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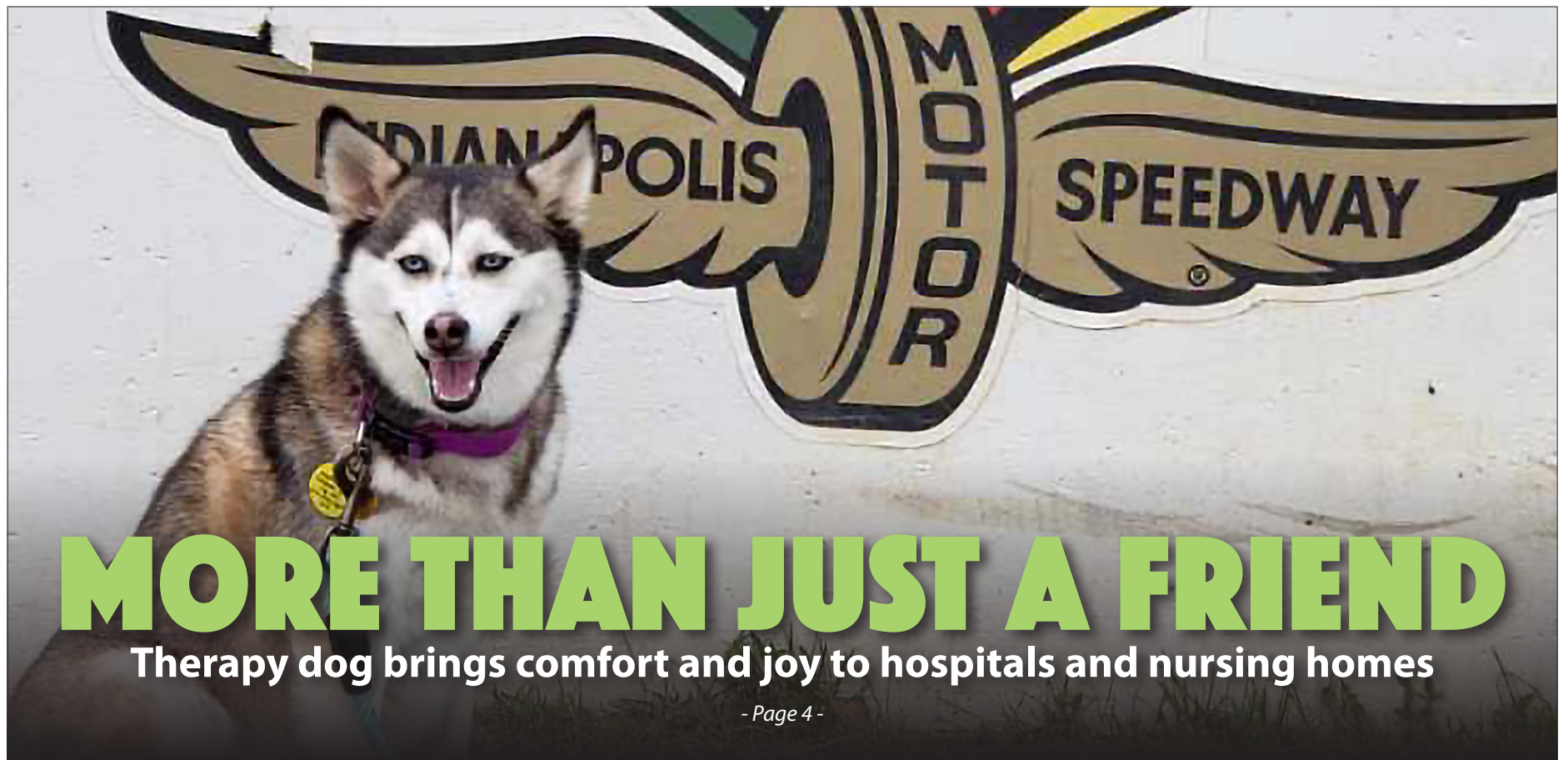
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THIS WEEK on the WEB



Jasmina Cheeseman, PA-C, MLS, program director and assistant professor of physician assistant studies at Franklin College (left) presents Karen L. Summe M.D., FACS, with the Preceptor of the Year award. (Photo courtesy of Franklin College)

Franklin College PA students participate in White Coat Ceremony

Twenty-two Physician Assistant students from the class of 2024 at Franklin College received their white coats in a ceremony on Dec. 15, 2022. Four of these students are Southside residents: Nathanael Boone, Greenwood; Chelsea Harty, Franklin Township; Michele Jennings, Beech Grove; and Sydney Logsdon, Franklin. The ceremony, the fourth for Franklin College, is the halfway mark of the 25-month, full-time program.

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Topics in History: History through Film

A Southport student review of the 2012 movie Lincoln

Topics is a course at Southport High School taught by Kevin Sanders that analyzes major events from United States and world history through Hollywood films that attempt to portray those events. Students investigate historical documents and other sources to determine if a film is historically accurate.

The goal is for students to develop deeper understandings of the historical discipline while generating questions about the way the world is around them, along with watching classical films that have graced American and international screens.

Student: Brandon Cruz
Film Reviewed: Lincoln

I believe the film Lincoln is so beautiful and visually appealing because of the shots throughout the movie. Some of the shots that stuck out to me used a specific film technique which consists of the lighting in a scene and if it's natural or not natural light.

A few ways the movie used natural lighting was when it had scenes where Lincoln was in his room with his wife; most of the time it was dark with very little light, and it set the mood to be sort of relaxing but also kind of gloomy. Another scene right after is when Lincoln finds his son asleep by the fireplace. These two scenes

stuck out to me because of how simple the lighting technique is, and it still made me feel calm and almost sleepy since I could see the fireplace and I could imagine the feeling of the heat coming from it and the nice darkish environment.

Another part where this technique was used but set a completely different mood was when Lincoln was talking/discussing with other characters, more specifically near the beginning of the movie where he is talking to the Cabinet. It has the same lighting, but this time it gives off different vibes. It is more serious, and the scene feels heavy.

The natural light coming from what I believe is the moon, is shining into the room and it only shines on the maps of the walls and on half of everyone's face, including Lincoln's. There are also a couple of close-ups of Lincoln's face, and it still has the light shine on only half of his face which makes it look really cool. This is what makes the scene feel serious. This type of technique is why I loved watching this movie because it really sets you in different moods throughout the whole movie and makes you sort of feel what the characters are feeling. I just find it so fascinating how something as small as the amount of lighting and where it's coming from can set different moods and emotions. That to me is why I believe that Lincoln is such a beautiful film to watch.

AROUND TOWN

SALI to host 'A Little Different' winter exhibit

Art Exhibit - A wide variety of styles, subjects, media and prices will be available at the SALI Winter Exhibit, including original framed and unframed paintings, matted giclee prints, ceramic sculpture, and greeting cards. A layaway plan is available. This exhibit will be displayed for three months, Jan. 4 through April 1 at Southside Art League Off Broadway Gallery, 299 E. Broadway St., Greenwood. Come meet the artists at the SALI Open House, Friday Jan. 13, 6-8 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Regular hours are Wednesday through Saturday 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. For more information, call SALI, (317) 882-5562.

BUSINESS

Main Street Hospice encourages volunteer applications

Volunteer Opportunity - Main Street Hospice, Franklin, Ind., offers free training to all new applicants seeking to make volunteer visits in counties including Johnson and Marion. Hospice volunteers undergo both comprehensive and ongoing training to: provide patient visits in private homes, independent living, long-term care, and/or assisted living settings; provide emotional and practical support to caregivers in a private home; and provide clerical/administrative support in the Franklin office. Inquire about the Pet Team or Music Therapy. Can you sing or play a musical instrument? Would you like to learn to play in the newly forming dulcimer group? Main Street Hospice also works with community members who wish to donate homemade blankets, adult clothing protectors, and holiday items for patients. The ways to give and volunteer are nearly limitless. To make an inquiry or be considered for a free, upcoming training session, complete the volunteer application at mainstreethospicein.com/, contact the Volunteer Coordinator, Cheryl Mioduski at (317) 736-0055; or email at: mshcmioduski@gmail.com.

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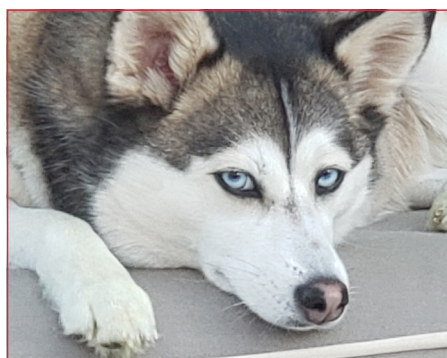
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(Cover) Hanging out at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. | (Top left) Aspen with Steven Litz's daughter's partner. | (Bottom left) Aspen is a purebred miniature husky. | (Center) Aspen was trained to automatically sit when her owner stops. | (Right) Cuddle time with Litz's wife, Stephanie. (Submitted photos)

More than just a friend

Therapy dog brings comfort and joy to hospitals and nursing homes

By Todd Travis

Dogs have long been known to be “man’s best friend.” Aspen, a purebred miniature husky owned by Southside resident Steven Litz, takes it a step further and becomes a shining light to nursing home residents in Indianapolis.

Aspen is a certified therapy dog who visits seven different nursing homes across Indianapolis. She helps offer support for residents who need it. According to therapydogs.com, therapy dogs offer many benefits to people they come in contact with. Some of the benefits include:

- Helping through mental disorders
- Elevating a person’s mood
- Fighting off anxiety
- Helping to regulate emotions
- Offering social support

There are different kinds of support dogs that have unique requirements and access. These include service dogs, therapy dogs, emotional support dogs and facility

dogs. Pawsandthink.org has an informative graphic that can help explain some of those differences for those who are curious.

Aspen was trained from a young age to be a fully off-leash dog. This means she sits, stays and lays down when she is told.

“When we’re walking, she stays next to me. When I stop, I don’t even have to give a command. It’s called an “auto-sit” – she automatically sits when I stop, and when we get to a street corner to look for traffic passing by,” Litz explained.

The journey began for Aspen when she started visiting children at Peyton Manning Children’s Hospital about

six years ago. While she was at the hospital, a person she was visiting mentioned their mom was in a nursing home and suggested that

she go visit her as well. That encounter led her to begin visiting nursing homes as well as a few schools and other organizations.

“Almost no one in the nursing homes really knows who I am, but EVERYONE knows Aspen,” Litz mentioned.

“People’s faces seem to light up the moment they see her,” he continued.

While many lives have been touched by Aspen’s visit to the nursing home, one story in particular stands out.

She had been visiting a patient a few times

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– Steven Litz

who was non-verbal. The first few times that Aspen visited, she didn’t even acknowledge that Aspen was there. Over the next couple visits, she began to turn her head toward Aspen and notice that she was there when she came into the room. On the sixth visit, Aspen jumped up onto the patient’s bed and sat at her feet. Unexpectedly, the woman reached out for Aspen, looked up at her aid and said, “she’s so soft.” The aid got tears in her eyes at that moment and said that the woman had not spoken in two years.

“We were able to take a video of this woman speaking and send it to her family in California to see. It was just so special. But that’s the kind of connection that a dog can have with a person who otherwise hasn’t really had any interaction with other people at all,” Litz said.

Aspen is a high-tech pup. She even has her own website where you can learn more information about her at aspentherapydog.com.

IN OUR SCHOOLS



From left, Lachlan Borders, Erin McNulty, Emily Sering and Nathan Fikes. (Submitted photo)

Roncalli students named Indiana Rising Stars

Class of 2024 - Four Roncalli High School juniors have been named Rising Stars of Indiana for the class of 2024 by the Indiana Association of School Principals (IASP). Lachlan Borders, Nathan Fikes, Erin McNulty and Emily Sering were selected for this honor based on their academic success in the classroom, selfless dedication to volunteer work and outstanding leadership qualities demonstrated through teams, clubs and organizations. In addition to receiving a certificate from the IASP, these students will be made known to potential future college choices in Indiana.

Baugh named Colts/IFCA Academic All-Star

Academics/Athletics - Roncalli High School senior Andrew Baugh was honored at the Kiwanis Club banquet in December being named to the Indianapolis Colts/IFCA (Indiana Football Coaches Association) Academic All-Star team. Included in the team are 24 high school seniors, and all are rated in the top 5 percent of their class. Andrew is the son of Monica and Eric Baugh and is a member of St. Jude Catholic Church. Andrew shared, "Academics are so important. Not all of us go on to play football at the next level, but we can do great things through our hard work in the classroom. It is essential to not only apply yourself on the field but also in the classroom."



Baugh

Gant named next principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School

School Administration - Heather Gant was approved as the next principal of Walnut Grove Elementary School. She replaces Brian Proctor, who announced plans to leave the position at the end of the semester. Mrs. Gant's appointment was approved by the Center Grove Community School Corporation (CGCSC) Board of School Trustees at its Jan. 5 meeting. This is a return to Center Grove for Mrs. Gant. She started her career at Maple Grove Elementary where she taught first and second grade for 15 years before moving into an instructional coach role. Gant was named Maple Grove's teacher of the year in 2016 and was a Center Grove Legacy Award winner in 2016 and 2021. From Maple Grove, Gant moved to North Grove where she served as assistant principal for three years. Gant is currently the principal at Triton Central Elementary School in the Northwestern Consolidated School District of Shelby County.



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The same night as the annual Coaches vs. Cancer event on Jan. 7, Beech Grove High School basketball player Cam Brown broke the school record of eight 3-pointers made in a game by knocking down 9 3-pointers in the first half! Cam was lights out and played inspired basketball on a night where his father, Ryan Brown, was recognized along with his family for his fight with brain cancer. Cam went on to score 32 points and led the Hornets to a big conference win. Coaches vs Cancer, sponsored by the Matt English Foundation, recognized three Hornet families and their battles with cancer. They held a moment of silence in between the boys and girls varsity basketball games against Monrovia. (Photo courtesy of Beech Grove City Schools)

HUMOR



Top 10 ways you blew the first date

By Torry Stiles

10. "I'm out here waiting. You said you'd pick me up at 6 p.m."

"Who is this?"

9. "How will I know which one is you?"

"I'll be out front with a cardboard sign."

"I'm out front now, and the only guy with a cardboard sign is the guy standing in the median."

"Hello."

8. "I'm here for our date."

"I'm upstairs."

"But this is the county courthouse. I don't know you well enough to stand before the judge yet."

"You'll be fine. I need \$500 to make bail. Third floor."

7. "This is my sweet Mister Fluffykins. He doesn't like you. You bleed too much."

6. "Hello. This is Josh. We had a date."

"Who's that with you?"

"That's my mom. Wouldn't give me the money unless I brought her."

5. "You're a lot skinnier on the internet."

4. "Is this your car?"

"For now. Keep an eye out for cops, and we'll be fine."

3. "Wow, you live in a nice neighborhood."

"My husband has a great job."

2. "You're not, like, one of those book-reading smart girls, are you?"

1. "I'm hungry! Whatcha got to eat?"

BELIEVE IT!

Our nation has all sorts of arcane, nonsensical laws on the books. Each week, we'll share one with you ...

In South Dakota, it is illegal to lie down and fall asleep in a cheese factory.

Source: stupidlaws.com

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"The time you enjoy wasting is not wasted time."

– Bertrand Russell

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Ladies Night: White Elephant Re-Gifter Party • Enjoy dinner and a white elephant re-gift exchange. Bring a wrapped previously gifted gift for the exchange. There will be prizes awarded for the funniest, worst and best re-gifters. \$5 per person. | When: Jan. 13, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Hornet Park Community Center, 5245 Hornet Ave., Beech Grove. | Info: RSVP to ladiesnight@beechgrove.com

CENTER GROVE

2023 Vision Board Party • Teens/adults, let's manifest your visions, hopes, and dreams. Release the past, embrace the future, and intentionally walk into your destiny! Presented by Ta-Kisha Jones, CEO & Founder of MpoweredtoBE. | When: Jan. 21, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Where: White River Branch library, 1664 Library Blvd., Greenwood. | Info: pageafterpage.org

FOUNTAIN SQUARE

Walk & Talk • Fountain Square is filled with history! Join for two miles and two hours of history that connects everyone. | When: Jan. 14, 3 - 4 p.m. | Where: Hotel Tango Distillery, 702 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: eventbrite.com:Walk & Talk (Fountain Square)

New Year, New Poetry Slam • Indy Reads and Booth (students, faculty, and alumni from the Butler University MFA program) will partner to host their first New Year Poetry Slam and Open Mic. Poets of all ages are welcomed. This slam and open mic is family friendly. | When: Jan. 28, 6:30 p.m. | Where: Indy Reads, 1066 Virginia Ave., Indianapolis. | Info: indyreads.org/events

GARFIELD PARK

Young Scientists • Children ages 6 to 10 are invited to learn about topics in science, technology, engineering, and math through fun and interactive activities. | When: Jan. 19, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Branch library, 2502 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

Vintage Movie Night: Antony and Cleopatra (1913) • Antony and Cleopatra (1913) with Gianna Terribili-Gonzales, and Amleto Novelli. One of the first feature-length pictures ever made! Made in Italy but then imported to America. Very rarely seen, this is a bridge from the stage-bound films of early cinema. | When: Jan. 21, 7 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Arts Center, 2432 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: gpacarts.org

Visitor Appreciation Day • Admission to the Conservatory is free on this day. Enjoy the unique tropical experience, including waterfalls, orchids, animals and more. | When: Jan. 29, 1 - 5 p.m. | Where: Garfield Park Conservatory, 2505 Conservatory Drive, Indianapolis. | Info: garfieldgardensconservatory.org

GREENWOOD

Southside Art League: James Johnson • Southside Art League will exhibit a collection of original pen and ink drawings from Indianapolis artist James Johnson. His renderings often feature vintage homes and churches, including a few Greenwood buildings. They often have elements of fantasy. | When: Through Jan. 28, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Saturdays. Meet the artist at a reception Jan. 13, 6 to 8 p.m. | Where: 299 E. Broadway, Greenwood. | Info: southsideartleague.org

Library After Dark: Game On • Experience the library like a kid again with free reign of the building and no one shushing you... but with pizza and adult beverages! Play games. Enter challenges. Get your face painted. Go on an escape room scavenger hunt. Create your own masterpiece. Earn tickets to redeem for prizes at the end of the evening. Doors open at 7 p.m. with entry until 8 p.m. \$5 entry fee includes pizza, soft drinks, snacks, and fun! Ages 21 and over only. | When: Jan. 20, 7 - 10 p.m. | Where: Greenwood Public Library, 310 S. Meridian St., Greenwood. | Info: facebook.com/greenwoodpubliclibrary

Cookie Decorating Class • Decorate five themed cookies step-by-step, taught by The Blissful Baker. The theme changes every month, so each class is unique. This theme is Harry Potter. | When: Jan. 26, 6 - 8 p.m. | Where: Teal Canary, 199 N. Madison Ave. Greenwood. | Info: theblissfulbaker317.com/cookie-classes.html#

PERRY TOWNSHIP

Superhero Pancake Breakfast • \$5 per person. Come dressed up and meet some of your favorite superheroes. Hosted by the Perry Meridian High School Band Boosters, proceeds benefit the Perry Meridian High School band programs. | When: Jan. 14, 8:30 - 11 a.m. | Where: Perry Meridian High School cafeteria, enter door 7. | Info: perrymeridianbands.com

Yoga For Kids - Honoring Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. • Join for movement, breathing exercises, a story, and an activity for school-age kids. Grown-

AN OPTION

3 Agaves Mexican Restaurant & Cantina

With so many Mexican restaurants in the Southside, finding one with original menu options may take some time. However, quite a few locals have determined 3 Agaves a winner. "Greenwood finally has a true authentic Mexican restaurant and cantina," wrote an excited Google reviewer. "From the atmosphere to the margaritas to the food... it's all top notch, and the service is spectacular!" Try a Choriqueso (Mexican sausage with cheese sauce) as an appetizer before munching on tacos el pastor, one of their seafood options (including hot shrimp), a Veggie Chimi or a Sample Platter. Wondering what to drink? "The Margarita Acapulco was one of the best margaritas my wife has had in a long time, and my draft beer was frosty cold," shared another Google reviewer. Other perks include Taco Tuesdays for \$1.25, 25% off entrees for seniors on Wednesdays and a lunch card from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. (customers get a free meal after purchasing five).



Summer may be months away, but you can still have a taste of it with one of 3 Agaves' numerous flavorful margaritas (Photo courtesy of 3 Agaves Mexican Restaurant & Cantina)

Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Address: 11 Declaration Drive, Greenwood. For more information, call (317) 300-8957 or go to 3agavesmexicanrestaurant.com

SPOTLIGHT



Peter Cook. (Submitted photo)

A Feast for Your Own Eyes

Storytelling Arts of Indiana kicks off the new year with internationally renowned deaf performing artist Peter Cook, who will bring stories to life in "A Feast for Your Own Eyes" on Jan. 14, 7 p.m. Tickets are now on sale for the live stage show at Eugene & Marilyn Glick Indiana History Center, 450 W. Ohio Street in downtown Indianapolis or livestream for audiences to enjoy from home. Cook incorporates American Sign Language, pantomime, storytelling, acting, and movement. He uses his whole body to perform poems and stories, while an interpreter translates for hearing audience members. Tickets are \$20 for an individual, online or in person, \$35 for a household to watch online and can be purchased online at Storytellingarts.org.

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Licorice Pizza

A warm, inviting, and complicated coming-of-age flick

MOVIE REVIEW

By Bradley Lane

Paul Thomas Anderson has become a living legend through his storied career in Hollywood. Receiving nearly universal acclaim for each of his nine feature films, his presence in the film industry is deeply necessary, preserving the type of original adult-oriented storytelling that the blockbusters of the 1970s pioneered. Far from being a traditionalist, PTA specializes in giving audiences something brand new with each film. In the case of his newest film, *Licorice Pizza*, PTA is looking back to his youth during the 70s in the San Fernando Valley in California. However, *Licorice Pizza* ends up resembling less of an emotional arc and more a young character growing into a more mature version of themselves through more of a series of vignettes. These segments vary wildly in style but carry a consistent tone and, even more

impressively, culminate into something altogether wonderful.

Gary Valentine is a soon-to-be washed-up child actor at the ripe old age of 15, but that won't stop him from following his dreams of ... well, Gary doesn't know what he wants besides to be successful, whatever that means to a 15-year-old. In most cases it means one off business ventures and get-rich-quick schemes, which he pulls off with surprising efficiency thanks to his charismatic presence. Alana Kane is a 25-year-old without direction or many options to speak of, so when Gary begins a one-sided flirtation with her, he represents the most promising option out of where she finds herself now. And somehow that's enough for them to spend all of the summer of '73 together.

To state the obvious, *Licorice Pizza* is an absolute beauty to behold. Shot in ever so tactile 35mm and utilizing vintage lens to achieve a 70s-esque look and feel, visually it is pure nostalgia. Despite this, PTA does not shy away from the complexities of the era, thankfully not falling into the trap of romanticizing the past. The racism and human rights issues of the era are explored despite the narrative focusing on the emotional state of two white heterosexual main characters. This blend of warm nostalgia and scathing reality follows in the footsteps of other period piece coming-of-age films like *American Graffiti*, *Dazed and Confused*, and *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*.

This strong sense of time and place creates a palpable setting for the emotional arcs of the two main characters to unfold. The film is separated into

unofficial segments, so it is not immediately apparent what PTA is getting at by pairing this odd couple together, but throughout the narrative each character is given the context for why they feel the need to be around each other. This gives way to the film's greatest achievement where the emotional climax ends up feeling like a distant memory in both of their collective minds. A memory full of the warm misremembering of good times past, a time that must have changed each of them, hopefully for the better.

Licorice Pizza is a warm, inviting cinematic experience and is now streaming on Amazon Prime Video. — 4/5 stars



Bradley is a Beech Grove High School alumnus and has been enamored by film for as long as he can remember. He recently graduated from IUPUI, with a degree in Media and Public Affairs with a minor in Film. Bradley can be contacted at blane2214@gmail.com.

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Will ChatGPT replace human writers?

GRAMMAR GUY

By Curtis Honeycutt

Welcome to the year of AI content creation. From writing to artwork created by artificial intelligence software, the internet is embracing this “make the computer do it for me” approach.

Soon after OpenAI launched ChatGPT at the end of November 2022, the company was valued at a cool \$29 billion. But my question is: will AI chatbots replace human writers? Not anytime soon.

As a content manager for a robotics startup, my day job involves writing relevant and interesting articles, case studies and thought leadership on my industry. It takes time to do this well, but quantity of content is simultaneously as important as the quality of the work.

For website articles, SEO (search engine optimization) is king. In theory, you could crank out a ChatGPT essay once per day

and load it up with all the keywords you want your potential customers to find in a Google search. This would direct customers to your website, where they might purchase your product or service. But what if the writing is lousy?

After weeks of experimenting with ChatGPT, I’ve found that the service creates vague and repetitive articles. If you type in a prompt such as, “Write a blog article discussing the limitations of AI-written website articles,” you’ll get a result that is a solid “C” grade essay. If that is your standard of quality, then feel free to publish it on your website.

Over winter break, Princeton computer science major Edward Tian, built software that can sniff out a ChatGPT plagiarism checker called GPTZero. Essentially, GPTZero can determine whether a human or a bot wrote an article.

While I come from the “don’t use Wikipedia as a source for your research paper” millennial generation, I do fear the rise of AI chatbots is going to make us even more

reliant on these technologies to form coherent thoughts. In fact, there’s a dating app service that will help you compose replies to potential matches that will help you sound cooler, sexier and funnier. It’s a regular cyber Cyrano de Bergerac.

AI software like ChatGPT does have some pretty cool applications. You can prompt it to write original jokes; you can use it as an alternative to Google to explain complex topics; you can even prompt it to write a silly limerick about your great uncle Vern. I’m sure we’ll be able to harness AI technology to create interesting and useful content, but it’s not going to replace this columnist anytime soon.



Curtis Honeycutt is a syndicated humor columnist and treasurer of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. He is the author of *Good Grammar is the Life of the Party: Tips for a Wildly Successful Life*. Find more at curtishoneycutt.com.

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AROUND TOWN

Special Delivery: Franciscan Health Indianapolis Welcomes 2023 New Year's baby

New Year's Baby - The clock struck 12:49 a.m. and Charlie Jeanette Ridlen became the first baby born on New Year's Day 2023 at Franciscan Health Indianapolis. Charlie is the daughter of Logan and Drew Ridlen of Indianapolis, and weighed 7.5 pounds and was 19.5 inches long. She derives her name from the mother's great-grandmother. At the end of December 2022, more than 2,250 babies had been born at the Indianapolis hospital. Nearly 65,000 babies have been delivered there since 1995, when the Family Birth Center was consolidated at the 8111 S. Emerson Ave. medical campus. The parents of the first New Year Day baby born at Franciscan Health Indianapolis also receive a gift basket containing a variety of items for the child. Each time a child is born at the hospital, "Jesus Loves Me" chimes throughout the hospital via the public address system.



Charlie Jeanette Ridlen, Franciscan Health Indianapolis/ first baby of the new year, with her parents Logan and Drew Ridlen. (Submitted photo)

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Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame announces 21st Women's induction class

Athletics – Women's basketball in Indiana has always seen the top players in the nation, historically. The 2023 Induction class of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame is no different. The board of directors of the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame announced its 2023 women's induction class, to be honored at the 21st Women's Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 29. The class includes Katie Douglas, 1997 graduate of Perry Meridian High School; and Diane (Hoereth) Metz, 1986 graduate of Roncalli High School. Indiana Fever Silver Medal Award winner is Denise McClanahan, 1981 graduate of Perry Meridian High School. This class will be honored on Saturday, April 29. In her senior season, Douglas averaged 19.3 points while amassing 177 rebounds and 118 steals. She was named team MVP, 1st Team All State, All County, and All Conference, while her team collected the sectional and regional title her senior season. After graduating from high school, Douglas went on to help lead Purdue to the 1999 NCAA National Championship. Douglas was honored to play for the USA Basketball Team. She was Big Ten Player of the Year both her junior and senior seasons, along with earning Kodak All American, and Purdue Female Athlete of the Year honors both years. She was a 2nd Team Academic All-American her junior year, and a 1st Team Academic All-American her senior sea-

son. Douglas was the 10th pick in the WNBA draft, played in the WNBA for 14 seasons earning multiple All Star game honors and 2009 All-WNBA honors, while also playing summer basketball in Europe during the WNBA off season. Her number 23 was retired by the Connecticut Sun. Currently, Douglas is the owner of Orangetheory Fitness franchise in Greenwood. Metz, was 1986 Indianapolis Star's "City Athlete of the Year" as a senior on the Roncalli basketball team that went 22-5 where she averaged 17 points and 12.5 rebounds a game and were Sectional, Regional, and Semi-State Champions. She was 1st team All-State, All-Metro, along with being named Marion County Coaches of GSA Outstanding Senior Athlete. She was a member of the 2011 Silver Anniversary team, along with being the Roncalli Athlete of the Year in 1896. Diane was also a standout volleyball player where she was a 3 time All City and All-State award winner. After graduating from Roncalli, she went on to play collegiate volleyball at Texas, IUPUI and Indiana where she holds the career record for most matches with 20 or more kills (17). Since 1991, Diane has worked for Aldi, Inc. where she is currently the director of administration in Mt. Juliet, Tenn. The Indiana Fever Silver Medal Award, including induction for contributions other than as an Indiana high school basketball player or Indiana high school bas-

ketball coach, is presented to Denise McClanahan. With more than 30 years of experience as a high school coach, AAU director and coach and noted for creation and leadership of Lady Mac summer leagues, McClanahan was director of Lady Mac High School Summer League for 32 years and director for 31 years of Jr. Lady Mac Middle School League. Over the years, these leagues have provided opportunities for countless central Indiana girls players, recently involving 700 players per summer (36 high school teams and 38 middle school teams). As director, she schedules teams and officials for approximately 400 games per summer. As a high school coach, a career record of 347-292 including six sectional titles, one regional title, three Marion County championships and was twice Marion County Coach of the Year and 2002 Indiana All-Star assistant coach. AAU involvement includes creation of Lady Mac AAU Club and Indiana Faith AAU, as well as coaching roles with Indiana's Finest and Indiana Elite programs, coaching teams to numerous national appearances including 2002 17U AAU National Champions. She also created and ran the High Intensity Basketball Camps. A member of two Marion County championship teams as a player, at Perry Meridian H.S., she also played at Central Michigan, Butler and IUPUI.

Girl Scouts of Central Indiana kicks off 2023 Girl Scout cookie season Jan. 10

Girl Scouts – Girl Scouts of Central Indiana kicks off the 2023 Girl Scout cookie season in 45 Central Indiana counties on Jan. 10 as Girl Scouts and their troops rally their communities to support the world's largest entrepreneurial program for girls. Every box of cookies sold provides experiences for Girl Scouts such as service projects, troop travel, and summer camp for girls across the country. Girls will sell and take orders in person, and can receive cookie orders via Digital Cookie®, to personally deliver cookies to their local customers. Consumers can also use the Cookie Finder to locate a booth near them and purchase cookies in-person from girls at the cookie booths beginning Feb. 3. And beginning Feb. 27 consumers can order their favorite cookies for shipment directly to their front door. For more information, visit girlscoutsindiana.org.



Hre Mang, Chris Lewis and Lee Shively. (Submitted photo)

Perry Township Schools Board of Education elects two new members and re-elects one

Board Election – Two new members have been sworn into the Perry Township Schools Board of Education: Hre Mang and Chris Lewis. Lee Shively won reelection and is entering his second term. Lee served as board president in 2022. Thank you all for your service to the students of Perry Township!

UPCOMING PERRY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS & EVENTS

University Heights Neighborhood Association • Additional 2023 meetings will take place March 21, May 16, July 18, Sept. 19, Nov. 21. | When: Jan. 17, 7 p.m. | Where: Stierwalt Alumni House, UIndy Campus. | Info: uheights.us, facebook.com/uheightsna

Yoga For Kids - Honoring Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. • School-age kids, join for movement, breathing exercises, a story, and an activity. Grown-ups are invited to stay with their children. This session we are honoring Dr. Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Peacemakers Working for Equity. We can dream and act for kindness for all. | When: Jan. 21: 3 - 3:45 p.m. | Where: West Perry Branch library, 6650 S. Harding St., Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

Guitar Concert Series: Duo Espanas • Since its formation in 2006, Duo Espanas has performed regularly and built an exciting repertoire with a strong emphasis on music from Latin America and Spain. Their repertoire builds bridges between

popular, traditional, and classical music, and is known for the range of expressions and display of guitar technique. Free admission. | When: Jan. 21, 7:30 - 9 p.m. | Where: Ruth Lilly Performance Hall, Christel DeHaan Fine Arts Center, 1230 Greyhound Lane, Indianapolis. | Info: news.uindy.edu/events/guitar-concert-series/

Town of Homecroft Meeting • Residents can join the monthly town council meeting. | When: Jan. 26. | Where: 1400 Tulip Drive, Homecroft. | Info: townofhomecroftin.gov

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Painting Party - Create Your Own Masterpiece • Seniors/adults: Join in the fun of a painting party! Bring your coffee or tea to sip while you paint. No experience necessary – you just need to be ready to be creative. Canvas and paints provided, along with expert guidance from a local artist. Take your completed work home to hang or share as a gift. | When: Feb. 4, 2 - 3 p.m. | Where: Southport Branch library, 2630 E. Stop 11 Road, Indianapolis. | Info: indypl.org

Perry Township Board • Meetings are open to the public. | When: Feb. 8, 7 p.m. | Where: Perry Township Community Room, 4925 Shelby St., Indianapolis. | Info: perrytownship-in.com/board.html



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Katherine "Katie" J. Allen

Katherine "Katie" J. Allen, 92, Indianapolis, died Jan. 3, 2023. Survivors: husband, Robert C. Allen; five children, Theresa (Terry) McFetridge, Paul (Marina) Allen, Pat Allen, Julie Hayes, and Brian (Mary) Allen; 18 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren (three on the way); two sisters. Preceded in death: two brothers; son-in-law. G. H. Herrmann.

Linda M. Bell

Linda M. Bell died Jan. 7, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Tammy Robbins; son, Billy Bell; six grandchildren, several great-grandchildren; siblings, Carolyn, Debbie and Chuck; nieces and nephews. Preceded in death: siblings, Michael and Violet. Life celebration: Thursday, Jan. 12, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service, G.H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Edward "Eddy" A. Carver

Edward "Eddy" A. Carver, 61, Greenwood, died Jan. 3, 2023. Survivors: children, Meghan (Eric) Lawson and Nathan Carver; mother, Rita J. Carver; brother, Mark (Bobbi) Carver; nieces and nephew, Laura Conley, Jennifer Carver and John Donnell. Preceded in death: father, Earl D. Carver. Arrangements handled by G. H. Herrmann.

Joseph R. Cunningham

Joseph "Joe" R. Cunningham, 75, Bargersville, died Jan. 7, 2023. Survivors: siblings, Robert Lee Cunningham and Ronald (Cheryl) Cunningham; two nieces; two great-nieces; one great-nephew. Preceded in death: sisters, Donna Cunningham and Carol Osbourne; grandmother, Nellie. Visitation: noon to 1 p.m. service, Thursday, Jan. 12, Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood.

Granville "Gene" Elliott

Granville "Gene" Elliott, 92, died Jan. 4, 2023. Survivors: two daughters, Dianna (Eric) Faulkner and Victoria Elliott; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and countless nieces, nephews and friends. Gene was preceded in death by his wife, Thelma L. (McCarty) Elliott; parents, Ora and Nellie Elliott; and 10 siblings. Arrangements: G.H. Herrmann.

Ernest Lee Enlow

Ernest L. Enlow, 96, died Jan. 7, 2023. Survivors: daughter, Janice Curry; stepsons, Richard and Dennis Baker; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren. Preceded in death: wife, Marjorie (Loy); son, Ernest, Jr.; siblings, William (Buck), Jack, Mae. Visitation: Friday, Jan. 13, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. service, Forest Lawn Funeral Home, Greenwood.

Estes Earl Lowe

Estes Earl Lowe died Jan. 3, 2023. He was born Sept. 27, 1928. Arrangements handled by Forest Lawn Funeral Home in Greenwood.

Iva Ardell Lynn

Iva Ardell Lynn, 92, died Dec. 19, 2022. Survivors: daughters, Lori Lynn and Jodi (Kent) Barth; grandchildren, Kyle Barth, Katie Barth and Kirsten (Josh) Crawford; great-granddaughter, Josie Crawford; brothers, Dennis (Rose Ann), and Don (Joanne) Strandlund. Memorial celebration: noon, Saturday, Feb. 11, at Little & Sons, Stop 11 Road Chapel.

Philomena Rodier

Philomena "Phyllis" Rodier, 84, Greenwood, died Jan. 4, 2023. Survivors: children, Keith Rodier and Karen Tracy; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; siblings, Vincent Durso and Frank Durso; and sister-in-law, Marilyn. Preceded in death: sister-in-law, Joanne. Visitation and memorial service will be held at Forest Lawn Funeral Home at a later date.

Dolores Marie Snider

Dolores Marie Snider, 91, died Jan. 2, 2023. Survivors: husband, Curt Snider; daughter, Kim; four grandchildren, Angela, Scott (Jenny), Brittany (Joe) and Brooke (Baron); five great grandchildren Mackenzie, Savannah, Delilah, Evelyn and Mia Jo. Preceded in death: daughter, Donna Perdue. Arrangements handled by G.H. Herrmann.

Ronald Dean Sutton

Ronald Dean Sutton, 65, Camby, Ind., died Jan. 7, 2023. Survivors: companion, Jan; sisters, Janet and Susie; brother, Steve; children, Renee, Tammy, Darren; nephews and nieces; best buddy, Cooper. Preceded in death: three

brothers. Visitation: 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service, Thursday, Jan. 12, G. H. Herrmann Greenwood Funeral Home.

David Matthew Tapscott

David Matthew Tapscott, 29, Greenwood, died Dec. 28, 2022. Survivors: mother, Janie Yoon; grandmother, Emily Brewer; uncle, Ryan Brewer; grandfather, John C. Brewer; grandparents, Frank and Dora Tapscott; uncle, Andy Tapscott; cousin, Taylor Cary (Will). Visitation: Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. service, G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue.

Anne Welsh

Anne Welsh, 97, Indianapolis, died Dec. 30, 2022. She was born March 30, 1925, in Indianapolis to the late Naum and Dimitri Sidery. Survivors: a daughter, Jane Anne Welsh. Arrangements were entrusted to G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue funeral home.

Judith Ann Williamson

Judith Ann Williamson, 78, Indianapolis, died Jan. 2, 2023. Survivors: husband, Michael Williamson; children, Sherri (Robbie) Lefevers, Kimberly (Derek) Hightower and Larry (Michael) Williamson; nine foster grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren. Visitation: Saturday, Jan. 14, 10 a.m. until service at 2 p.m. Little and Sons, Stop 11 Road, Chapel.

Shirley J. Wood

Shirley J. Wood, Indianapolis, died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2023. Survivors: two daughters, Lisa Hammond and Amy Stoll (Kent); three granddaughters; two great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death: husband, Donald W. Wood; five siblings, Harry, Grace, Laura, Maxine and Mary. G. H. Herrmann Madison Avenue Funeral Home.

Virginia Mae Ziegler

Virginia Mae Ziegler, 91, Bloomfield, Ind., died Dec. 31, 2022. Survivors: children, Shirley (Jim) Coomer, Joyce Dyer, Mike Edwards, Rick (Teresa) Edwards, Carol (Jon) Greathouse, Jerry (Dena) Edwards, and Ginger (Chris) Urban; 12 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and sister, Rita Andrew. Services entrusted to Little & Sons Beech Grove.

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Saints Francis & Clare Catholic Church • 5901 Olive Branch Road, Greenwood. | Ph: (317) 859-4673. | Fr. Steve Giannini. | Sat. Anticipation Mass: 5:30 p.m. | Sun.: 7, 8:45 & 11:30 a.m.

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Weekly Devotion



And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

EPHESIANS 4:32

When it comes to building the strength of muscles, some of the most difficult exercises produce the greatest results. One of the most difficult exercises we can do when it comes to building up the strength of our faith is also one of the most effective ways to grow closer to God! We exercise our faith when we forgive one another. There are some things in this world that we will never be able to forgive on our own for as long as we may live; however, with God all things are possible! We do not forgive others because we suddenly realize they were right, and we were wrong. We forgive them so that we can be right with God! We must trust in God enough to pray for the mercy and the grace to forgive the unforgivable. Then, when we find ourselves forgiving the unforgivable, we provide ourselves and the

world with the evidence that God is in us! For our joy to be full, we must prepare our hearts to know the fullness of God. When we harbor unforgiveness in our hearts we deny ourselves the ability to truly receive all the blessings God has in store for us. Scripture tells us that if we truly wish to be forgiven of our sins, we must first be prepared to forgive others; however, we will struggle to forgive others for as long as we are not first able to forgive ourselves! Forgiving ourselves is one of the most difficult hurdles we will ever face as Christians. Ask yourself this question: If God says that you have been forgiven, then who are you to argue with God?

Pastor Dan Bailey is the chair of the Mayor's Faith Based Round Table for the City of Beech Grove, who believes in its mission statement to "Strengthen the Community with Christ's Love." He is a lifelong resident of Southside with his wife, four children and five grandchildren. He has also been a criminal investigator for the last 30-plus years for the Public Defender Agency.

BUSINESS



Joe Johnston,
MD.
(Submitted
photo)

Franciscan Physician Network Central Indiana appoints new medical director

Healthcare – Joe Johnston, MD, MSHI, has been named the new administrative medical director for the Central Indiana Franciscan Physician Network (FPN). Dr. Johnston is a graduate of Indiana State University and the Indiana University School of Medicine. He completed his residency training in family medicine at Franciscan Health in 2001, and in 2015 he earned a master’s degree in health informatics from the University of South Florida. Since completing residency, Dr. Johnston has worked at the Franciscan Health Family Medicine Residency program as an assistant residency director, and he also practiced family medicine and obstetrics at Center Grove Family Medicine and South 31 Family Care, two FPN practices. In 2011, he shifted his focus to informatics and began working in Franciscan Alliance Information Services as the corporate physician informaticist. In 2014 he took on the role of medical director of information technology for FPN. In addition to skills in family medicine, Dr. Johnston brings a working knowledge of Epic, clinical operations and clinical decision support.

Public/Legal

Legal/Public Notice

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AROUND TOWN



VisionQuest plans to invest in the construction of a new 9,600-square-foot facility. (Submitted photo)

VisionQuest Eyecare to expand business in Greenwood

Business Expansion – The City of Greenwood recently paved the way for the growth and expansion of VisionQuest Eyecare. With full support from Mayor Mark W. Myers, the Greenwood Common Council unanimously approved the creation of an economic revitalization area and real property tax abatement for the local optometry

business. VisionQuest plans to invest \$2.83 million to build a new 9,600-square-foot facility on State Road 135 just south of Stones Crossing Road. The business currently employs more than 25 people and plans to add an additional six positions, averaging a salary of \$70,000 per year, when the new site opens. In addition to general eye care, Vi-

sionQuest provides cutting-edge services treating a wide range of vision-related conditions. “We’ve had great success since moving our business to Greenwood about 10 years ago,” said Dr. Christopher Browning, Doctor of Optometry at VisionQuest. “Establishing and growing our business in Greenwood has been a dream and I appre-

ciate the city’s focus on supporting small businesses. The community has been wonderful to us, and I look forward to future growth opportunities here.” For more information on starting or expanding a business in Greenwood, visit greenwood.in.gov.

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