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TODAY'S VERSE

Mark 8:38 Whosoever there-
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man be ashamed, when he
cometh in the glory of his
Father with the holy angels.



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What makes Jessica Vandergraff smile? "Freedom," said the 42-year-old Cicero resident. She was found Election Day Tuesday working as a Judge for the Democratic party at the voting location at the First Presbyterian Church in Noblesville. It's her third year as a Judge and her fifth year as a Hamilton County Election worker. "Those who have served kind of get to choose (location) and everyone else fills in the holes. I chose these great people to be with," she said. Why does she like working the election? "I grew up in Noblesville, so what happens here is important to me. I'm on the (Noblesville) Preservation Alliance board, and I just like to be really involved." She graduated from Noblesville High School in 1999. She has a husband Brendan and five kids, ages 8-21. She was born and raised in Noblesville and graduated from Indiana University this past year with a degree in hospitality, "and looking for the next best thing in the world." She's been operations manager at a wedding venue. "I've just left there and kind of looking to see where my degree takes me." She likes "going to (rock) concerts and trivia nights at Primeval (Brewing Co.). I did not go to Eagles, still tapped out from the Grateful Dead." She likes the new Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) used for the first time at Hamilton County Election Day polling sites. "I like the VVPAT system. Those who have issues with elections in the past or have any kind of accountability issues, I think that that really helps both parties, no matter what side of the fence you're on, kind of feel safer about the election process."

And Another Thing... 1. NPT Night Lights kicks off December 1!

Head downtown as Fishers Parks lights up the night on the Nickel Plate Trail to celebrate the coming winter and holiday season! Through the month of December, enjoy NPT Night Lights, a light display along the downtown portion of the Nickel Plate Trail, presented by Centier Bank! Come out from 6 to 8 p.m. December 1, 2, or 3 as the trail gets activated with food, music, photo opps, and more! Plan a night downtown with friends or family to start your holiday festivities for free! Access to the Nickel Plate Trail is always free, and no registration or RSVP is required for NPT Night Lights. Lights will turn on dusk nightly through the end of December.

2. Christmas Gift + Hobby Show Tickets

Want to go to the massive Christmas Gift + Hobby Show at the Indiana State Fairgrounds - for free! Well, simply send us a photo with you and the front page of The Times (online or print) and if we use that as our Faces of Hamilton County, you win tickets! It's that simple and easy! Just e-mail your photo to news@thetimes24-7.com and be sure to include your name and contact info. And hey, if you want to say something nice about The Times, well, we always appreciate that! One more thing - supplies are limited and this is first come, first serve!

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'Biggest Turnout,' New Paper Trail Receipt, 1 Democrat In, 2 Democrats Out In Elections



BETSY REASON
From The Editor's Desk...

Hamilton County Election Office results have paper trails for the first time. Voter turnout is the highest for a Municipal Election. And Tuesday's Election Day polls were busiest in Carmel and Fishers.

At Large race, Democrat Paula Jo Gilliam was 686 votes behind Republican incumbent Pete Schwartz, who will stay in office along with incumbent Republican Darren Peterson, and newly elected Republican Evan Elliott.

Of Hamilton County's 252,926 registered voters, 68,071 voted in this election, including 6,253 paper absentee voting, 20,119 early voting walk-ins and 41,699 voters cast their votes for 208 precincts at 104 polling locations on Election Day.

Tuesday's Municipal Election saw a 27 percent voter turnout.

"This will definitely be the biggest turnout for a Municipal (Election)," Beth Sheller, Hamilton County Elections Administrator, said on Tuesday afternoon. "It won't compare to a presidential election (which was 75.4 percent voter turnout in Hamilton County for the 2020 General Election), but better than normal."

In the 2022 election, voter turnout was only 11.72 percent.

Straight party votes recorded were 16,202 for the Republican party and 7,617 for the Democratic party in 2023.

Sheller said the county used a Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) for the first time at the Election Day polling sites. "Things have gone well with them," she said. "It gives voters confidence when they can see their vote typed on the paper. And we also have a way to audit our walk-in votes."

She said, "The paper trail comes up in the screen almost like a tape at the cash register does. Then the voter makes sure it is what they voted before they cast the red button. If it's not what they wanted to vote, then they can go back and change it; it voids that one (original receipt), and they can revise what they voted."

-Betsy Reason writes about people, places and things in Hamilton County. Contact The Times Editor Betsy Reason at betsy@thetimes24-7.com.

Tuesday's General Election Results

Here are the unofficial election results from Tuesday's General Election:

Mayor of Carmel -- Sue Finkam (Republican), 18,042 votes, 56.60 percent; Miles Nelson (Democrat), 13,463 votes, 42.24 percent; Write-in, 371 votes, 1.16 percent. Total votes: 31,876.

Carmel City Clerk -- Jacob W. Quinn (Republican) 22,280 votes, 100 percent. Total votes: 22,280.

Carmel City Judge -- Brian G. Poindexter (Republican) 22,221 votes, 100 percent.

Carmel City Council at Large (Vote for 3) -- Jeff Worrell (Republican), 18,939 votes, 24.13 percent; Matthew J. Snyder (Republican) 16,757 votes, 21.35 percent; Rich Taylor, 16,543 votes, 21.08 percent; Sara Draper (Democrat), 13,887 votes, 17.70 percent; Jake Madore (Democrat), 12,348 votes, 15.74 percent. Total votes: 78,474.

Carmel City Council NC District -- Teresa Ayers (Republican), 2,425 votes, 54.20 percent; Courtney Culver (Democrat), 2,049 votes, 45.80 percent. Total votes: 4,474.

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A Christmas Story Contest

Chestnuts roasting . . . sleigh bells ring . . . dreaming of a white Christmas? Well, stop hearing the songs in your head and start writing your own Christmas story!

We're having our first-ever Christmas story writing contest. The rules are pretty simple - write a story about something Christmasy and be sure to connect it to Hamilton County somehow. It could be a touching story from your childhood and a special memory. It could be a complete work of fiction where you go for a ride on Santa's

About The CONTEST

- Entry deadline is noon Wednesday, Nov. 29
- E-mail entries to ttimmons@thetimes24-7.com. Please copy and paste the story in the body of the e-mail. (We cannot accept attachments.)
- We will gather the entries and get them to our panel of judges.
- 750 to 1,000-word limit
- Story must have a Hamilton County connection
- Writer's name and contact information must be included
- The work must be original and all rights must be owned by the writer - and the writer grants permission to The Noblesville Times to publish the work
- Winners will be notified and will be asked to submit a photo and brief bio to run with the story.
- All decisions by judge's final

See CONTEST Page A5

The Daily Almanac

Sunrise/Sunset
RISE: 7:24 a.m.
SET: 5:38 p.m.



High/Low Temperatures
High: 59 °F
Low: 50 °F



Today is...
• Carl Sagan Day
• World Freedom Day
• World Quality Day



What Happened On This Day

• 2009 20th anniversary of the fall of Berlin Wall. On this day, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, the last soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev and Polish ex-president and Noble Prize winner Lech Walesa walked through Brandenburg Gate in Berlin to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall.
• 1967 Rolling Stone makes its debut. The biweekly popular culture magazine was founded by Jann Simon Wenner in San Francisco.
• 1938 Night of broken glass. A pogrom against Jewish businesses, synagogues, and Jews in Germany and Austria was carried out by Sturmabteilung troops and civilians. The series of attacks that killed about 70 people and put 30,000 jews in prison is known as night of broken glass or Kristallnacht.



Births On This Day

• 1934 Carl Sagan American astronomer, author
• 1928 Anne Sexton American poet

Deaths On This Day

• 2004 Stieg Larsson Swedish writer
• 1970 Charles de Gaulle French general, politician, President of France

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TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Do you have high blood pressure? Try following the DASH diet (Google DASH diet). 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 thetimes24-7.com



HONEST HOOSIER

Veteran's Day is Saturday. Know a veteran? Say thank you!



TODAY'S QUOTE

In celebration of our beginning our 20th year as a media company, we're sharing some famous quotations about newspapers this month. "Freedom of conscience, of education, of speech, of assembly are among the very fundamentals of democracy and all of them would be nullified should freedom of the press every be successfully challenged." -Franklin D. Roosevelt

TODAY'S JOKE

It's been a big news week for headlines involving police. On Monday, someone swiped the toilets from the precinct. Police Have Nothing To Go On. Thursday, a sinkhole swallowed half the station. Police Looking Into It. And on Sunday, thieves took all the wheels from the police cars. Police Working Case Tirelessly

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The City Of Westfield's Grand Park Sports Campus Launches Holiday Sporting Goods Drive

The City of Westfield's Grand Park Sports Campus is proud to announce its holiday sporting goods drive, a community-driven initiative dedicated to providing essential equipment and gear to support local youth sports organizations in Hamilton County. Matt Trnjan, Grand Park Director, says that the effort demonstrates the positive impact the sports campus can have beyond youth sports.

"Our team is passionate about the impacts we can have on sport and the overall community. We encourage visitors to Grand Park to share in our passion and help give back to those in need."

The holiday sporting goods drive collection period began on November 6th and will extend through December 13th. We welcome donations of new or gently used sporting equipment to benefit young athletes in Hamilton County. The following items are needed:

- Cleats

- Lacrosse gear
- Helmets
- Baseball and softball equipment
- Equipment bags
- Basketballs
- Dance attire
- Wrestling gear

With Westfield Youth Sports, Inc. (WYSI), Molly Wright shared their enthusiasm as one of the benefiting organizations. "Westfield Youth Sports (WYSI) is excited to participate in the Grand Park Sports Sporting Good Drive this season. "Many of our local youth don't have the opportunity or equipment to participate in sports; we don't want that to be a barrier. WYSI offers participation scholarships and gift cards for equipment if needed. Kids learn many great life lessons through sports, and we hope to help provide that for them."

You can contribute by dropping off sports items at several designated locations. For further information or inquiries, please contact gpadmin@westfield.in.gov.

History And Growth Of Indy Eleven

The Westfield Chamber invites business leaders, residents, and guests to attend November Luncheon on Thursday, November 16 at The Club at Chatham Hills with Greg StremLaw.

Greg StremLaw, is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Indy Sports & Entertainment and Indy Eleven Professional Soccer, including helping lead the new \$1 billion plus Eleven Park development project in Indianapolis, Indiana. Prior to this, StremLaw has a media and broadcast background as the former President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) Sports. At CBC Sports, he also acted as the General Manager, Olympics and the Chef de Mission for all broadcast elements for the 2016 Rio Olympics, 2018 PyeongChang Olympics and was appointed as the Chef again for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics. He was also responsible for the oversight of all operations related to Hockey Night in Canada and the National Hockey League for CBC.

In other roles, Mr. StremLaw has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Curling Canada; the CEO at an alpine ski resort and was the Director of Bobsleigh and Luge and Vice President of Sport Services at Calgary Olympic Development Association (now Winsport Canada), with extensive experience in hosting dozens of major national and international events. Mr. StremLaw has been selected to the Globe & Mail's Power 50 List of Sports Leaders, seen as the most influential sports figures in sports.

In 2020, he was chosen to CEO Magazine's Top 20 most dynamic CEO's in the United States. Some of his leadership positions include Co-Chair of Fan

Experience for the 2021 NCAA Men's Basketball Championship; he is a current member of Canada's Sports Hall of Fame's Honored Member Selection Committee; an Executive Board member for the new W League in women's soccer; and an international voting delegate for the World Curling Federation (WCF), the International Bobsleigh and Skeleton Federation (IBSF) and the International Luge Federation (FIL). He is certified by the Australian Institute of Sport as a C.P.S.M.

Greg will outline the history on everything related to Indy Eleven, including its continued growth across Indiana and the recent expansion into both women's and youth soccer.

Additionally, a behind the scenes look at Eleven Park, the new \$1 billion+ transformational riverfront neighborhood development in downtown Indianapolis, anchored by a 20,000 seat multi-purpose soccer stadium that will showcase premier retail, restaurants, residential, office space, public plazas, entertainment venues and much more. Eleven Park will be an experience and a destination for those looking to live, work and play in downtown Indianapolis.

The event will kick off at 11:00 am with the opportunity to network with other attendees and businesses. You will also have the opportunity meet with different company's display tables. Guests will then enjoy a delicious lunch. Remarks will begin at 11:45 am.

Please join us for what is to be a memorable event. Discounted Partner Tickets and Non-Partner Tickets Available. Corporate Reserved Tables (Seating for 8) are also available.

Nickel Plate Arts To Feature Artist Michael Jack

Nickel Plate Arts is welcoming artist Michael Jack among its three artists of the month in November. Details on Jack as well as information on the November artist exhibit dates and receptions are available below.



MICHAEL JACK

STEPHENSON HOUSE: Michael Jack

Michael Jack considers himself an explorer and lifelong learner. We consider him an incredible local photographer who is full of stories to tell. His love for the Palouse region of Washington State—a location Jack described as either a bucket list destination for photographers or an unknown name and location to those unfamiliar with it—has proven to serve as the inspiration behind much of the work he has produced since retiring from his career as a Corporate Controller in 2008.

Upon retirement, Jack was able to fully shift his energy to photography; now a well-recognized landscape photographer, the elegant lines and natural light and shadows exhibited in his work can be appreciated in many galleries.

As he has continued to refine his craft, the artist has found that upon returning to a favorite lo-



Photo courtesy of Nickel Plate Arts

Metropolis of Steptoe

cation, weather conditions change, the environment changes, and his vision changes.

"As a landscape photographer, I am inspired by the immense variety and beauty of landscapes across the US," says Jack. Because of this, he is constantly working to expand his portfolio and improve his impressive photographic skill.

However, it is the unique topography, grain elevators, quaint picturesque towns, isolated farms, abandoned structures, and old farm trucks scattered across the spectacular panoramic vistas that keep Jack coming back to the Palouse. A region that has been called "America's Tuscany," the Palouse serves as the primary inspiration behind Jack's upcoming exhibit, The View/My View.

"In late May and through the June time periods, shades of green cover the Palouse, punctuated by the yellow flowers of canola during parts

of June," says Jack. "Later in August, the Palouse is covered by golden waves of wheat and barley. Harvest starts in mid to late August providing images of huge combines, specifically designed to cope with the rolling hills, leaving tracks through the remaining gold colored stubble."

The View/My View will be a story of the area, showcasing some of the beauty as well as some of the deterioration resulting from the consolidation of farms. In addition to the Palouse, Jack will showcase a few of his favorite images from other locations.

The full The View/My View exhibit can be seen in the Stephenson House Wednesday through Friday from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can meet Jack during his free public reception on November

25th from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Stephenson House on the Nickel

Plate Arts campus.

Exhibit Dates: November 3 to 25, 2023

Reception Date: November 25 from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Nickel Plate Arts campus)

MEYER NAJEM: Jerry Mannell

See Mannell's full exhibit, Points of Reference, in the Meyer Najem 2nd floor gallery, located at 11787 Lantern Road in Fishers, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: October 6 to December 29, 2023

FOUR DAY RAY: Shelley Feeney

Feeney's full exhibit, Traveling Through Texture and Light, can be seen at Four Day Ray Brewing, located at 11671 Lantern Road in Fishers, Sunday and Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., and Friday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: October 6 to December 29, 2023

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RESULTS

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Carmel City Council NE District -- Shannon Minnaar, Republican, 4,325 votes

Carmel City Council NW District -- Ryan Locke (Republican), 2,685 votes, 56.10 percent; Melanie Brown (Democrat), 2,101 votes, 43.90 percent. Total votes: 4,786

Carmel City Council SC District -- Anthony (Tony) Green, (Republican), 3,055 votes, 55.30 percent; Jessica Irvine (Democrat), 2,469 votes, 44.70 percent. Total votes: 5,524

Carmel City Council SE District -- Adam Aasen (Republican), 3,432 votes, 59.54 percent; Jeremy Eltz (Democrat), 2,332 votes, 40.46 percent. Total votes: 5,764

Carmel City Council West District -- Loren Matthes (Republican), 2,537 votes, 47.49 percent; Anita Joshi (Democrat), 2,805 votes, 52.51 percent. Total votes: 5,342.

Mayor of Fishers -- Scott Fadness (Republican), 14,455 votes, 100 percent.

Fishers City Clerk -- Jennifer L. Kehl (Republican), 11,197 votes, 53.97 percent; Janet Pritchett (Democrat), 9,549 votes, 46.03 percent. Total votes: 20,746.

Fishers City Judge -- Daniel E. Henke (Republican), 14,300 votes, 100 percent.

Fishers City Council At Large (Vote for 3) -- Cecilia Coble (Republican), 11,482 votes, 22.24 percent; Todd Zimmerman (Republican), 11,117 votes, 21.53 percent; Tifanie Ditlevson (Republican), 9,859 votes, 19.09 percent; Jocelyn Vare (Democrat), 9,621 votes, 18.63 percent; Howard Stevenson (Democrat), 9,560 votes, 18.51 percent. Total votes: 51,639.

Fishers City Council NC District -- John P. Delucia (Republican), 1,258 votes, 50.85 percent; Crystal Neumann (Democrat), 1,216 votes, 49.15 percent. Total votes: 2,474.

Fishers City Council NE District -- Brad Dereamer (Republican), 2,262 votes, 57.43 percent; Samantha R. Chapman (Democrats), 1,677 votes, 42.57 percent. Total votes: 3,939.

Fishers City Council NW District -- Selina Stoller (Republican), 1,785 votes, 51.95 percent; Bill McLellan (Democrat), 1,651 votes, 48.05 percent. Total votes: 3,436.

Fishers City Council SC District -- John W. Weingardt (Republican), 2,113 votes, 57.54 percent; Lane Skeeters (Democrat), 1,559 votes, 42.46 percent. Total votes: 3,672.

Fishers City Council SE District -- Pete Peterson (Republican), 2,431 votes, 100 percent.

Fishers City Council SW District -- Bill Stuart (Democrat), 1,967 votes, 50.77 percent; David Giffel (Republican), 1,907 votes, 49.23 percent. Total votes: 3,874.

Mayor of Noblesville -- Chris Jensen (Republican), 4,414 votes, 100 percent.

Noblesville City Clerk -- Evelyn L. Lees (Republican), 4,223 votes, 100 percent.

Noblesville City Judge -- Matt Cook (Republican), 4,338 votes, 100 percent.

percent. Total votes: 4,338.

Noblesville City Council At Large (Vote for 3) -- Darren Peterson (Republican), 3,767 votes, 29.12 percent; Evan Elliott (Republican), 3,517 votes, 27.18 percent; Pete Schwartz, 3,170 votes, 24.50 percent; Paula Jo Gilliam (Democrat), 2,484 votes, 19.20 percent. Total votes: 12,938.

Noblesville City Council District 1 -- Mike Davis (Republican), 938 votes, 100 percent.

Noblesville City Council District 2 -- Todd Thurston (Republican), 839 votes, 100 percent.

Noblesville City Council District 3 -- Aaron Smith (Republican), 806 votes, 100 percent.

Noblesville City Council District 4 -- Mark W. Boice (Republican), 676 votes, 100 percent.

Noblesville City Council District 5 -- Dave Johnson (Republican), 415 votes, 100 percent.

Noblesville City Council District 6 -- Megan G. Wiles (Republican), 829 votes, 100 percent.

Mayor of Westfield -- Scott Willis (Republican), 5,441 votes, 100 percent.

Westfield City Clerk-Treasurer -- Maria Ailor (Republican), 4,926 votes, 100 percent.

Westfield City Council At Large (Vote for 2) -- Chad Huff (Republican), 4,260 votes, 37.36 percent; Kurt J. Wanninger (Republican), 4,171 votes, 36.58 percent; Gary Lane (Democrat), 2,972 votes, 26.06 percent. Total votes: 11,403.

Westfield City Council District 1 -- Jon Dartt (Republican), 1,041 votes, 100 percent.

Westfield City Council District 2 -- Victor McCarty (Republican), 767 votes, 100 percent.

Westfield City Council District 3 -- Joe Duepner (Republican), 1,014 votes, 100 percent.

Westfield City Council District 4 -- Patrick T. Tamm (Republican), 1,188 votes, 50.49 percent; Alexis Lowry (Democrat), 1,165 votes, 49.51 percent. Total votes: 2,353.

Westfield City Council District 5 -- Noah Herron (Republican), 984 votes, 100 percent.

Atlanta Town Clerk-Treasurer -- Jennifer Farley (Republican), 56 votes, 100 percent.

Atlanta Town Council District 1 -- Christopher Calhoun (Republican), 55 votes, 100 percent.

Atlanta Town Council District 2 -- Timothy Johnson (Republican), 52 votes, 76.47 percent; Jody Price (Democrat), 16 votes, 23.53 percent. Total votes: 68.

Atlanta Town Council District 3 -- Pam Vanhook (Republican), 55 votes, 100 percent.

Three school referendums were passed.

Public question, Carmel Clay Schools -- Yes, 21,211 votes, 67.82 percent; No, 10,064 votes, 32.18 percent. Total votes: 31,275.

Public question, Hamilton Southeastern Schools -- Yes, 15,751 votes; 70.05 percent; No, 6,733 votes; 29.95 percent. Total votes: 22,484.

Public question, Sheridan Community Schools -- Yes, 476 votes; 81.79 percent; No, 106 votes; 18.21 percent. Total votes: 582.

When Did We Wake Up In The Twilight Zone?



TIM TIMMONS
Two Cents

It's not unusual to get reaction after writing a column. Some of you share with me your thoughts on my heritage, my intelligence, my sanity . . . and a few of you actually like what I wrote.

But last week brought a lot of you out of the woodwork.

And it appears -- at least on the surface -- that many of us are in the same boat. We're wondering where the sanity went, or as one person wrote -- how did I wake up in the twilight zone?

No doubt we live in an upside-down world. If you have the audacity to believe there are two sexes, you are clearly misguided. If you think parents have more responsibility for children than the school, you aren't thinking clearly. If you think Israel is right in its attempt to eradicate Hamas, you are a war-monger.

But those are not the biggest problems. That, my friends, is the complete hypocrisy in which each one of those points exists.

A few years ago, most of us were told to be tolerant -- to respect the rights of those who wished to think, believe and act differently than

what we did. For the most part, we went along. That is not to say we agreed, but we were raised to be respectful, to not cram our opinions down the throats of others.

Today, that courtesy is not returned.

Society is venturing further and further from what we once called the norm. Except as it ventures, it also draws lines between "us and them." And either you go along with the new us, or you are one of them -- them being backward, biased, xphobes (replace x with your choice of precedents).

There is no tolerance of traditional, biblical views any more. There's no tolerance of varying opinions. There's not even much room for facts in disagreements. That's hard to believe but it's true -- in many cases facts simply don't matter.

Thing is, that toothpaste is already out of the tube and try all you want, it ain't going back.

The only question left, in this reporter's humble opinion, is where do we go from here?

First off, shame on me and shame on any of us who allowed respect and tolerance to turn into disregard for our duties as parents, siblings and friends. When did some of us decide that as parents it was more important to be warm and fuzzy rather

than a teacher of our children?

I get the fact that every generation has their own Dr. Spock -- an expert who shares thoughts on how we ought to raise our young'uns. And Lord knows new parents need all the help they can get. Those kiddos don't pop out with an instruction manual, do they?

But somewhere along the way, somebody told the newer generation of parents how to raise children in a way that didn't involve discipline -- at least not the sort of discipline many of us grew up with.

Reason replaced rigidity -- and to some degree, that wasn't all bad. Then again, most 6-year-olds aren't deeply gifted with sound reasoning ability and a lot of lessons have gone flying over their heads -- much like good behavior went flying out the window.

But hey, we're not supposed to say anything, right? What were the two things we were told not to discuss in mixed company, politics and religion? (Actually the country might be better off if we all cut back on the political debates.)

But not so on religion. God hasn't just been pushed out of our schools. Tell someone you believe in God today and you are as close to an outcast as

lepers were in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John's time.

Think not?

What traditional biblical world view is still accepted without question today? Matrimony? Please. Sex? Are you kidding? Evil? Look around.

Look, I don't typically write about religion. The eight or nine of you who regularly read these scribbles know that. But our nation was founded by people who believed in God. The idea of separation between church and state wasn't to boot God out -- but that is exactly what is happening.

Just one man's opinion, but I think more and more of us need to speak up -- to make sure that God and those traditional biblical views are still very much part of the public square.

Twilight zone indeed? The crazier times get, the more important right and wrong become. And for those viewpoints, the answers are pretty clear.

-Two cents, which is about how much Timmons said his columns are worth, appears periodically in The Times. Timmons is the chief executive officer of Sagamore News Media, the company that owns The Noblesville Times. He is also a proud Noblesville High School graduate and can be contacted at timmons@thetimes24-7.com.

Apps To Help You Save The Planet



Dear EarthTalk: What are some apps that help individuals save the planet?

Most of us spend upwards of three hours on our smartphones every day. Much of our phone time is spent messaging friends and family, scrolling through social media feeds, watching video shorts and playing mindless games—but what if we could use it more productively to help save the planet? Not surprisingly, there are dozens of apps out there designed to solve environmental issues. Whether you want to cut your carbon footprint, reduce food waste, or save water, there's an app (or two) out there for it.

One of the hottest sustainability-oriented apps out there these days is Too Good to Go, which connects customers to restaurants and stores that have surplus unsold food that can be procured for significantly discounted prices. The Olio app works along

similar lines—connecting neighbors with each other and with local businesses to share surplus food. Olio can be used to find new owners for your old non-food items as well, keeping more stuff in use and out of landfills.

Eco-conscious fashionistas can rejoice over how the Good On You app allows them to check on the sustainability records and ethical stances of more than 3,000 different fashion brands. The app is a great companion on clothes shopping excursions; you can look up different brands as you browse and make purchasing decisions accordingly. Over a million users worldwide also use the app to discover alternative ethical and sustainable fashion brands that they might not have ever heard about otherwise. Another app focused on the intersection of sustainability and fashion, ThreadUp, offers users the ability to quickly list used clothing items for sale so others can appreciate them. Who knew thrifting was actually eco-friendly?

If you're worried about pollutants and irritants in your personal care and beauty products, Think Dirty might just be the app for you. Scan the barcode from any health and beauty product on the store shelf through the app and find out what ingredients are in it so you can determine whether or not to buy/use it.

Of course, there are lots of apps out there to help you reduce your carbon footprint. One of the most engaging is Oroeco. Use this app to track your life activities, such as what you eat, how you get around, etc. and see how much climate impact you have. You can also compete with other users—and earn badges—in friendly competitions to "gamify" your impact reduction efforts. Another favorite is Giki Zero, which provides users with a free and personalized guide—based on answers you provide about your lifestyle—on how to reduce your carbon footprint.

Saving water is becoming increasingly important in this warming-fueled

drought-stricken age we are in now. The Waterprint app allows users to conveniently track their water usage and compete with friends. Users list the products they buy, and the water footprint of each product is then used to calculate their water usage. Competing with friends provides a strong incentive to reduce unnecessary water usage, which helps to improve water sustainability around the world.

Who knew that our smartphones could be such important tools for saving the planet?

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From Page A1

sleigh? Hey, maybe someone will write that Santa spends his summers in old Noblesville because he likes brick streets?

What you write and where your story goes is up to you.

If you want a chance to be published and want to tell your very own tale of Christmas, write it up and send it to us. And keep an eye on the Noblesville Times as the holidays draw closer and we publish the top entries -- as judged by our expert panel of top-notch judges!

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Thinking of making the trip to Carroll County? The Holiday Craft Market is this Saturday at Flora Park from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. See ya' there!

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Facts & Fun



Number Stumpers

1. What percentage of the county is taken up by Delphi?
2. How old is Carroll County?
3. What is the population density of Carroll County?
4. How long did the Wabash and Erie Canals operate?

Answers: 1. About .7% 2. 190 years 3. Approximately 54/sq mi.

Did You Know?

- As of 2010 Carroll County had an estimated population of 20,155 individuals.
- The Wabash and Erie Canals ran through the county from 1840 to the 1870s.
- The county has a total land area of 372.22 square miles and 2.8 square miles of waterways.
- Carroll County was founded in 1828 by Charles Carroll.
- The county seat, Delphi, is 2.73 square miles and has an estimated population of 2,877.

Got Words?

Lancaster Bridge and Adams Mill Bridge are both covered bridges located in Carroll. The two structures allow for easy access across the waterways in the county and connects residents to trails. How do you think the trails and waterways in Carroll County play a role in the everyday lives of the residents?

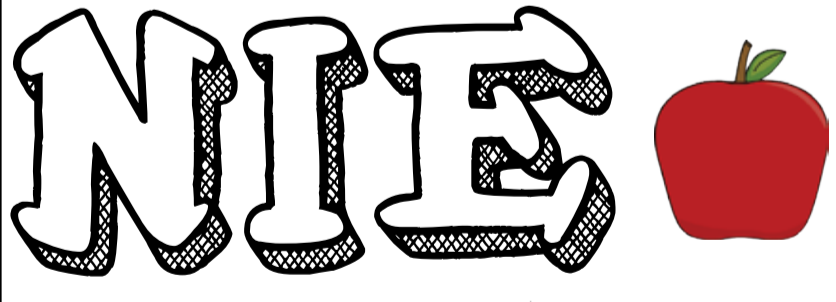
Word Scrambler

Unscramble the words below!

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4. LDIHEP
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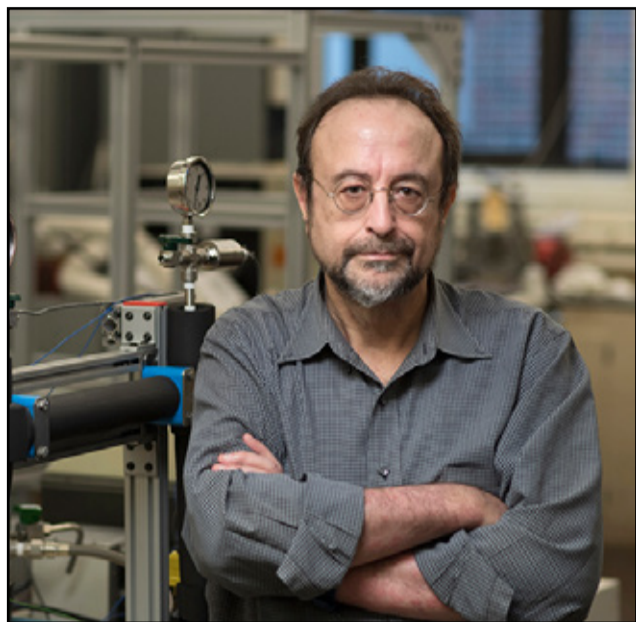


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Issam Mudawar's research on heat transfer could enable space habitats to be built in extreme environments like the moon.

To live on the moon or Mars, humans will need heat and air conditioning that can operate long term in reduced gravity and temperatures hundreds of degrees above or below what we experience on Earth.

Building these systems requires knowing how reduced gravity affects boiling and condensation, which all heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems use to operate in Earth's gravity.

A Purdue University experiment that arrived Aug. 4 to the International Space Station aims to collect data scientists need to answer decades-old questions about how boiling and condensation work in reduced gravity.

Purdue professor Issam Mudawar started this project in response to a 2011 survey by the National Academies that guides NASA, the White House and Congress on areas of research to prioritize for funding. In the survey, which publishes every 10 years, numerous scientists recommended that a priority for space exploration should be studying the relationship between gravity and fluids.

The 2023 decadal survey also includes recommendations for future fluid physics research in space based on the progress of the experiments Mudawar has been conducting on the space station and the expertise he provided as a member of the survey's panel on physical sciences.

"We have developed over a hundred years' worth of understanding of how heat and cooling systems work in Earth's gravity, but we haven't known how they work in weightlessness," said Mudawar, Purdue's Betty Ruth and Milton B. Hollander Family Professor of Mechanical Engineering.

The experiment was transported via Northrop Grumman's 19th commercial resupply services mission (NG-19) to the space station for NASA. The NG-19 spacecraft launched Aug. 1 from the Mid-Atlantic Regional Spaceport at NASA's Wallops flight Facility in Virginia.

The mission carried a module for conducting the second experiment of a Purdue-designed facility called the Flow Boiling and Condensation Experiment (FBCE), which



Photo courtesy of NASA/Danielle Johnson

Northrop Grumman's Aug. 1 Cygnus spacecraft launch carried a Purdue University experiment to the International Space Station among other cargo for NASA.

has been collecting data on the space station since August 2021.

Last July, Mudawar and his students finished their first experiment gathering data from a module of FBCE on the space station that measures the effects of reduced gravity on boiling. Using the facility's additional components that arrived with the NG-19 spacecraft, the researchers will be able to conduct the second experiment, which will investigate how condensation works in a reduced-gravity environment.

Both experiments' modules for FBCE will remain in orbit through 2025, allowing the fluid physics community at large to take advantage of this hardware.

"We are ready to literally close the book on the whole science of flow and boiling in reduced gravity," Mudawar said.

To develop FBCE, Mudawar's lab worked with NASA's Glenn Research

Center in Cleveland, which engineered and built the flight hardware funded by the agency's Biological and Physical Sciences Division at NASA Headquarters. The team spent 11 years developing FBCE hardware to fit into the Fluids Integrated Rack on the orbiting laboratory.

FBCE's answers on boiling and condensation will not only support exploration on the moon or Mars but also help spacecraft to travel longer distances. The farther missions are from Earth, the more likely that the spacecraft for those missions will need innovative power and propulsion systems, such as ones that are nuclear thermal or electric. Compared to other types of processes that enable heating and cooling in space, boiling and condensation would be much more effective at transferring heat for spacecraft with these systems.

In addition, FBCE data

could help enable spacecraft to refuel in orbit by providing scientific understanding of how reduced gravity affects the flow boiling behavior of the cryogenic liquids spacecraft use as propellant.

FBCE is among NASA's largest and most complex experiments for fluid physics research. Mudawar's team is preparing a series of research papers unpacking data the FBCE has collected on the space station, adding to more than 60 papers they have published on reduced gravity and fluid flow since the project's inception.

"The papers we have published over the duration of this project are really almost like a textbook for how to use boiling and condensation in space," Mudawar said.

With more than 30,000 citations, Mudawar is one of the most highly cited researchers in the field of heat transfer. Google Scholar ranks him No.

1 in flow boiling, spray cooling, microchannels, and microgravity boiling. He also is the most cited author in the International Journal of Heat and Mass Transfer.

For more than a decade, Mudawar and his students have been developing three sets of predictive tools to be validated using FBCE data. One set of tools puts the data into the form of equations that engineers can use to design space systems. Another set identifies fundamental information about fluid physics from the data, and the third set is computational models of the fluid dynamics.

All together, these models would make it possible to predict which equipment designs could operate in lunar and Martian gravity.

"The amount of data coming out of the FBCE is just absolutely enormous, and that's exactly what we want," Mudawar said.



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