

TODAY'S VERSE

Isaiah 12:2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD JEHOVAH is my strength and my song; he also is become my salvation.

Hamilton Happenings

Ivy Tech Community College recently announced the appointment of Dr. Rachel L. Kartz as the new chancellor of the Hamilton County campus, effective immediately. Kartz recently served as interim chancellor and vice president for academic affairs for the campus. Dr. Kartz serves as a member of the Invest Hamilton County board of directors

Three Things You Should Know

1 The Libertarian Party of Indiana announced it stands in opposition to legislation limiting rights or freedoms of any citizens, when their actions do not harm others, and HB 1291 facilitates potential discrimination on a state level based on the lifestyle or identity of individuals. Indiana House Bill 1291 replaces "gender" with "biological sex" throughout the Indiana Code, thus putting transgender Hoosiers at risk. The Libertarian Party of Indiana therefore strongly encourages Indiana legislators to vote "no" on this heinous piece of legislation. "The Legislature is inserting the state into individual choices, putting a blanket, firm legal statute in place that overrides the rights of Hoosiers to peacefully live their lives on their own terms," Libertarian Party of Indiana state chair Evan McMahon said. "This would, as a matter of law, put fully transitioned people in immediate danger."

2 On Wednesday, the National Federation of Independent Business will be hosting Small Business Day in Indianapolis. Small business owners in attendance will hear from Senate President Pro Tempore Rodric Bray, Senate Majority Leader Chris Garten, and State Comptroller Elise Nieshalla. As the nation's leading small business advocacy organization, NFIB's Small Business Day provides small business owners from across Indiana the opportunity to learn more about what's happening in the Indiana General Assembly and to speak with lawmakers about the issues affecting their businesses.

3 To help Indiana schools celebrate Earth Day 2024, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management is offering free hands-on classroom presentations to elementary students across the state. Every year, IDEM staff visit schools to talk about their careers and share STEM-based lessons on air, land, water, and recycling. Classroom Earth Day presentations are available for elementary schools and vary in length from 30 to 50 minutes. The interactive presentations offer activities such as reduce, reuse, recycle your trash, how long does your trash last, or a demonstration on how water flows through a watershed.

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By The Numbers, a look at what's in the news . . . by the numbers. These are just numbers, not suggestions that they mean more or less than what they are. We do not suggest that one number is connected to another. These are simply facts with no extraneous details, bias or slanted reporting. To borrow (and perhaps mangle a bit) a quote from legendary fictional detective Joe Friday, it's just the numbers, ma'am!



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Groundhog Day!

Groundhog Day is this week, so it seems the perfect time to take a deeper dive into some of the numbers behind what has to be one of the goofiest holidays in the U.S.

6 The magic number of weeks of more winter or an early spring, depending on whether the groundhog sees its shadow. The legend is that if it sees its shadow, there will be six more weeks of winter. If it does not, we will have an early spring.

Spring



Regardless of what the groundhog says, the calendar says there are **46** days between Groundhog Day and the first official day of spring, March 19.

1887



The first time Groundhog Day was celebrated in Punxsutawney, Penn. Unfortunately, a newspaper editor is supposedly to blame. Clymer Freas appointed Phil to be the county's official weather predictor. Actually, another source says it dates all the way back to the 16th century – and since we don't want newspapers taking the blame, we'll go with that one.

22-39



The average low and the average high temperature for Indiana at the beginning of February.

32-51

The average low and the average high temperature for Indiana at the end of February.



Commissioners Appoint New Veteran Service Office

Tom Logan has been promoted to County Veteran Service Officer. The Hamilton County Commissioners tapped Logan for the post after an extensive interview process. Logan, a military veteran himself, brings 32 years of experience from the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, where he most recently served as a Captain of the Patrol Division. He made significant contributions to the agency through his involvement in the DARE

program, the Honor Guard, animal control, and the special Emergency Response Team. Mark Heirbrandt, President of the County Commissioners, expressed confidence in Logan's selection, stating, "Tom's unwavering commitment and extensive experience make him the ideal candidate for the job. His deep-rooted sense of public service will undoubtedly elevate the



Tom Logan



Mark Heirbrandt

support we provide our veterans." Logan comes from a long line of military veterans.

➔ **See VETERAN on Page A3**

TODAY'S HEALTH TIP

Keep meat tenderizer in your first aid kit – apply it to stings to destroy the venom.

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

"I never want to be anything more than I am; what I don't have I don't need."
Louis Armstrong

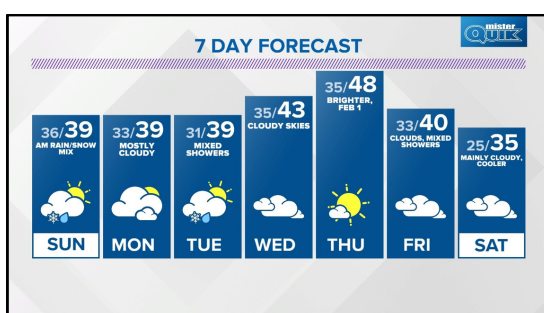
TODAY'S JOKE

What was the picture in jail griping about?
It said it was framed!

OBITUARIES

None

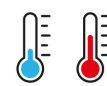
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The Daily Almanac

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HIGH: 40°F
LOW: 30°F



Today is...

- National Carnation Day
- National Puzzle Day



What Happened On This Day

- **1967** The Mantra-Rock Dance takes place in San Francisco. The event is considered to have been the major spiritual event of the San Francisco hippy era.
- **1845** Edgar Allan Poe's "The Raven" is published. The narrative poem first appeared in the New York Evening Mirror.



Births On This Day

- **1954** Oprah Winfrey - American talk show host, actress, producer, founded the OWN Network, Harpo Productions
- **1843** William McKinley - American politician, 25th President of the United States

Deaths On This Day

- **1963** Robert Frost - American poet, playwright
- **1820** George III of the United Kingdom

Meet the Napsters



DICK WOLFSIE Funny Bone

Last Saturday something happened that made me very proud of my family and I want to share it with you.

It was about three in the afternoon and my adult son had just stopped by after a boxing workout. My wife had returned from a long morning of shopping and running errands. I had just played two hours of pickleball.

What was I proud of? Everyone took a nap. Right smack in the middle of the day. People in the neighborhood were not only taking down their holiday lights but tossing around a football with the kids, gassing up the snow blowers, or taking a brisk walk in the nearby woods. But the Wolfsies were all asleep, Brett sacked out on the couch, Mary Ellen in our king-sized bed and I was tucked into my La-Z-Boy chair. Do I know how to pick a family, or what?

I just wish I could have been awake to fully enjoy it. If I had not been napping myself, I would have run around the neighborhood bragging, "My whole family is taking a nap! My whole family is taking a nap!" But bellowing "Two out of three people in my family are taking a nap!" would have taken a bit of the shine off my bravado.

Of course, my son and wife are not experienced nappers. They have not spent the years I have perfecting the art of the timely snooze. Unlike me, my wife has never slept through Paris on a bus or dozed through an

entire baseball game. Unlike me, my son has never fallen asleep at his own surprise birthday party or while tutoring a student after class. They are novice nappers. But I was thrilled that there was hope. Here it was Saturday afternoon, a gorgeous, crisp winter afternoon enticing every family in the neighborhood to go outside and enjoy the weather. But all the Wolfsies were napping.

Of course, there are some drawbacks to amateur napping. When my wife awakens, she apologizes for her lapse and then spends the next three hours worrying she is coming down with something. I'm no medical expert, but I don't think you need to give yourself a Covid test if you doze off for 20 minutes in the middle of the afternoon. When I doze off for an hour or so, I awaken with a renewed sense of purpose. Men and women place different values on a good daytime snooze. Women don't like naps because they are afraid they will miss something, like a sale or a sunset or the plot of a movie. But that's exactly the reason I do nap. To miss things.

I do worry about my son, though. As a toddler he showed great potential, often rivaling me. He'd fall asleep after a good meal and often snuck in a nap before going to bed. I had great expectations for him, but my hopes dimmed as he grew up. He once sat through an entire Harry Potter movie without snoring. And more recently, he watched three and a half hours of Oppenheimer without digging his nails into his thigh.

You may think we wasted the afternoon. That we squandered valuable time — and frittered it away by dozing off at three in the afternoon. You are entitled to your opinion. But I'm not going to lose any sleep over it.

County Graduates 20 in Leadership Course

The Hamilton County Human Resource Department is thrilled to announce the successful graduation of 20 employees from the Ivy Tech Leadership Series, marking a significant milestone in the County's ongoing commitment to workforce development. The semester-long program was designed to equip county employees with essential leadership skills and knowledge in topics ranging from behavior and communication styles to poor performance and conflict resolution. Held during work hours, the training series provided employees with free on-campus coursework and three hours of college credit. Reflecting on the experience, Sam Sachs, a class graduate and Airport Director at the Indianapolis Executive



Sheena Randall

Airport, shared, "The Ivy Tech Leadership Class has been transformative for me. The lessons learned will stick with me for the rest of my career. I am grateful for the opportunity to have been part of this program." In addition to the leadership and skills training, Ivy Tech will continue to provide Hamilton County employees with career coaching and



From left, Sheena Randall, Sam Sachs, Rhonda Foster, Skills Training Instructor for Ivy Tech, and Terry Cortese, CareerLink Employer Consultant for Ivy Tech

mentoring, contributing to the overall professional development of its workforce. "Fortunately, we don't have a lot of turnover at the County," says Sheena Randall, Director of Human Resources. "But that also means we have an

aging workforce. We need to start planning for succession, to upskill our younger employees, and to build a pipeline for future leaders so they're ready to fill those gaps when they open."

Library Launches Newly Redesigned Website

The Hamilton East Public Library is thrilled to announce the launch of our newly redesigned website, marking a significant milestone in our commitment to delivering an enhanced online experience for our users. The revamped website boasts a modern and intuitive design, providing visitors with easy navigation and access to a wealth of information about our services. We have focused on creating a user-friendly interface that seamlessly blends aesthetics with functionality.

Key features of the redesigned website include:

1. New URL: We've got a brand new website URL that's easier to remember. You can now update your bookmark to hamiltoneastpl.org!
2. Accessibility: We're proud to offer accessiBe, reinforcing our commitment to inclusivity and ensuring an equal online experience for all users.

We're dedicated to the ongoing process of improving accessibility on our website.

3. Updated Events Calendar: Explore our updated events calendar that makes finding out about and registering for library programs a breeze.

4. Sleek and Responsive Design: Try out the new website on your phone for a mobile-friendly experience, including a newly updated mobile-responsive library catalog.

5. New Equipment Booking Software: Book time to use Ignite Studio equipment with our new reservation system.

6. Redesigned Ignite Studio Website: Check out the newly redesigned website for Ignite Studio (featuring an interactive virtual tour!) to keep up with all the creativity happening in our makerspace.

7. Optimized User-Experience: Finally, enjoy a more

streamlined, intuitive, and convenient library website experience overall! Kelsey Sweet, Director of Marketing and Communications at Hamilton East Public Library expressed enthusiasm about the website launch. "We are excited to introduce our newly redesigned website, which reflects our dedication to innovation and patron satisfaction. The user-oriented design, improved navigation, and dedication to accessibility are a testament to our commitment to providing a seamless online experience for our valued patrons. We're grateful for our partnership with Iconic Digital Marketing, who took our website vision and collaborated with our team to make it a reality." Visit the newly redesigned website at hamiltoneastpl.org to explore the refreshed design and discover how Hamilton East Public Library is our community's essential connector to information and ideas.



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Still Singing



CARRIE CLASSON
The Postscript

My dad turned 90 this weekend, and we were all set to drive up north to celebrate his birthday.



"Right outside the elevator doors, they started singing the Frank Sinatra tune, 'Don't Blame Me.' The setting might not have been the most romantic, but the acoustics were perfect. Those barbershop singers brought tears to my eyes."

The second group answered my call from Florida, where two of the members were, while the remaining members were in the Midwest. "Too bad!" the leader said, "but I've got another name for you!"

The third group said they would love to come and sing. And I was over the moon.

When they arrived, I understood why barbershop music was on the decline. One member was four years older than my dad. But they drove through a snowstorm to make it to the party and, when they came in, my dad was very surprised.

They sang for about half an hour and, at the end, they invited my dad to come up and sing bass in "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." And he did. I watched my dad singing and was so happy we were able to do this—to celebrate with our dad on the day of his birthday, to hear barbershop music while there were folks still singing.

I escorted the quartet down to the elevator afterward and thanked them again for coming out on such a snowy night.

"I think we should do one more," the bass suggested.

And, right outside the elevator doors, they started singing the Frank Sinatra tune "Don't Blame Me." The setting might not have been the most romantic, but the acoustics were perfect. Those barbershop singers brought tears to my eyes.

I thought of how wonderful it was to spend this time with people we care about and to remember how fortunate we all are—at least for this day—to still be singing.

Till next time,
Carrie

Fishers Partners with Indianapolis Art Center

The City of Fishers announced today that it has entered into an operator's agreement with the Indianapolis Art Center to program and operate the new Fishers Art Center, scheduled to open in June.

Fishers Art Center will be part of the new City Hall & Art Center, located on the site of the former Fishers City Hall at 1 Municipal Drive. The facility has been under construction since fall 2022 after engineering reports deemed City Hall was in dire need of millions of dollars in repairs due to foundational and mechanical failures.

With a large pedestrian breezeway at its center, the three-story Fishers Municipal Complex will dedicate its first floor to the Fishers Art Center, a dynamic arts education facility that's the first of its kind in Fishers. Fishers Art Center will feature art exhibitions, two art studios, a clay studio, and a flexible theater with multiple configuration options to accommodate performances, meetings, art classes, and events. The upper floors of the complex will serve as a home for city administrative offices.

"The Indianapolis Art Center's 90 years of experience and expertise make them the perfect partner for this new endeavor," said Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness. "The Fishers Art Center showcases our commitment to nurturing and celebrating arts and creativity in our community. Paired with our new municipal

center, this facility will serve as a cornerstone of our Nickel Plate Cultural District—a place for community, collaboration, and discovery."

"We're excited to partner with the City of Fishers on what will be one of the few municipal buildings in the country with dedicated space for art-making, art exhibitions, and a theater," said Mark Williams, president of the Indianapolis Art Center. "You can expect to see some best practices exported from our Broad Ripple location along with some Fishers-specific projects that come from Fishers groups and artists."

Programming at the Fishers Art Center will begin in June with summer camps. Camp registration for children and families is now open at IndyArtCenter.org/Camps. Camps are half day, so campers can enroll in a morning and an afternoon camp, making it a full-day of art-making. Camps include clay, digital art, drawing and painting, cartoons and characters, and more. Instructors are trained teaching artists and classes are small, with an instructor and assistant in every camp.

Also beginning this summer, the Fishers Art Center will host two-hour Make It Take It classes and workshops for all ages. The first quarterly art exhibition at the center will also open in June. To learn more and watch construction videos, visit ThisIsFishers.com/FishersArtCenter.

Goodrich's bill to expand work-based learning advances



State Rep. Chuck Goodrich (R-Noblesville) presents House Bill 1001 Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, in the House Chamber at the Statehouse. Goodrich said his legislation would expand work-based learning access in Indiana.

The Indiana House of Representatives advanced State Rep. Chuck Goodrich's (R-Noblesville) bill to expand work-based learning access in Indiana.

If passed, House Bill 1001 would expand the Frank O'Bannon Grant and the 21st Century Scholarship beyond traditional college coursework to include job training. Goodrich said this bill would provide opportunities for Hoosiers who may not be interested in pursuing a two- or four-year degree, to use these funds to skill up and obtain high-demand job.

"We know that college isn't for everyone and that there are numerous opportunities like apprenticeships and other work-based learning experiences that can open up new pathways for students to learn the skills they need," said Goodrich, a member of the House Education Committee.

"Expanding what our students can do with these scholarships will help ensure more Hoosiers are better prepared for jobs today and into the future."

Goodrich said this bill builds on a law he authored during the 2023 legislative session, creating Career Scholarship Accounts for Hoosier students to pay for career training, apprenticeships, certifications and internships. These accounts can be used by sophomores, juniors and seniors to enroll in earn-and-learn opportunities, as well as to pay for items like transportation and uniforms to remove barriers to accessing these experiences. House Bill 1001 now heads to the Indiana Senate for further consideration. For more information, or to watch session and committees live, visit iga.in.gov.



Celebrate Valentine's Day with the CSO (and Your Valentine, Of Course)



Spend a romantic evening Feb. 10 at the Palladium as the Carmel Symphony Orchestra celebrates Valentine's Day with a performance of Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto, Prokofiev's Romeo & Juliet Suite, and Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story Symphonic Dances. Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Tickets start at \$67. They're available [here](#) and through the Center for the Performing Arts box office, (317) 843-3800. Shared boxes are available online. VIP and private box experiences for groups of four or more are available by contacting the Carmel Symphony Development Office at (317) 844-9717. The evening will begin at 6:30 with some pre-concert romantic surprises in the Palladium side lobbies

and atrium. Festivities will include two specialty drinks: Love Potion No. 9 (vodka, strawberry juice, grenadine, two cherries) and Hearts on Fire (a St. Elmo old-fashioned with two cherries). Each will be available for \$13. After that, it's an evening of virtuosity and passionate performances featuring acclaimed Spanish violinist Francisco Fullana soloing on the Mendelssohn's Violin Concerto. Fullana, winner of the 2018 Avery Fisher Career Grant, has been hailed as a "rising star" (BBC Music Magazine), an "amazing talent" (conductor Gustavo Dudamel) and "frighteningly awesome" (Buffalo News). His Carnegie Hall recital debut was noted for its "joy and



Francisco Fullana

playfulness in collaboration ... it was perfection" (New York Concert Review). Fullana's versatility as a performer has brought him to perform with numerous ensembles across the artistic spectrum: from major orchestras such as the City of Birmingham, Vancouver, Pacific and Buffalo symphony orchestras, the chamber orchestras of Saint Paul and Philadelphia, to the baroque

ensemble Apollo's Fire and the new music driven Metropolis Ensemble. Francisco has worked under the batons of Hans Graf, Alondra de la Parra, Christoph Poppen, Jeannette Sorrell, and Joshua Weilerstein, among many others. "This promises to be an extraordinary evening filled with passion, artistry, and emotion," said Carmel Symphony Orchestra Executive Director Anne Marie Chastain. "And it will be a great start to celebrating Valentine's Day."

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He even met his wife while they were both serving as security police officers in the United States Air Force at Grand Forks AFB in North Dakota. "I've served the public my entire life," Logan says. "Whether defending our country, or working in law enforcement, I bring

a lot of lived experience to the job. I'm eager to serve veterans with the utmost respect and in the manner they deserve." Logan has a bachelor's degree in management from Indiana Wesleyan University. His staff will include two full-time members.

Carmel Man Files for Fifth District

During a brief ceremony at the Indiana Secretary of State's office, 2024, Indiana Fifth Congressional District candidate Raju Chinthala officially filed for office. "I'm proud to run for Congress, so that I can take the opportunity to serve all of the citizens of Indiana's Fifth District," said Chinthala. "My successful business background and my extensive healthcare experience provide me with the skills for the job. My drive to achieve meaningful results in everything I do will help me make a difference in an often slow-to-act legislature. I'm proud to be an American. I will be proud to represent you." Chinthala is a

successful speech-language pathologist and Hoosier businessman. He is the Treasurer of the Hamilton County Republican Party and has served as Senior Advisor for India at the Indiana Economic Development Corporation and as Founder and President of the Indiana India Business Council. Chinthala has been honored by President Biden with the Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award in 2022 and has received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from both Governor Pence and Governor Holcomb. Chinthala lives in Carmel with his wife Dr. Prasanna Chinthala, their son Anoop, and their dog Snowball.

Baldwin Pushes Stronger Mental Health Response

A bill authored by State Sen. Scott Baldwin (R-Noblesville) to create a statewide grant program to support community mental health response passed the Senate Committee on Health and Provider Services unanimously. Senate Bill 10 would establish the Community Cares Initiative creating a pilot grant program to help communities improve paramedicine resources to address local mental health needs. This proposal is modeled after the City of Noblesville's innovative NobleACT program that Mayor Chris Jensen launched in 2020 to strengthen community-based response to mental health and substance abuse challenges. Since its creation, the NobleACT program has responded to over 6,000 calls for help to appropriately address issues like housing, mental health episodes, challenges associated with aging and premature birth, and addiction issues with the help of a crisis

intervention specialist on staff and K-9 therapy dogs Luna, Carbon, and Sadie. With a background in the military and law enforcement, Baldwin understands the need for mental health services across the state. "The success of NobleACT underscores the need for proactive approaches like the Community Cares Initiative to address mental health and substance abuse issues and get individuals the help they need," Baldwin said. "As a retired police officer, I've seen firsthand the challenges of untreated mental health in our communities. This bill helps to shift public safety and EMS response from reactive to proactive with a more thoughtful approach to reducing calls for service and helping Hoosiers get the assistance they need without calling 911 multiple times. I'm committed to advancing this vital effort in the Senate." Noblesville Mayor Chris Jensen and

Noblesville Public Safety Director Chad Knecht testified in support of SB 10 in committee. "Through NobleACT, we've seen the need for and impact of a dedicated community response to mental health and substance abuse challenges in our city," Jensen said. "The Community Cares Initiative will help other communities create similar programs to equip first responders to address these issues, ensure struggling members of the community are getting connected to resources and support, and ultimately help save lives." Mobile integrated health care programs and mobile crisis teams are comprised of peers and behavioral health professionals who are trained and skilled in responding to anyone experiencing mental health-related distress. Senate Bill 10 unanimously passed committee and will move to Senate Committee on Appropriations for further consideration.

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2024 Nissan Sentra SR Channels Classic Sport Sedans for Modern Commutes



1955 Alfa Romeo Giulietta



1972 Datsun 510



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CASEY WILLIAMS
Auto Reviews

You may think of sport sedans as high-revving, turbo-charged monsters that can tear up Germany's famed Nürburgring, but I do not. My favorite classic sport sedans are cars that are lightweight, engaging to drive, and can still carry kids and friends to and fro. Affordability is key. The Alfa Romeo Giulietta, BMW 2002, and Datsun 510 come to mind. I'd argue the 2024 Nissan Sentra SR joins their paddock.

Classic Club Racer

Mentioning the 510 that debuted in 1968 in the same paragraph as its iconic European rivals is no joke as it was largely developed under Yataka Katayama, known as "Mr. K" and the father of the Z sports car, to target cars like the Alfa and BMW. He imbued it with a 96-horsepower 1.6-liter four-cylinder

engine and independent rear suspension. It remains a favorite for club racing in modified form, but you won't have to modify the Sentra SR for a speedy vibe. It's a fetching little car with a dark chrome grille, low hoodline, rear spoiler, and deftly sculpted bodysides over 18" wheels. Check the LED headlamps and moonroof too. I especially like it in bright Monarch Orange metallic with Super Back floating roof. From a few yards away, the Sentra looks much like its larger and more sophisticated Altima and Maxima siblings. Pretty much everything inside is padded or orange-stitched, giving the cabin a sporty upscale flair. It could have come from an Audi with an intuitive touchscreen proud of the dash and dual-zone automatic climate controls below. Leatherette heated seats, heated flat-bottom steering wheel,

and Bose audio add comforts. Connect devices via Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Comprehensive safety tech includes adaptive cruise with lane tracing, automatic emergency braking, blind spot warning, lane keep assist, and rear cross path detection with auto stop.

Modern Efficient Performance

Compared to some of the classics, the Sentra SR is a thoroughbred. Under its chiseled hood is a 2.0-liter four-cylinder engine delivering 149 horsepower and 146 lb.-ft. of torque. All of that is sent to the front wheels through a continuously variable automatic transmission. That's not terribly impressive by modern standards, but would have rocked the old Datsun 510 silly. Better, it delivers a frugal 30/38-MPG city/highway. No doubt, the Sentra SR would be a lot more

fun with a proper six-speed manual transmission or even a paddle shifter. There's nothing fun about a CVT! I'd also love a turbo. The SR doesn't need one for daily driving, but the chassis with its tight four-wheel independent suspension and quick steering is certainly up to more power. Even so, the ride is comfortable, soaks up rough pavement like a much larger car, and is every bit the equal of classic sport sedans. Wind and road noise are prevalent at speed, but that's typical of affordable compacts. While I drive a lot of expensive cars, the Sentra SR proves you don't have to spend a lot to buy a car that's incredibly affordable and a joy to drive - whether tackling a weekend two-lane or picking up kids at Girl Scouts. Nissan Sentras start at just \$20,790, coming to \$28,220 for a car that would have embarrassed a fair number of iconic sedans. Competitors

include the Honda Civic Sport, Toyota Corolla XSE, Subaru Impreza Sport, and VW Jetta GLI. Storm Forward!

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

2024 Nissan Sentra SR
Five-passenger, fwd Sedan
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Assembly: Aguascalientes, Mexico
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- Upscale style
- Frugal MPGs
- Agile handling

Dislikes

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