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Keep state time Eastern

What other newspapers are saying

Just when you thought the debate over Indiana and daylight-saving time was settled, now comes the brouhaha over which time zone the state should be in.

We suspect most people who supported getting Indiana on a time schedule consistent with the rest of the nation never considered that the state might become the easternmost state in the Central time zone.

We believe there are overwhelming arguments in favor of staying on Eastern time.

The biggest reason for adopting daylight-saving time centered around the advantages to our economy. While Indiana — like the rest of the country — does business around the globe, the population centers of most of our trading partners are to the east. Michigan, Ohio and the majority of Kentucky are all on Eastern time. The heart of the nation's business world still beats loudest from New York and the east coast.

We're trying to move ahead as a state. Switching to Central time and permanently turning the clocks backward is a move in the wrong direction.

—The Star Press, Muncie, Ind., July 4

Layoffs in bad form

The Indiana Department of Workforce Development is the state agency that is supposed to help the unemployed. Unfortunately, it is not showing the requisite compassion to the agency's own workers who are losing their jobs.

The agency, in a move to cut costs, is shifting the jobs of 101 claims deputies statewide to Indianapolis. Forty are moving to Indianapolis, but 61 turned down that opportunity. Of those, 16 have taken other state jobs.

The rest say they won't get severance benefits.

Indiana, like other governments, needs to find ways to operate more efficiently and at less expense. But when workers must lose their jobs, show some compassion.

Terminating employees without offering them severance pay is bad form — especially when they work for the agency that deals with people who have lost their jobs.

—The Times, Munster, Ind., July 3

Current quotations

"I think it took courage to leave the house today ... you don't want to push your luck. But my mom is from New York and we know the drill. You get up and move on."

—Jessica Ratnasabapathy, 27, a medical secretary in London.



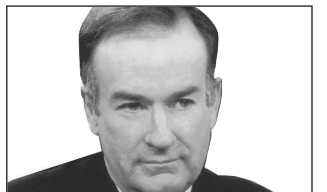
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Let right wing on PBS, too

If PBS is as politically balanced as Bill Moyers says it is, why, then, are only liberal Americans objecting to impending changes at the network? Every far-left crank in town is in a frenzy over a couple of Republicans moving into management positions. After decades of liberal leadership, isn't it fair to give some conservatives a shot? After all, the tax dollars of right-wing Americans also pour into the Public Broadcasting trough.

Of course, there is a chance that the conservatives will not be fair and will turn Elmo into a contributor to Tom DeLay's travel fund. That would be tragic and should be prevented at all costs. So I have come up with some new PBS programming: "Tax the Rich" is a news-analysis program hosted by Rep. Bernie Sanders, the socialist from Vermont. Each week, Sanders and his panel of regular folks from Cambridge, Berkeley and Seattle will select one wealthy American and take all his stuff. The panel will then decide which other Americans should get said stuff.

"Santorum's Sanitarium" will be hosted by Rick Santorum, the conservative senator from Pennsylvania. It will focus mainly on the latest word from God about American policy. The Deity will weigh in each week with solutions to complex problems and communicate through the senator, who will occasionally speak in tongues.

"The Gay Newlywed Game" will star Congressman Barney Frank and be broadcast from Provincetown, Mass. Each week, the editors of "The New York Times" will select a panel of lucky homosexual, lesbian, bisexual or transgender couples from the hundreds of articles The Times has done on these alternative lifestyles over the past few years. Barney will ask the couples questions about each other but try to avoid the double entendres that made the straight "Newlywed Game" so tacky. After all, this is PBS.

And finally, "The Conundrum with Moyers and Liddy" features those yany ideologues Bill Moyers and G. Gordon Liddy debating the latest issues and zinging each other with good-humored barbs. Moyers hammers home his philosophy that President Bush is the antichrist and also demands the chief executive actually undergo an exorcism even if that does violate separation of church and state. Liddy will do the program armed and, at least once during the hour, will burn his hand in an open flame without flinching. He may also, on occasion, call Moyers "fey."

So there you have it, the new PBS where all Americans can be equally offended. Can't wait to see it.

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PNC's new MBA will boost earnings

I am very pleased to announce that Purdue University-North Central will begin offering the Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree this fall at our Valparaiso Academic Center.

The MBA has long held a mystique as being a degree that will open doors, create opportunities and advance careers. All of these claims are true.

Employers have come to see the MBA as an academic degree they expect their front office, supervisory employees and company leaders to hold. Experience shows them that an MBA degree usually reflects a sophisticated level of knowledge and management skills. It also indicates the holder has a well-developed understanding of strategic thinking and planning in a globally competitive world.

Purdue University-North Central MBA classes will begin this fall and we welcome you to investigate the program.

Many MBA students are employed full time while engaged in their studies. Thus, you can continue to earn while you learn. Our MBA classes will be held on Saturdays.

Another compelling aspect of the degree is that people who have earned undergraduate degrees in various liberal arts, technical, science or engineering programs are welcomed into MBA programs and easily find their niche in the classroom. This classroom diversity is what helps to make



JAMES B. DWORIN
viewpoint

the MBA experience so valuable. Imagine a classroom with students from their 20s through their 50s, from varying professions, with differing degrees of work experience, responsibilities, backgrounds and mindsets. This sets the stage for invaluable exchanges of ideas, insights, information and inspiration. The give-and-take discussions and the sharing of perspectives creates a sense of community among students and a camaraderie that is oftentimes not seen among undergraduate students.

This interactive learning experience helps students acquire and hone their skills. Students learn to be more effective leaders, to be valuable team members, to listen, to build consensus, to analyze a situation and to develop effective strategies for resolving problems.

A person's career success can also hinge on the intangible abilities of anticipating and adapting to change, critical thinking, problem solving and decision making. The MBA learning experience hones these valuable talents and helps students apply them to their own professions.

Another reason to consider an MBA degree is that employers recognize the

value of the degree and this is reflected in a variety of ways, including compensation. MBA graduates surveyed by Business Week magazine reported that they averaged an 82 percent pay increase over their pre-MBA salaries.

We also know that an MBA not only benefits the holder, their family and their employer, but it also has public good benefits. Stable, well-paid citizens generally make an investment in their communities. They buy homes, pay taxes and want active local government, good schools and safe streets. Research by The College Board shows that degreed citizens are more apt to run for office, vote and give money to charities.

Higher education is a solid investment, one of the best investments you can make. It will return tremendous private and public dividends for the rest of your life. We welcome you to explore our new MBA program at PNC. Visit our web site at www.pnc.edu to learn about the program. We have an open house at 7 p.m. Tuesday, July 12, at our Valparaiso Academic Center to preview the program for prospective students.

Once you explore this degree and what it can mean for you, you may begin to view an MBA not only as a Master of Business Administration, but also as "My Best Alternative."

James B. Dworkin is chancellor of Purdue University-North Central.

Congress fails, and nation's broke

Our nation has the highest-paid elected officials in the world. Senators and congress people have a residence in Washington, D.C., one in their home state and no doubt a cabin among the whispering pines with reflections on a rippling lake. They have a pension plan equal to their wage and a Social Security check to enrich it. Included on their check stub is a hospital insurance plan, par excellence.

My reason for spotlighting these elitist puppets is that we are not receiving that for which we are paying. I see no tangible evidence that our guardians of checks and balances are performing what they were elected to do. Our national budget is broke. Our grandchildren are now strapped with debt. For years, government agencies have been pilfering money from the Social Security fund. Where are the checks and balances?

ANVIL CHORUS letters to the editor

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We receive letters from our senators and congressmen asking for money so they can fight to save Social Security from collapse. Recently, our government sent \$700 million to Africa. Our guardians could have directed that sum to the Social Security fund. Our checks and balances cabal should be impeached for nonfeasance.

Roger Moore
Michigan City

Library, MCTV not connected

With regard to your article "MCTV Founder Upset with Mayor" (Page A1 Friday), I would like to clarify the library's involvement with public-access television. For 20 years, the library administered the public-access channel. In 2002, the library Board of Trustees voted not to seek renewal of our contract to continue management of the station. Ken Willard operated MCTV, a commercially leased station from the cable company. This was a separate entity, not connected to the public access channel. When the library's contract ended, responsibility for public access Channel 99 reverted to Comcast and the city of Michigan City.

Thanks for the opportunity to clear up any confusion.
Robin Kohn
Michigan City Public Library