

➔ TODAY'S VERSE

1 Corinthians 4:5 Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the hearts: and then shall every man have praise of God.



➔ FACES OF HAMILTON COUNTY

People who call our community their own.

What makes Justin Cowan smile? "Working with the youth every single day and helping them get better and inspiring them to empower and everything like that," said the 26-year-old Noblesville resident, the teen director for Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville of nine years. Before being the teen director, he worked in the Club's games room. He is a 2015 graduate of Noblesville High School. He is the son of Brad and Kelly Cowan. "I just really like working with the youth. I'm interested in sports. I'm really into family....When I'm not working, I'm usually hanging out with family or friends." He was found in 2019 with Club kids and his team members, sister, Amanda Lavore, and Noah Green, Dwayne Simpson and Vivian Zahiga, pushing the winning bed across the finish line for The Club team at the 2019 Darlington Bed Race on the Courthouse Square to benefit the Boys & Girls Club. It was a first-time win for The Club team. The 2023 Darlington Bed Race will be at 7 p.m. Friday in downtown Noblesville where Ninth Street, between Logan and Conner streets, will be closed to vehicular traffic. The annual race has teams competing, pushing customized beds on wheels that they race half-way down the block, turn around and quickly push to the start-finish line. Proceeds raised from team entry fees go to the Boys & Girls Club of Noblesville, which started in 1951 and in 2023 served 2,306 members. Admission is free to watch the Bed Race. For more info on the race, programs and how to donate to the club, visit www.bgcni.org. Also, going on Friday, the Noblesville Lions Club's Grillin' on the Square, formerly known as Lions' Pork Chop Festival, which has added chicken to its pork chops menu and will serve 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday on the Square, and then pancakes from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday.

And Another Few Things...

- 1. Spartz Demands Long-Term Fiscal Plan**
Rep. Victoria Spartz (R-IN) sent a recent letter to President Joe Biden, Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-NY), Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY), Speaker Kevin McCarthy (R-CA), and House Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY) highlighting warnings of the "unsustainable long-term fiscal path" by the Government Accountability Office and requesting a long-term fiscal plan.
- 2. IDEM issues Air Quality Action Day for Tuesday in six Indiana regions**
The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) has issued an Air Quality Action Day (AQAD) and is forecasting high ozone levels for Tuesday, May 30, 2023 in the following regions: Central Indiana - Marion, Bartholomew, Boone, Brown, Delaware, Hamilton, Hendricks, Howard, Madison, Shelby

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Comedian Dave Dugan will head up a new comedy series with a new long-term plan with The Cat in Carmel "to bring in some fairly big names for some of the shows."

Dugan to Bring Big-Name Comics to New Cat Series, Daughter Designs Artwork



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

The Cat has recently asked nationally known comic Dave Dugan to jump in a little more with them and not only do comedy but also host comedy shows and bring in

comics.

They'll call it "Dave Dugan presents Comedy at the Cat."

Dugan said, "Due to well-received standup comedy nights the past few years, The Cat Theatre in Midtown Carmel has decided they might like to expand a bit and include a few more comedy shows to mix in with their calendar of theater productions."

Dugan, a Carmel resident and Carmel High School graduate is an Indianapolis-based comedian who is famous nationwide and around the world and has appeared on Comedy Central, HBO and VH-1.

If anybody has connections in the comedy world, it's Dugan, whose long-term plan with The Cat "is to bring in some fairly big names for some of the shows," he said.

While Dugan didn't spoil any surprises by sharing any of the comic acts that he's expecting to book, he said, "The potential is there to bring in some fairly recognizable acts."

The Cat is a cozy theater that offers seating for 110 patrons. "Comedians love performing

Want TO GO?

What: "Dave Dugan presents Comedy at the Cat," a new series that kicks off this Saturday night.

When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday.

Where: The Cat, 254 Veterans Way, Carmel.

How much: \$15 in advance online through 10 a.m. Saturday, \$20 at the door.

at intimate theaters, and it could work well in their routing as a tour stop," Dugan said. "That's the vision anyway. Still in the growing stages first though while presenting some very funny and experienced comics from the Midwest."

The first show of this nature is this Saturday at the venue, located in midtown Carmel at 254 Veterans Way. Saturday's lineup will feature experienced headliner Troy Davis and his daughter, CoLee Reyes, who will open the show. There's a family-affair angle, being that Father's Day is around the corner, so expect lots of comedy bits about raising kids, marriage and family from these two, as well as from Dugan, who returns with a different show for those who have seen him before at The Cat.

Dugan said, for this Saturday, "I'll be a co-headliner and host. My daughter -- although a naturally funny 19-year-old -- will

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A Safe Haven Baby Box Blessing and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

On Wednesday the Fishers Fire and Emergency Services will be hosting a special event to celebrate the opening of their new fire station located in the northeastern portion of the City of Fishers. This station will enhance the protection of this district by reducing response times and providing additional equipment and firefighters to the area.

The event will include a ribbon cutting ceremony, preceded by a blessing of the newly-installed Safe Haven Baby Box. The Safe Haven Baby Box is a safe, anonymous way for parents to surrender their newborns who are less than 30 days old. The box is equipped with a heating and cooling system, and an alarm that alerts emergency responders as soon as a baby is placed inside. Monica Kelsey, founder of Safe Haven Baby Box said,

"We are changing the narrative on abandonment here in Indiana because of the safe anonymous alternative we are providing for women in crisis. These mothers are trusting that we can help them and we stand prepared to help them whenever

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Noblesville-Based Helmer Scientific Acquired By Trane

Noblesville-based Helmer Scientific, which makes temperature-controlled storage equipment for hospitals, labs, blood banks, and pharmacies, has been acquired by heating-and-cooling tech giant Trane Technologies, the companies announced Monday.

The companies said Helmer Scientific's 425 employees have joined Trane Technologies, and the business will continue its operations in Noblesville.

An acquisition price was not disclosed.

Helmer Scientific, 14400 Bergen Blvd., was co-founded by David Helmer in 1977. It designs, integrates, manufactures, markets and distributes specialized medical and laboratory equipment to clinical and life science customers in more than 125 countries. Its products include medical-grade refrigerators, freezers and defrosters for vaccines, medicines, blood products and other perishable medical supplies.

The company ranks fourth on IBI's list of Indianapolis-area medical device companies and fifth on the list of life science companies.

Helmer spent more than \$10 million on an expansion in 2012 that included a 137,000-square-foot manufacturing and headquarters facility at the Saxony Corporate Campus near In-

terstate 69. The company saw growth during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic as demand grew for temperature-controlled vaccine storage units.

Trane said the acquisition of Helmer Scientific broadens its capabilities in precision temperature control and its existing portfolio of life science products under the Farrar brand.

"Helmer Scientific has served the clinical health market as an industry leader and trusted partner for customers for more than four decades," said Bruce King, CEO of Helmer Scientific, in written remarks. "I'm confident Helmer's rich legacy and industry impact will continue and reach new heights as part of Trane Technologies."

Trane is based in Ireland and has its North American headquarters in Davidson, North Carolina. The company has about 39,000 employees in nearly 60 countries, including 25,000 in the United States. It reported revenue of \$16 billion and a profit of \$1.77 billion in 2022.

In the United States, Trane is a dominant manufacturer in heating and air conditioning equipment, air and gas compressors and industrial spraying equipment. Trane has 38 manufacturing plants around the

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➔ HONEST HOOSIER

Just because Mother's Day is over doesn't mean we should stop being thankful, respectful, loving and helpful. After all, she did it 24-7-365 for quite a while.



➔ TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Minimize your sun exposure between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4p.m. 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.



➔ TODAY'S QUOTE

"In a world that's changing really quickly, the only strategy that is guaranteed to fail is not taking risks."
-Mark Zuckerberg

➔ TODAY'S JOKE

Did you hear that Saturn was disqualified from a competition with the other planets? It got caught taking asteroids.

➔ OBITUARIES

None

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15th Annual Wine, Wags & Whiskers Benefits The Humane Society For Hamilton County

Brought to you by Cosmo's Superior Foods, Canine Cloud Nine and Smitten Kitten Cat Café.

The Humane Society for Hamilton County (HSHC) will host their first major fundraising event of the year, Wine, Wags & Whiskers on Friday, June 16, 2023, at the Embassy Suites in Noblesville.

Wine, Wags & Whiskers is a critical fundraising event supporting the shelter's daily operation. "Since the start of 2023, we have seen a record number of owner-surrendered pets and strays come through our doors," said Lily Pesavento, Community Engagement

Manager. "With almost 400 homeless animals in our shelter, the funds raised from this event will help with the daily cost of care while they wait for their forever homes."

The evening will feature delicious hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer tastings, bourbon and spirits pull, tempting sweets, a Jack-pawt Raffle, a silent auction with over 100 unique items and "pawsome" jewelry from Hupp Jewelers. If that isn't enough to entice guests, adoptable dogs and cats will also be in attendance.

General admission tickets are \$95. Table sponsorships are available starting at \$750 for a half

table seating 4 guests or \$1,500 for a full table seating 8 guests.

Visit WineWag-sandWhiskers.com for more information and to purchase tickets. Attendees must be 21 or older for admission and to purchase tickets.

Wine, Wags & Whiskers is graciously sponsored by Vine & Table, RNDC, Woodford Reserve, Napleton Automotive Group, Big Red Liquors, Centier Bank, Curran Architecture, Current, Four Day Ray Brewing, VCA Animal Hospitals, Tito's Handmade Vodka, Strategic Wealth Designers and Hupp Jewelers.

Letters

Hot Weather, Hot Car, Hot Dog

Dear Editor,
Well seems it is time for our annual letter to the editor about using common sense to care for our canine companions in the summer months. Ugh. Why is it necessary? We wish we knew! So here we go!

Leaving your dog in a parked car on a lovely summer day. Sigh. The first question would be "why do you insist on loading your dog in the car only to leave him abandoned in the car?" Truly, even though your dog loves you, staying home with his favorite chew toy in an air-conditioned environment would be not only more comfortable but far safer. Let's play DID YOU KNOW? *

In 15 minutes your dog can suffer brain damage or die of heatstroke in a hot car

When outside temperature is 79 degrees, the inside of the car will be at least 20 degrees hotter

On an 85-degree day the inside temperature of your car will reach 102 degrees

in 10 minutes

Yes, even though the windows are "cracked!"

If you witness a dog in distress as noted above, call 911 immediately. It is against the law to leave your animal in a car in these conditions. Note the car color and make and model, and license plate. Officers are trained to rescue dogs (and people!) left alone in such dire circumstances. Noblesville and Hamilton County have passed legislation which addresses the legal obligations of pet owners.

Moving on to walking your dog on hot pavement. News flash – if the pavement is too hot for you to walk barefoot, it is too hot for your dog! If the air temperature is 77 degrees, the pavement will be at least 125 degrees; if air temperature is 86 degrees, the pavement will be at least 135 degrees. If you must walk your dog on pavement, choose the early morning hours before the pavement heats up.

Although many people believe that their dogs just

love attending outdoor concerts, it is usually more about "look at my cool dog" than what is best for the dog. Humans can hear sounds between 20-20,000 Hz and dogs can hear noises twice as high, even up to 55,000 Hz. With this in mind, think twice about taking your dog to that outdoor concert, Fourth of July celebration, or any other event where the noise could be unbearable. Dogs can, and do, suffer damage to their ears and hearing just as humans can.

Dogs are not "things" – they are not accessories, or toys. Hopefully your dog is a treasured member of your family; loved, respected, and cared for. Let's make sure their summer will be as enjoyable as our own.

*All statistics used here were obtained from the ASPCA and the Humane Society of the United States.

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Update from Washington, D.C.



VICTORIA SPARTZ
Guest Column

E&C Makes Progress to Prevent Medicare Overbilling
This week, the House Committee on Energy &

Commerce marked up 19 bills, including the PATIENTS Act, which requires Medicare providers to standardize fees for 300+ codes and separate ID numbers for off-campus locations, as well as making an important step forward to implement site-neutrality for pharmaceuticals administered in off-campus locations. Judiciary Committee

Takes on Administrative State

The Judiciary Committee held a legislative hearing to take powers back from the administrative state. Read bills here. Article 1 Section 8 of the Constitution gives Congress the ability to make all laws. Unfortunately, Congress has subrogated its Constitutional duty. House Enacts Measures to Curb Drug Trade H.R. 467 - The HALT

Fentanyl Act PASSED (289-183). This legislation makes permanent the scheduling order for fentanyl-related substances and gives law enforcement the tools they need to keep Americans safe. H.R. 1076 - Preventing the Financing of Illegal Synthetic Drugs Act PASSED (402-2). This legislation mandates a federal study on the illicit financing associated with synthetic drug trafficking like fentanyl and methamphetamine.

Spartz Demands Long-Term Fiscal Plan

On Friday, Rep. Spartz sent a letter to President Biden and Congressional Leadership highlighting the warnings of the "unsustainable long-term fiscal path" by the Government Accountability Office, federal auditor, and requesting a fiscal plan.

- Rep. Victoria Spartz represents the Indiana 5th District, comprised of the north side of Indianapolis, Marion, Carmel, Anderson, Noblesville, Fishers and parts of Kokomo. She is the first Ukrainian-born person ever elected to Congress.

Crypto Mining's Impact On The Environment

EARTHTALK

Dear EarthTalk: I don't get how cryptocurrency is so bad for the environment?

Cryptocurrency's impact on the environment is a big cause for concern. While cryptocurrencies (e.g., Bitcoin, Ethereum) offer various benefits, such as decentralized transactions and financial inclusivity, their underlying technology, known as blockchain, has significant environmental drawbacks. One of the main environmental issues associated with cryptocurrency is its energy consumption. The process of "mining" cryptocurrency involves complex mathematical calculations that require substantial computational power, primarily from fossil fuel sources. The Bitcoin network relies on a consensus mechanism called Proof-of-Work (PoW), which demands vast computational resources that consume more electricity than entire countries like Argentina or Ukraine. As a result, the carbon footprint of Bitcoin

alone is substantial, contributing to greenhouse gas emissions and exacerbating climate change. Furthermore, the energy requirements of cryptocurrency mining have led to the emergence of large-scale mining operations, often located in regions where electricity is cheap and abundant. These mining farms consist of rows upon rows of powerful computers running around the clock, consuming vast amounts of energy. In some cases, they rely on coal-fired power plants, a highly polluting energy source. Another ecological concern is electronic waste. As mining becomes more competitive, miners require increasingly powerful and specialized hardware. This leads to a constant cycle of upgrading or discarding older equipment. The discarded waste, which contains hazardous materials, poses risks to both the environment and human health. Moreover, the popularity of cryptocurrencies has contributed to a surge in demand for graphic processing

units (GPUs) and other hardware, which has led to supply shortages and inflated prices, as well as the creation of new manufacturing facilities. The production of these components requires significant amounts of energy and raw materials, further straining the environment. It's worth noting that not all cryptocurrencies have the same environmental impact. Some newer cryptocurrencies, such as Ethereum, are transitioning from PoW to a more energy-efficient consensus mechanism called Proof-of-Stake (PoS), which requires validators to hold and "stake" a certain amount of the cryptocurrency, eliminating the need for energy-intensive mining. This transition could potentially reduce the impact of some cryptocurrencies in the future. Another option is the use of renewable energy sources for operations, reducing the industry's carbon footprint. Additionally, more widespread adoption of PoS and other energy-efficient consensus mechanisms could help minimize energy consumption.

Of course, cryptocurrency's recent fall from grace in the wake of crypto giant FTX's late 2022 flame-out might be a good thing for the planet. The moral of the story on the evolution of cryptocurrency is that as we continue to explore and develop new forms of digital currency, it is crucial that we prioritize sustainability and consider the long-term environmental effects of the tools and instruments we are unleashing on the world.

CONTACTS: *Bitcoin*, bitcoin.org; *Ethereum*, <https://ethereum.org>; "Bitcoin climate impact greater than gold mining," thequardian.com/technology/2022/sep/29/bitcoin-climate-impact-gold-mining-environmental-damage-cryptocurrency; *Failing Crypto Could Be a Win for the Environment*, news.climate.columbia.edu/2022/12/20/failing-crypto-could-be-a-win-for-the-environment. *EarthTalk* is produced by Roddy Scheer & Doug Moss for the 501(c)3 nonprofit *EarthTalk*. See more at <https://emagazine.com>. To donate, visit <https://earthtalk.org>. Send questions to: question@earthtalk.org.

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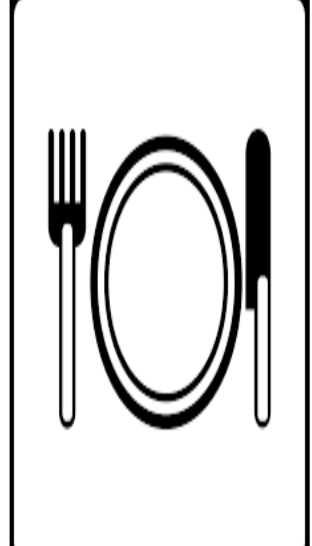
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2023 Kia Niro Ev Surfs Long Waves On Its Cool Urban Vibe

I like traveling to California. I enjoy the warm weather, cool architectural vibe, surfing the waves, and of course, imbibing all of the latest electric cars. I love eating on a fresh air patio and cruising the Pacific Coast Highway with windows and sunroof open. If I lived there, or even in Indiana, I'd drive the 2023 Kia Niro EV.

Kia actually makes three Niros: A 54-MPG hybrid, plug-in hybrid with 33 miles range, or full EV with 253 miles range I'm riding this week. They all look like the kind of car you'd attach a surfboard to its roof rails and drive to the beach, which means funky cool styling highlighted by vertical LED headlamps, zig-zag driving lamps, contrasting silver swath on the rear bodyside, and finlike taillamps that appear lifted from Cadillac.

The cabin looks like

2023 Kia Niro Wave EV

Five-passenger, FWD Hatchback
Powertrain: Li-Ion batteries/motors
Output: 201hp/188 lb.-ft.
Suspension f/r: Ind/Ind
Wheels f/r: 17"/17" alloy
Brakes f/r: regen disc/disc
Driving range: 253 miles
0-60 mph: 7.1s
Recharge (DC Fast, 80%): 45m
Economy (comb): 113-mpg-e
Assembly: Hwaseong, Korea
Base/as-tested price: \$26,590/47,765

an art gallery with a flush 20" dual panoramic infotainment display, ambient lighting, and rotary gear selector, I could easily wipe down and vacuum the interior after a day of saltwater and sand. Seats look like a combination of cloth and leather, but are actually 100% vegan for easy cleaning. Deep cubbies in the doors and console held my water and phone gear securely. Power open the hatch to toss in wetsuits or camping gear.

And, it's pretty luxurious for a compact crossover-ish EV. Dual-zone automatic climate control, heated and ventilated front seats, heated rear seats, and a heated steering wheel keep everybody temperate. Power open the sunroof and crank up deep Harman Kardon audio after connecting wirelessly charged devices via Apple CarPlay or Android Auto. Use your phone as a digital key and your key fob to remote

LIKES

- Ample range
- Modern interior
- Funky styling

DISLIKES

- Charging time
- Small wheels
- Bougie price (loaded)

park in tight garages.

Kia does not play with safety given automatic emergency braking, adaptive cruise, blind spot warning, lane tracing steering, and rear cross path detection with auto brake. Safe Exit Assist prevents passengers from stepping into traffic. Check the head-up display for speed, navigation, and active safety system alerts.

Moving onto the 405... or I70, there's plenty of zip. It's not the fastest EV I've driven, but it puts 201 horsepower and 188 lb.-ft. of torque to ground through the front wheels. All-wheel-drive is not available. Kia claims it runs 0-60 mph in 7.1 seconds, which seems

right given the smooth acceleration I experienced jetting onto the freeway. Eco mode optimizes range.

In California, chargers are everywhere, but in the Midwest, not so much. Fortunately, the car fast charges 10-80% in 45 minutes. That's barely competitive, but tolerable. I gained 60 miles in four hours on a 240v home charger. I wouldn't drive Chicago to L.A., but a round-trip from L.A. to San Diego or Indy to Cincinnati are possible. In daily use, including an hour-long Interstate run to see my parents, range sufficed.

It's reasonably affordable. Base hybrids



CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

start at \$26,590, rising to \$33,840 for a plug-in and \$39,550 for the pure EV. Ours with every conceivable option comes to \$47,765. At that price, it should be cross-shopped against the Chevy Bolt, Ford Mustang Mach-E, Volvo XC40 Recharge, and Nissan Leaf.

Storm Forward!

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

Senator Young Bolts From Trump



BRIAN HOWEY
Howey Political Report

"Where do I begin?" That was U.S. Sen. Todd Young's response to a Capitol Hill reporter's question

after he became the first current elected Hoosier Republican officeholder to say he will not support Donald Trump's presidential re-nomination in 2024.

Sen. Young's tipping point appears to be related to the Russia-Ukraine war. It came just hours after Trump's May 11 CNN Town Hall in which moderator Kaitlan Collins pressed him on whether he wanted Ukraine or the Russians to win in the brutal 15-month war. Pressed by Collins on who he wanted to win, Trump said, "I don't think in terms of winning and losing."

"That's why I don't intend to support him for the Republican nomination," Young said. "I think President Trump's judgment is wrong in this case. President Putin and his government have been engaged in war crimes. I don't believe that's disputed."

Asked his reason for refusing to endorse Trump, who has a commanding lead in GOP primary polls, Young replied, "Where do I begin?"

Sen. Young has demonstrated the political patience of Job.

Where to begin?

How about Jan. 5, 2021, when then-President Trump sabotaged the second of two Georgia

U.S. Senate seats that gave Democrats control of the upper chamber? Young had served as chairman of the National Republican Senatorial Committee, raising a record amount of cash for the GOP's effort to hold onto its Senate majority.

Or how about a day later, when Trump inspired what has become known as the Jan. 6 U.S. Capitol Insurrection? Confronted by Make America Great Again supporters outside the Russell Senate Office Building, Young told them, "My opinion doesn't matter. And you know what, when it comes to the law, our opinions don't matter, the law matters. The law matters. I share that conviction that President Trump should remain president. I share that conviction, but the law matters. I took an oath under God, under God!"

In the coming hours, that mob erected a gallows on Capitol Hill, and prowled the halls chanting, "Hang Mike Pence."

In a statement on Jan. 6, 2021, Young said, "As Congress meets to formally receive the votes of the Electoral College, I will uphold my constitutional duty and certify the will of the states as presented. The people voted and the Electoral College voted. Congress must fulfill its role in turn. Like so many of my patriotic constituents and colleagues, I, too, wish the results of this election were different. But upon assuming this office, I took a solemn, inviolable oath to support and defend our Constitution, just as I did as a United States Marine. I will not violate

that oath."

When the breadth and scope of the insurrection came into focus a day later, Young blamed it on "a failure for many of our leaders to be truthful to the American people about what precisely has happened in our elections in recent months." Asked if President Trump played a role in encouraging the violence, Young responded, "Of course. He's president of the United States."

Where to begin? During the recent CNN Town Hall, Trump:

Called a Black law enforcement officer who shot insurrectionist Ashley Babbitt while she attempted to break into the House chambers a "thug".

Repeated baseless election conspiracy theories about the 2020 presidential race.

Insisted that Vice President Mike Pence should have overturned the election.

Suggested that he would pardon many of the Jan. 6 insurrectionists.

Lied about calling for "terminating" the U.S. Constitution so he could be returned to power outside the election process.

Young, who was reelected last November and will not face Hoosier voters until 2028, then turned to his political objections to a third Trump nomination. "You want a nominee to win the general election. As President Trump says, 'I prefer winners,'" Young said. "He consistently loses. In fact, he has a habit of losing not just his own elections, but losing elections for others. I don't think he'll be the nominee. Republicans are

in a winning mood. We want to win. We know he's the shortest path to losing.

"I can't think of someone worse equipped to bring people together to pass legislation and advance our collective values than the former president," Young added. "I don't think conservatives would be well served by electing someone whose core competency seems to be owning someone on Twitter."

Since Young's break with Trump, there has been no outward migration away from the former president in Hoosier GOP circles, even as former governor Pence prepares to enter the 2024 presidential race.

U.S. Sen. Mike Braun, who will be before voters in the May 2024 gubernatorial primary, reacted to the CNN Town Hall, telling the Washington Examiner, "He'll have to explain his own answers. Any of the rest of us that try to, I'm sure it wouldn't make sense anyway."

Braun added that the eventual GOP nominee must "have a plan that the American people are going to buy into, that makes us competitive in the swing states. When it comes to that candidate who can portray what was working so well pre-COVID and we know who that was, that was President Trump. It was not that difficult."

-The columnist is managing editor of Howey Politics Indiana/State Affairs at StateAffairs.com/pro/Indiana. Find Howey on Facebook and Twitter @hwypol.

How Old Is Too Old



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

My new friend, Betty Lou, started a book club, and she asked me to join.

I was delighted. I hadn't been in a book club for a long time. Because she is a librarian, Betty Lou knows better than most the importance of reading a variety of things and so, at the very first meeting, we read a graphic novel.

None of the members of this group are young, and this was the first graphic novel most of us had read. We weren't sure what to say about it.

"This book is very heavy!" one member finally said.

"It's a doorstep!" said another.

We all agreed we were not crazy about the weight of the book. I wondered if a book club should really be concerned with how much a book weighs, but I figured it was a legitimate concern if you could injure yourself by dropping it. And we did, eventually, get to what was inside.

"There were a lot of pictures," I pointed out.

Since it was a graphic novel, this should not have been a surprise. Still, there were a lot more pictures than I expected, and I didn't want to look at them all. I wanted to get on with the story. But the story wasn't being told with a lot of words—it was being told with pictures. I realized this, but it didn't make me want to look at the pictures, it just made me want more words. I began to think that I was not a good reader for graphic novels.

"Are we just too old for this?" one of the members asked. The question hung in the air.

"It's an important story!" another member said, and we all agreed.

We talked about all the important things the book was saying, and we all

agreed they were things that should be said.

"But shouldn't it be more entertaining?" I asked.

I felt a little like the boy pointing out that the emperor had no clothes. Everyone looked a little relieved. We all agreed that it should be more entertaining than it was—at least for us. We suspected other people (younger people) might have more fun reading this than we were.

I don't think of myself as being too old for very much. I know younger people are better at some things (anything involving technology), but I don't consider myself too old to learn. Still, there might be things I am simply too old to enjoy. Graphic novels might be one of them. I'm not sure if that's a bad thing or not.

There are things I know I will not try because I am no longer young—skateboarding, for instance, video games, learning more languages or how to draw. Theoretically, I could learn to do any of these things, and yet I am pretty sure I will not.

It occurs to me it would be good to take at least one of those activities off the "Things I Will Never Do" list and move it over to the "Things I Just Started Doing" list. And yet my day already seems filled with the things I'm doing, things I already enjoy.

And so I'm glad Betty Lou got us to read a graphic novel, even if it was not my favorite book. Now I can say I've read one, and I am reminded that there are many ways of telling stories, even if not all of those stories are interesting to me.

It was a good reminder. It's just the sort of reminder you might expect from a librarian.

Till next time,
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Photo courtesy of Dave Dugan

Riley Dugan created this artwork for her comedian father Dave Dugan's new comedy series, bringing big names to The Cat in Carmel.

not be on the bill." But in keeping the theme consistent, Dugan's daughter did the artwork for her dad's new comedy series. The Cat's theater manager loved her artwork and thought it would be a nice touch, he said.



RILEY DUGAN

The Times readers might recall my July 2020 newspaper column that introduced Dugan's daughter, Riley Dugan, then 16. She told me how her comedian father inspired her to join Carmel High School's WHJE student-run radio station (where she was host of a "Discover" music show as a sophomore and where her father worked humor into his spot as a radio personality when he was in school at CHS), he taught her to be more confident (because she was "a painfully shy person), and he instilled in her his passion for music.

Dugan likes to brag about his daughter, who just wrapped up her freshman year of college. Although her university doesn't have a radio program, the now 19-year-old continues one of her other passions, majoring in Art and was offered a summer job this year teaching at an

art summer camp. He was thrilled, and really proud, to share that Riley's artwork design would be used for his new comedy series. Dugan said, "Ever since she was old enough to coordinate a 'drawing instrument,' Riley's natural passion has been art. She has covered the spectrum, from creations which she conceived by thinking 'outside the box' to more simple, retro-style etchings. And I'm not complaining, that by designing several past family Christmas cards, her God-given talent has saved me money."

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world, including one in Rushville, Indiana. Trane used to be known as Ingersoll-Rand PLC, which had two business segments: climate and industrial. In 2020, the company spun off its industrial business, combined it with Gardner Denver Holdings Inc. and renamed Gardner Denver as Ingersoll-Rand

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