play to direct, he reads several scripts before he makes a selection. "When it comes to choosing an adult show, I look for something where we can take risks by coming out of our comfort levels. I have found that I can enjoy directing dramas; they're more of a challenge. I don't like to back down from a challenge. It really makes my creative

juices flow. While he's directed shows with sensitive subjects, including the rated PG-13 "Brighton Beach Memoirs" at The Belfry Theatre in Noblesville, he's also gone to the other extreme, directing kids shows, which he loves. He came on as assistant director to Noblesville's Connie Murello-Todd at The Belfry for the theater's Apprentice Players youth musical, "Cinderella," and assistant directed every summer with Murello-Todd until her passing in 2018, when he took over the youth productions. This summer, he'll direct Disney's "Frozen

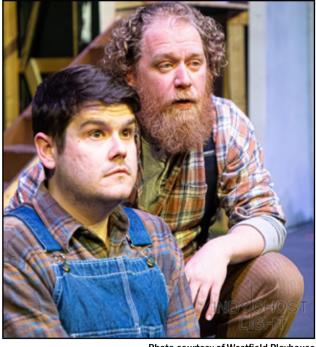


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Lennie Small, played by Joe Wagner of Noblesville, and George Milton, played by Brian Coon of Westfield, rehearse for a scene from the drama, "Of Mice and Men," on stage Thursdays-Sundays, through Feb. 20 at Basile Westfield Playhouse.

Jr." "I do enjoy directing the youth productions. It's different. The youth are eager to learn and are easier to mold than some adults; they don't have a lot of preconceived notions. This makes it fun for me; it helps keep me vounger." Working with the youth also allows me to use the shows I direct as a teaching experience."

He said the greatest challenge while directing "Of Mice and Men" was dealing with COVID, having both an actor and set builder out sick for a short stint. "It did slow us down a bit," he said. "Once things started falling back into place, the show started coming back together rapidly.

Rehearsals this week have gone well for the cast and crew members who mostly hail from in and around Hamilton County. "The cast took the bull by the horns from Day One by developing their characters, memorizing their lines and blocking, a few being harder on themselves very early on than what I would have expected at that point," he said. "The last two weeks



have been amazing once of what Williams accus-Williams James H.

they've begun to come off book, their characters really began showing more and more."

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Basile Westfield Playhouse has a much larger stage (width and height)

George Milton, Brian Coon of Westfield; Lennie Small, Joe Wagner of Fishers;

Logan Browning of Noblesville: Crooks. Austin Hookfin of Indianapolis: Boss. A.

Candy, Chris Otterman of Noblesville; Curley, Jake Hobbs of Indianapolis; Curley's

Wife, Audrey Duprey of Lawrence; Slim, Robert Webster Jr. of Indianapolis; Carlson,

tomed. Knowing he had more space to work with, set designer Ian Marshall-Fisher was able to design a beautiful, working two-story set. "We're literally using the whole space like it was intended to be used." He said being a period piece, props have been a bit of a challenge.

Newcomer to props

What: Main Street Productions presents "Of Mice and Men." When: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, through Feb. 20. Where: Basile Westfield

Photo courtesy of Westfield Playhouse

design and who is also

doing, Heidi Moranski

has done a great job rising

to the occasion. While she

veteran Susie Walden has

stepped in to mentor here.

And while last week's

snowstorm didn't allow

for rehearsal in person,

days, they rehearsed

they still rehearsed. Two

using Zoom video-confer-

encing, running just the lines. "By doing the lines

without the blocking, it

forced the actors to really

focus on what they were saying," he said. Williams, who was

born in Bluffton, raised in

Muncie, graduated from

School in 1988, served in

Muncie Central High

has had some challenges

along the way, Belfry

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the U.S. Army, attended Ball State University and who is now currently a senior at IUPUI majoring in General Studies with a certificate in Organizational Leadership Science and expected to graduate in 2024, is also an Eagle Scout, an assistant Scoutmaster, past master of Keystone Masonic Lodge No. 251 and current member of Carmel Lodge No. 421. By day, Williams is a service sales representative for Cintas First Aid & Safety.

Williams has been active in community theater for nearly 35 years.

"It's in my blood, I guess," he said. "Whether I'm on stage as an actor or helping create the magic, it's an out for me. God has given me so many talents; why not share my passion with those who come to be entertained."

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MEET THE PRODUCTION CREW

Producer, Ka'Lena Cuevas of Fishers; director, James H. Williams of Fishers; assistant directors, Fran Knapp of Noblesville and Tonya Rave of Indianapolis; stage manager, Tonya Rave; light design, Brian Coon of Westfield; light operator, Andrew Young of Fishers; sound design and operator, Brandon Schultz of Carmel; scenic design, lan Marshall-Fisher of Indianapolis; scenic construction, Adam Davis of Elwood, Ian Marshall-Fisher, Robert Rave of Indianapolis, Quinten Hobbs of Carmel and Heidi Moranski of Fishers; costume design, Anthony James Sirk of Lafayette; props design, Heidi Moranski of Fishers; hair/makeup, Dorinda Pena of Indianapolis; staging mistress, Maureen Akins of Zionsville; and crew, Christine Earley of Noblesville.

Mikel Allan of Carmel; Whit, Nathaniel Taff of Noblesville; and Candy's Dog, Meeko.

O BRIAN From Page A1 Aaron Rodgers, have or are expected to retire in the coming weeks, a year or two after Drew Brees, Eli Manning, and Tony Romo hung up the proverbial cleats. Brady won seven of 10 Super Bowls, was 16-4 against the Indianapolis Colts, 6-1 versus the Chicago Bears and 7-1 against the Cincinnati Bengals, making him the singularly most dreaded and despised QB in the Hoosier heartland.

They are passing the torch to a new generation of QBs in Joe Burrow. Patrick Mahomes, and Josh Allen.

Another thing has become clear: The 2012 decision by Colts owner Jim Irsay to forego a \$28 million check to Manning six months after he underwent spinal fusion surgery can now be termed to be a bust. While Peyton Manning sat out the 2011 season and the Colts unsuccessfully "sucked for Luck" Andrew Luck – going 2-14, in March 2012 Irsay cut Peyton Manning, and Colt fans heard this heartbreaking salutation from No. 18: "Thank

you for letting me be your quarterback.'

Manning's legacy is

MEET THE CAST:

foundationally planted in Indianapolis. There's a children's hospital named after him, his statue guards the north flank of Lucas Oil Stadium which the city built after his arrival in 1998, preventing a relocation to Los Angeles. Prep box scores are dotted with players, both male and female, named "Pevton." Hoosiers were so into Peyton Manning that as "The Sheriff" called audibles, a hush swept across the stadium. He is the one Hoosier who could impress on

SNL. Colt fans then watched Manning sign with the Denver Broncos – with the team receiving nothing in return - and in four years he led them to a pair of Super Bowls, his second title and his fifth MVP award. In his historic 2013 season, No. 18 threw a record 55 touchdown passes. He won his second Super Bowl in his final game in 2015.

Andrew Luck led the Colts to three consecu-

tive playoff appearances before a bad offensive line and a snowboarding injury began limiting his productivity. He missed the 2017 season, was healthy a year later to win the "Comeback Player of the Year" award after throwing for 4,593 yards and 39

touchdowns. The bottom dropped out in August 2019, just two weeks before the season began. Luck stunned the sports world, his city and adopted state with his abrupt retirement. "I've been stuck in this process," Luck said at an emotional press conference. "I haven't been able to live the life I want to live. It's taken the joy out of this game.

In career divisional and championship rounds, Luck was 1-to-3 with five TDs, eight interceptions, a lost fumble and a 56.33 QB rating. The Colts could have recouped \$25 million in signing bonuses, but the billionaire Irsay let Luck keep the money in an ironic bookend to the stunning and disastrous

Manning release.

With that, the post-QB golden age era has drearily set in for Indianapolis. Jacoby Brissett, Philip Rivers and now Carson Wentz have been under center, with none of them coming close to Peyton Manning's giant

legacy.
"The hype and buildup of Luck was such that the Colts were willing to kick their Hall of Fame, franchise QB to the curb in order to get him, observed Michael Hurley of CBS Boston. Or as Ryan Stano of Bleacher Report put it, "Hindsight is always 20/20. But the cruel reality is that the Colts made the wrong decision to part ways with the best player in franchise history. It was a ridiculously hard decision. Jim Irsay essentially had to decide if he wanted to part ways with the greatest player the franchise has ever known to draft the best prospect since John Elway. It was the wrong decision.'

One of the first impressions Carson Wentz made after joining the Colts was to refuse the

COVID-19 vaccine, without specifying to the fan base why. The contrast to Peyton Manning or Tom Brady is that they would do whatever it took to be prepared to play, in every game, on every play.

Manning sensed the obligation to lead.

In his Hall of Fame acceptance speech last summer, Peyton Manning displayed the leadership we all sore-ly miss: "We have a responsibility to make our game stronger, from the corner playground to the most celebrated stadiums. We just need to take tomorrow on our shoulders as readily as we donned our pads before each game. Let this moment become a cherished memory, and then remember: A legacy is only worthwhile when there is a future to fuel."

That, folks, is what leadership is all about.

-The columnist is publisher of Howey Politics Indiana at www.howeypolitics.com. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @ hwypol.

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aspirations.

that can open doors to potential employment upon graduation this

spring. Over 50 greater Indy metro-area companies will be on hand to share apprenticeship, internship opportunities, and open the door to an exciting career in the trades industry. In addition, there will be not-forprofit adult education specialists on hand to share their programs and services that support post-graduate career

This complimentary networking, information sharing, and recruiting event will take place at Hamilton Heights High School, Arcadia, Ind., on Wednesday, February 16, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. To register to attend or for more information contact event organizer, Eric Fisher at efisher@hhschuskies.



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Women Business Owners Take Decisive Action During The Pandemic

(StatePoint) As the country takes steps toward economic recovery amidst an ongoing pandemic, women business owners are reporting increased optimism about the current economic outlook, which may be accredited to their resilience and decisive action, according to a recent survey of women-owned

businesses by PNC Bank. Leading the way in employee vaccination. According to the survey, nine in 10 (89%) women business owners have taken action to encourage employee vaccination, compared to 78% of male business owners. In fact, half (49%) are providing assistance or education about the vaccine and nearly half (48%) are requiring their employees

to receive vaccinations. Those efforts may well be making an impact: eight in 10 (79%) women business owners estimate that a majority of their employees have been vaccinated, and eight in 10 (81%) of those with 100% vaccinated employees report they are highly optimistic about their company's prospects over the next six months. Among those with fewer than 100% of their workforce vaccinated, 56% are highly optimistic.

"The optimism reflected in this survey is significantly higher than in our previous surveys of women business owners and this year, there is an undeniable correlation between safeguarding their workforce and their future financial

prospects," said Beth Marcello, director of PNC Women's Business Development.

Supporting employees through the pandemic. In addition to encouraging COVID-19 vaccination. female business owners have outpaced men in taking other actions since the start of the pandemic on behalf of their employees, such as implementing health and safety improvements (49%), allowing more flexible work arrangements (49%), and providing caregiving support and other benefits (14%).

Both women (36%) and men (44%) increased wages and salaries during the pandemic to retain and attract talent, and said they plan to increase compensation (27% and

37%, respectively) in the

next six months. Taking action on social responsibility. Women business owners differed substantially from their men counterparts in the area of social responsibility, according to the survey. Six in 10 (60%) women business owners have formally considered or reviewed policies supporting diversity and inclusion, gender pay equity, volunteering or charitable giving, or sustainability or the environment in the past 12 months. This is double the percentage of men business owners who have done the same (30%).

"It is clear from the data that female business owners are prepared for the challenges they face;

in fact, more than half attributed their optimism to their own resilience and resourcefulness,' Marcello said. "The support they provide for each other and their employees is key to thriving, and why we're optimistic about the future for women-owned businesses and their growing contribution to economic prosperity overall."

About the survey and Project 257: Accelerating Women's Financial Equality. The survey, among small- and medium-sized businesses with self-reported revenue of \$100,000 to \$250 million, was conducted by telephone among a national sample of women's business owners during August and

September of 2021.

Under the leadership of Marcello and with support from the bank's 4,000 PNC-Certified Women's Business Advocates, PNC recently launched Project 257: Accelerating Women's Financial Equality, an initiative designed to help close the 257-year economic gender gap and expand on PNC's decades-long track record of supporting female financial decision makers. More information can be found at pnc. com/women.

One thing is clear. Women business owners have taken decisive action during the pandemic, and these efforts are making a positive impact on their employees and their business.

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AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 19

Yeah, OK, so it's a week later and you're still bummed that the Super Bowl once again took place without our beloved Indianapolis Colts. Cheer up Bucky, it could be worse. The New England Patriots could have been in it!



PISCES

Feb. 20 - March 20

Yes, Valentine's Day is a time for sentiment and expressing your innermost feelings. On the other hand, Pisces, an evening with Turner Classic Movies and a quart of Haagen-Dazs can't be all bad.



ARIES

March 21 - April 20

Stand strong, Aries. This is the time for you to step up and make your presence known. Do not be shy. Be bold. Answer the call. Unless it's the IRS. If it is, just let it go to voicemail.



TAURUS

April 21 - May 21

Tough time of the year for nature lovers like yourself, Taurus. But fear not. The bone-chilling temps followed by the warmth and back to brrrrrr are keeping you inside and keeping the coyotes from devouring those cute little rabbits in your yard.



GEMINI

May 22 - June 22

Valentine's Day was a special time for Geminis because you are naturally sweet anyways. So enjoy the extra attention but remember that "sweet" often ends up in cavities and unwanted body fat.



CANCER June 23 - July 23

Good time of the year for the part of you that enjoys being content, Cancer. Grab a book by your favorite author and curl up with a blanket - or you could schedule that overdue colonoscopy. Either way, you'll need the book.



LEO

July 24 - Aug. 23

You are such a giving person, Leo. And that seems to coincide very closely with what's going on in your life right now. You've given everyone at work, at home and the grocery store the flu. Stay home!



Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Worrying is a natural trait for you Virgo. There are two ways to look at it. You can either worry yourself to death or you can worry that you're worrying too much. Of course we worry that might worry you worse.



LIBRA

Sept. 24 – Oct. 23

It is the perfect week when your meticulous streak rises to the top, Libra. Everything must be just so in your life and the stars have lined up for that to happen. Just try to ignore anything connected to Biden, Trump or Pelosi.



SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You are so intense, Scorpio, and that will be a challenge for you this week. Try to lighten up a bit and realize that intensity is not always a good thing. Especially for a day trip to the spa.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 23 - Dec. 22

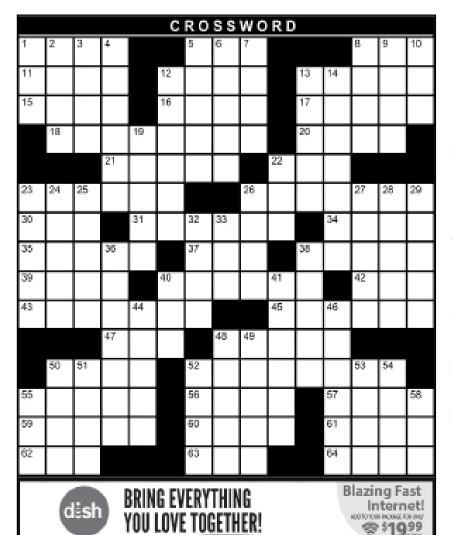
Sagittarius, your jovial side is front and center this week. However, that does not mean it's a good time to play a practical joke on your boss . . . or at least not one that can be traced back to you, if you get



CAPRICORN

Dec. 23 - Jan. 19

You are nothing if not consistent, Capricorn. And that is admirable. However, this would be a good week to break from that consistency a little bit. After all, one can only eat so much bran cereal.





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- 15. Resting stops 16. Not guilty, e.g.
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- 18. *Home of last year's
- Super Bowl winners
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- Super Bowl MVP
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- Be 30. Big fuss
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 - 50. SWAT attack, e.g.
 - 52. *Super Bowl I and II
 - winning coach
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 - brother
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 - 59. Anoint
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 - 61. Season to be jolly 62. *Most Super Bowl wins
 - by one team
 - 63. Snoop
 - 64. Carhop's load

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- 1. *Roman number of this year's Super Bowl
- 3. Santa Maria's traveling

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- partner 4. Despair in the face of
- obstacles 5. "The Hobbit" hobbit
- 6. "Caribbean Queen"
- singer 7. Colloquial approval
- 8. Cold cuts counter
- 9. South American tubers 10. Pig's digs

- 12. Not dense
 - 13. Make corrections
- 14. *Florida team with no
- Super Bowl appearances
- 19. Return punch 22. Come and
- 23. Lamentably 24. Bye, to Edith Piaf
- 25. Bottom line
- 26. *2022 Super Bowl stadium
- 27. Upholstery choice 28. *Archie to Super Bowl
- MVPs Peyton and Eli
- 29. Exploits 32. *Super Bowl Halftime
- show Snoops's "last name"
 - 33. Hardly a beauty 36. *Like some teams
 - 38. Oenophile's concern
- 40. Many, many moons
- 41. Empower 44. Big Dipper's visible
- shape 46. Oppressive ruler 48. On the wagon
- 49. Nail salon board 50. Feminine of raja
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On The Street Where I live

I was waiting my turn, the other day, southbound at a "redneck round-a-bout". There a millions of these intersections, located throughout the world. We used to call them "four-way stops," but stopping is quite optional these days. Not only that, not slowing down before not stopping is quickly becoming the popular uptrend.

Lest you think I'm picking on our rural denizens at the country crossroads, let me remind you that there are tens of thousands of crossing intersections in metropolitan areas, as well. In this world of socioeconomic and geopolitical divide, not stopping may be the last projection of com-mon ground.

In some ways, I think many of us are showing tremendous financial responsibility. Municipalities spend millions of dollars to construct elaborate traffic circles to keep traffic moving through an intersection. Instead

many of us are achieving the same payoff by simply not stopping at stop signs. Big savings there!

Indeed, I have to apologize to other drivers. When I approach intersections, I'm afraid that I still hear the voice of my late Mother telling me that I must follow the rules. Eventually, I'm sure that I will get over that, but until then: I'm sorry that I cost you thirty seconds in your busy day.

I can see how that can add up. If you end up behind me at one of these intersections each day going to work, that's a whopping two and one-half minutes I cost you each week. For the year -and I'm assuming you get two weeks off for vacation -- I'd owe you a solid 2.08 hours of your time. Think of the Netflix $^{\text{\tiny TM}}$ you're missing!

Because I was actually stopped at the intersection, during that moment or two that it takes for

other drivers to decide who is going to run the stop sign first, I had a brief chance to look around. I noticed that I was stopped at a peculiar intersection. I was southbound on Windham Lake Drive and to the left was Windham Lake Road. To the right was Windham Lake Way, and I could see the

sign for Windham Lake Trace. Those kinds of observations make me wonder -- wonder like, how much anxiety medicine the mail carrier for those homes takes. Beyond that, I wondered what's the difference. What makes a road different from a way or a trace?

Turns out that there are no real rules for road names, but there are accepted conventions:

A Road is a long, narrow stretch of smoothed or paved



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surface for transportation. It -along with a Route, Way, Course, or Passage -- is the most basic description.

A Street is a public way that normally has buildings (commercial or residential) on both sides.

An Avenue is usually larger than a street, and is lined with buildings or trees.

A Boulevard is a very wide avenue that has trees on both sides, and should have a grass or tree line down a center median. A Lane is a narrow road,

considered to be the opposite number to a boulevard. A Way is a side street off a

A Thoroughfare always leads to another street at each end. A Drive is a long, winding

road, which commonly follows the shape of its surroundings -like lakes or mountains.

A Trace follows the topography of a slope.

A Court is a road or street that ends in a circle or loop.

A Highway is a main road that

connects cities or towns. A Close is British, and is

always blocked at one end. Through this discovery I've

learned that, even though the postal service considers my home to be on an Avenue, it is actually a Place. A Place is a road or throughway that leads directly to a dead-end, and the giant drainage ditch at the end of my road would surely qualify.

You're welcomed to drop by my house and see. This time, I suggest, you make it a point to ac-tually stop when you get here.

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You Have My Back

I'm a lucky guy. I have three great physical therapists. They treat me well from my top to my bottom. Literally. And I have a fine orthopedic surgeon. They are all busy with me lately.

Three of the PT's, Anna, Bri and Don, are assigned to my neck, shoulders and arm, and the other PT, Eva, helps me to effectively perform a certain exercise that I wrote about in a column a few years ago. Now I'm back for a second round of treatment. I'm glad it is literally not a round. It's embarrassing enough already, but can you imagine how I would feel if every time Eva finished with our session, someone rang a bell? DING DING DING!

More on this later...

Previously, I saw my orthopedist who ordered an X-ray and then an MRI on my shoulder, for injuries I received from a pretty bad fall when I was out jogging a few months ago. Here's what I saw the next day on MyChart, my Community Hospital portal to all my medical information. These were just a few of the notes from the radiologist who read my results.

"The coracoid process is intact. The coracoclavicular ligaments are intact. The deltoid muscle is intact. The humeral head and bony glenoid are intact. The infraspinatus and teres minor are intact. The cardio-ligaments are intact. Visualized portions of the



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chest wall appear grossly intact."

I have never been considered person with any tact, so this all came as good news.

Now here's the bad news I read: Patient has Edematous capsular thickening at the IGHL and rotator interval most consistent with adhesive capsulitis. Supraspinatus

tendinosis with a partial intrasubstance tear at the far anterior.

"Could you translate that into English?" I asked my bone doc during my appointment in his office.

Well, Dick, you are 75 years old. That pretty much explains all that. Everyone has most of those issues at your age—if they reach your age.'

Now back to Eva. She is in charge of getting my pelvic floor back in shape, since those muscles were weakened due to a surgery several years ago. At this point, the term Kegel may require some googling by men. And I don't mean peeking in the window at the rehab facility. Men in particular would be wise to question Siri or Alexa

about Kegeling. Every woman knows what it is.

Eva's a tiny little thing, but by just working on me an hour a week for about a month, my pelvic floor is getting back to its original condition. By comparison, last winter it took three big men with a giant electric sander to get our dining room floor back in shape.

I also have exercises to do at home for my arm and shoulder, as well as doing my Kegel maneuvers. I really don't have enough time during the day to do all of these routines, so last night I tried to do everything simultaneously while watching TV. I was stretching my upper body, twisting my neck from side to side, and pulling up on an elastic

band held under my foot. And all those repetitions while doing Kegels. I must have looked odd, because Mary Ellen thought I was showing signs of a terrible neuromuscular disorder.

Last week, Eva wasn't around so I asked Anna a quick question about the Kegels. Ana did not train for that specialty and she told me, "Sorry, Dick, that's a little over my head."

"Then you are doing it all wrong," I told her.

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Ask Rusty – Will My Social Security Benefits Ever Be Non-Taxable?

Dear Rusty: If we take our Social Security at our full retirement age (66 years and 6 months for both of us) and we both continue to work, what are the income tax consequences? Is there an age at which we can still work and draw Social Security without tax consequences on our benefits? Signed: Overtaxed Couple

Dear Overtaxed Couple: Regardless of when you claim your Social Security benefits, whether those benefits are subject to federal income tax depends entirely upon your income as reported to the IRS. This is true even if you collect Social Security benefits after you reach your full retirement age there is no age at which SS benefits become exempt from Federal Income Tax. Here's how it works:

Taxation of your Social Security benefits depends on two things - first, the amount of your combined income from all sources (known as your Modified Adjusted Gross Income or "MAGI") and second, your income tax filing sta-



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tus (whether you file your income taxes individually or jointly as a married couple). Your "MAGI" consists of your Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) on your income tax return, plus half of your Social Security benefits received for the tax year, plus any other non-taxable income you may have had.

If your MAGI for the tax year exceeds certain thresholds, then some of your Social Security benefits are taxable at whatever your normal IRS tax rate is. If, as a couple, you file your income taxes as "married-filing jointly," and your MAGI is over \$32,000, then 50%



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of your Social Security benefits received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income at whatever tax rate is standard for your income. But if your MAGI as a couple for the tax year exceeds \$44,000 then up to 85% of your SS benefits becomes part of your overall taxable income. If your MAGI as a married couple is less than \$32,000 then your Social Security benefits aren't taxable.

For those who file their federal income taxes as a single the thresholds are lower. If your MAGI as a single filer is \$25,000 or less, your Social Security benefits aren't taxable.

However, if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$25,000, then half of your Social Security benefits received during the tax year becomes part of your overall taxable income, and if your MAGI as a single filer is more than \$34,000 then up to 85% of your benefits for the tax year becomes part of your taxable income. But a word of caution for those who are married but choose to file taxes "married - filing separately"- if you file separately and live together at any time during the tax year, the threshold for taxation of Social Security benefits is zero.

So, Federal taxation of vour Social Security benefits depends entirely upon your combined income from all sources and your income tax filing status - your age doesn't come into the picture at all, even if you are collecting Social Security benefits after your full retirement age. Be aware, however, that a dozen U.S. states levy an income tax on Social Security benefits, so you should check the tax laws in your state of residence to see if some or all your Social Security benefits will be taxed by the state you live in.

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