

INDY BUSINESS BULLETIN



Whistleblower Settlement Impacts Indiana Students

Thousands of Indiana students will be eligible for more than \$5 million in loan forgiveness thanks to federal whistleblower suit settlements with the Pittsburgh-based parent company of Brown Mackie College and The Art Institutes. The suits involve allegations of deceptive advertising and misleading promises in the schools' recruiting efforts.

Purdue, IU Among Top For International Students

Purdue University and Indiana University are among the top 25 universities in the United States for international student population according to a report from the Institute of International Education. Purdue had more than 10,000 international students in the 2014-2015 academic year, while IU topped 7,000.

Housing Report Brings Mixed News

F.C. Tucker Co. says average home sale prices in its nine-county central Indiana region rose more than four percent in October, compared to the same month last year. The real estate firm also reports that active listings and pending home sales declined in the same period.

Global Research Firm Endorses Anthem, Cigna Deal

A global governance research company has issued a report recommending that Indianapolis-based Anthem Inc. (NYSE: ANTM) shareholders approve the \$54 billion acquisition of Cigna Corp. (NYSE: CI). Institutional Shareholder Services' report comes ahead of a special meeting next month where shareholders will vote on the proposal.

Child Inspires Weighted Quilt Line

A line of specialty scarves, blankets and covers designed to relieve stress and provide calm, especially for people with special needs, is continuing to gain momentum. CapeAble Sensory Products, which are being produced on a large scale by Fort Wayne-based Excellon Technologies Inc., are therapeutic, weighted quilts in various sizes. The line was invented and developed by two Fort Wayne-area mothers, who were inspired by a daughter with special needs. Excellon has pumped more than \$2 million into manufacturing CapeAble products, an investment that could lead to over 400 jobs.

Will: Angie's List 'Always Intended to Sell'

University of Indianapolis associate professor of finance Matt Will says he's "surprised it took this long" for an acquisition offer for Indianapolis-based Angie's List Inc. (Nasdaq: ANGI), and thinks it's "very probable" a deal will come within a year. Will believes an agreement with the New York-based

parent company of HomeAdvisor is one of the better scenarios for Indianapolis and could even result in more operations coming to the city, Angie's List says it is reviewing the proposal from InterActiveCorp (Nasdaq: IACI), which offered about \$512 million in cash.

Cummins Announces New \$1B Share Repurchase Program

Columbus-based Cummins Inc. (NYSE: CMI) has announced a program to buy back \$1 billion in shares. The global engine manufacturer launched a separate \$1 billion repurchasing initiative last year. The new one will begin when the other is complete.

Marian University to Launch Counseling Masters

Marian University will begin offering a master of science in counseling next year. The school says the program will focus on a holistic approach to mental health and prepare students to be school and clinical health counselors.

IMMI Prepared For School Bus Seat Belts

Westfield-based IMMI says it is "poised to handle the increased demand" should regulators and school districts decide to mandate seat belts on school buses. The transportation safety and testing company's declaration comes after National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Administrator Mark Rosekind took a stance Sunday no one in his position had taken before. At a national industry conference, Rosekind said the NHTSA's goal is a three-point seat belt "for every child on every bus." IMMI says it has crash-tested more school buses than any other company in the world.

Indy Social Media Platform Adding Jobs

Indianapolis-based social content platform Odyssey says it will invest \$1.4 million to expand its Indianapolis headquarters and create 90 jobs by 2017. Since launching digitally in June 2014, Odyssey says it has grown to more than 16 million monthly unique users.

Top 3 Ranking Adds to 'Our Story'

The president of the Indiana Economic Development Corp. says the state's number three national ranking for business-friendliness from a corporate site selection organization is significant because of "what they based it on." Jim Schellinger says companies considering locating to Indiana look at the kind of factors considered by Pollina Corporate Real Estate Inc., including taxes, education and Right to Work.

SIA Continues Hot Streak

The executive vice president of Subaru of Indiana Automotive Inc. says the announcement that an additional Subaru model will be made in Lafayette will have statewide impact. Tom Easterday says the three-row crossover vehicle will boost the plant's total production volume, add an undetermined number of jobs and increase orders at more than two dozen direct suppliers in the state. Work on the new model will be on top of the \$140 million expansion detailed in September that is expected to create 1,200 jobs.

CHINA IN THE NEWS



Joanna Zhou (周娜), now residing in Knoxville TN, immigrated to Indianapolis with her husband from Beijing in 2013, where she worked in Human Resources for a U.S. Fortune 500 company. She enjoys her new life with her husband and kept in touch with her IAAT friends and readers by contributing to this column.

Ronaldo to open 3 soccer schools in China by December

Brazilian great Ronaldo will open soccer schools in three Chinese cities including Beijing and Shanghai by the end of this year, the head of the project said here on Saturday. "Our first schools will be located in Beijing, Shanghai and Mianyang (in southwest China's Sichuan province), and they are expected to start operation in December," said Paulo Swerts, who manages Ronaldo's soccer schools in China. Ronaldo, who announced in September his plan to open 30 soccer schools in China, arrived in Mianyang Saturday together with business partner and Brazilian billionaire Carlos Wizard Martins to take part in a soccer promotion event held in a local middle school. Paulo said that they'll cooperate with 30 schools in China by providing coaching staff.

罗纳尔多本周将宣布在中国开办国际足球学校

巴西前足球巨星罗纳尔多16日召开新闻发布会,宣布本周将在北京市以及四川绵阳市开办两所罗纳尔多国际足球学院。罗纳尔多此次是和巴西创办语言学校网络体系的卡洛斯·韦泽展开合作,后者是罗纳尔多学院总裁。目前在巴西和美国已有多家罗纳尔多足球学院正式投入运营。他们的计划是将来在全球范围内开办超过100所罗纳尔多国际足球学院。以罗纳尔多命名的这些足球学院,将以罗纳尔多亲身示范的踢球视频为教学蓝本,还将使用英国记者兼作家吉福德撰写的《罗纳尔多教你踢足球》一书为文字教材。罗纳尔多和韦泽表示,罗纳尔多足球学院将秉承公益理念,在每个足球学院接收收少部分贫困少年,为他们提供免费学习的机会。据悉,首批罗纳尔多足球学院将以特许经营方式开办,与当地足球学校以及公立中小学进行合作。

HK experts warn diabetes patients of higher pancreatic cancer risk

Doctors from the Hong Kong Integrated Oncology Centre are warning diabetes patients to get regular checks for pancreatic cancer, as they are seven times more likely to develop the condition, local media reported on Friday. The warning came as Hong Kong observes the World Pancreatic Cancer Day, which falls on Friday. The special administrative region has an estimated 700,000 people with diabetes. The center's medical director, Professor Ronnie Poon, said the prognosis for pancreatic cancer patients is poor, with a five-year survival rate of only 5 to 10 percent. However, he said if people get regular tests and the problem is spotted before symptoms show, the prognosis is much better.

胰臟癌患者糖尿病發病率高七倍

胰臟癌雖非香港10大常見癌症,但其死亡威脅卻不能小覷,據資料顯示,胰臟癌死亡率逾九成,而三分之二的胰臟癌患者同時患有糖尿病或血糖耐量異常,近年亦有研究指出,胰臟癌患者的糖尿病發病率較常人高出七倍。根據2012年《香港癌症資料統計中心》的數字顯示,胰臟癌在10大致命癌症中位列第六,發病人數有574人,但死亡人數共有538人,死亡率達94%。香港綜合腫瘤中心醫務總監兼外科專科醫生潘冬平昨日指出,早期胰臟癌患者的五年存活率僅有14%,晚期胰臟癌患者的五年存活率只有1%,部分早期患者若能接受外科手術將腫瘤切除,有機會痊癒,五年存活率可達25%。胰臟癌與二型糖尿病的關係於醫學界是已知多年的事實,但對於當中的成因仍未完全了解。多個醫學研究分別指出,在胰臟癌患者的篩查當中,糖尿病的發病率較一般人高出七倍之多,當中大部分是確診少於兩年的糖尿病新症,比例可高達七成半。

China speeds up removal of high-emission vehicles

The Ministry of Environmental Protection on Tuesday condemned provincial governments that fall behind in the campaign to remove high-emission vehicles from roads. In March, China set a target of removing all high-emission commercial vehicles registered before 2006 from roads. Guangxi, Yunnan, Tianjin and Tibet have fulfilled their obligations ahead of schedule, while Shaanxi, Hunan, Jiangsu, Ningxia, Shandong and Beijing are making slow progress, the ministry said in a statement. From January to October, a total of 995,200 high-emission vehicles have been taken off the roads, accounting for 85.5 percent of the year's target, it said.

五部委發文加速淘汰黃標車

近日,環保部、公安部、財政部、交通運輸部、商務部五部門聯合印發《關於全面推進黃標車淘汰工作的通知》(下文簡稱《通知》),要求各地積極開展黃標車集中清理工作,督促企業及時淘汰2005年底前注冊登記的營運黃標車,集中排查達到強制報廢標準的機動車,嚴格查處報廢車上路行駛違法行為。大氣污染越來越嚴重已經是不容忽視的事實,而污染源中機動車污染也占據

了重頭。環保部副部長吳曉青曾在公開場合稱,我國已經完成了大氣污染防治9個重點城市空氣顆粒物源解析,其中,北京、杭州、廣州、深圳的首要污染來源是機動車。而機動車污染製造者機動車的組成也是多種多樣,如果以排放標準來分類的話可分為綠標車、黃標車等。其中黃標車是指新車定時排放水平低於“國1”排放標準的汽油車和“國3”排放標準的柴油車的統稱,換言之就是這類車輛尾氣排放量、污染濃度高。

China's coal consumption continues to drop

China's coal consumption continued to decrease in the first ten months this year, according to the China National Coal Association (CNCA) on Tuesday. Coal consumption hit 3.23 billion tons during the January-October period, down 4.7 percent year on year, continuing a downward trend that began last year, according to CNCA data. Economic slowdown, rapid growth of non-fossil fuel and falling production of products that use a lot of energy were cited as influencing factors, CNCA pointed out. Coal production fell 3.6 percent year on year in the first ten months and the total loss posted by coal producers surged 32.9 percent in the first three quarters this year due to falling coal prices, according to CNCA. Coal will remain the major source of China's energy and consumption and prices may stabilize in the latter half of 2016, CNCA added.

煤炭消費量出現下降態勢

中國煤炭工業協會17日發布數據,今年前10個月,全國煤炭消費量約32.3億噸,同比減少1.6億噸,下降4.7%。在去年我國煤炭消費量出現15年來首次負增長之後,煤炭消費繼續呈現下降態勢。煤炭消費量的下降與下游行業生態關係密切。數據顯示,在四大耗煤行業中,除了化工行業前10個月耗煤同比增長8.7%外,電力、鋼鐵、建材行業耗煤分別下降6.4%、3.4%、8.1%。

中國煤炭工業協會分析認為,經濟增速放緩、非化石能源發展加快、環保約束增強、高耗能產品產量下降等因素,導致煤炭需求受到抑制。從下游行業發展前景看,鋼鐵和水泥等高耗能產品產量已基本達到峰值;火電發電利用小時連年下降,預計今年可能降到4400小時。

China expects more Japanese investment in emerging sectors: MOC

China expects more Japanese investment in emerging sectors despite a slowdown, the Ministry of Commerce said on Tuesday. The two countries can enhance cooperation in sectors such as green technology, energy conservancy, e-commerce and old-age care, according to MOC spokesperson Shen Danyang. Japanese enterprises' investment in China slowed down in recent years, down 38.8 percent year on year in 2014 and 25.1 percent in the first ten months this year, Shen said. Rising Chinese yuan, labor costs, Japanese enterprises' shifting business focus and increasing market competition have dampened their investment in China, Shen pointed out.

商務部:希望日本企業在綠色低碳等新領域積極與中國企業開展投資合作

商務部新聞發言人沈丹陽17日說,希望日本企業抓住中國“十三五”期間調整經濟結構、轉變增長方式的重要機遇,進一步開拓中國市場,特別是和中國企業在綠色低碳、節能環保、電子商務、老齡產業和高新技術等新領域積極開展投資合作,推動中日經貿合作與兩國經濟同步實現轉型升級。

China to ensure circulation of new 100-yuan note

The People's Bank of China, the central bank, said Tuesday that it will enhance supervision on the circulation of a new version of 100-yuan banknote in use since last Thursday. The new note, the largest denomination of the Chinese currency, is harder to counterfeit and easier for machines to read due to enhanced security features. In the initial stage, some business owners are reluctant to accept this new banknote as they are not familiar with the counterfeit features. The central bank said in a statement on its website that they can learn the new features of the note from its official website or commercial banks. It will need some time to upgrade money detecting machines for all retailers, but the central bank will enhance supervision and provide assistance during the process, the statement said.

2015年版第五套人民幣100元紙幣昨日發行流通

2015年版100元紙幣12日開始逐步投放市場流通,票面新增的防偽特征光彩光變數字“100”和光變鏤空開窗安全線非常顯眼,方便公眾識別并辨別真偽。中國人民銀行營業管理部貨幣金銀處副處長劉治國介紹說,從12日開始新版百元鈔票從人民銀行發行庫陸續出庫,通過商業銀行來到百姓手中。當日北京市有200多家銀行的營業網點可取到新鈔,此後會有更多營業網點能取到新鈔。2005年版100元仍可正常使用,市民不必扎堆去兌換新鈔,在現金收付過程中新版鈔票會逐漸替換舊版。記者了解到,新版百元鈔票的發行,是通過央行、商業銀行、百姓/企業的現金收付,逐步到達百姓手中。從以往經驗看,通常大城市居民拿到新版鈔票的時間會短一些,而小城市和農村遠邊地區居民拿到新版鈔票的時間會長一些。

FINANCIALLY SPEAKING

Mutual funds set to distribute lumps of coal to taxable investors



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Fund investors endured harrowing plunges in 2015. Absent a year-end rally, returns will be disappointingly modest. Adding insult to injury, because mutual funds are required to "distribute" realized capital gains and income to shareholders at least annually, unwary investors who own or are considering buying shares in taxable accounts (i.e. not in 401-K or IRA accounts) could face an unpleasant surprise.

Fund managers sell securities for a variety of reasons, including the security reaching a price target, to raise cash to pay departing fund shareholders or because a new manager wants to reconfigure the portfolio.

Regardless of the reason, the fund realizes a capital gain or loss based on the difference between the sale price and what the fund paid for the security.

Many funds elect to make their required annual distributions at year-end. A fund will net its realized capital gains and losses. If there is a net gain, that amount is distributed to shareholders. If there is a net loss, that amount can be "carried forward" and used to offset gains in future years.

Most U.S. stock funds realized substantial net losses during the financial crisis, which shielded gains in 2009 and beyond. The upshot is fund investors generally enjoyed the best of both worlds since the bottom; strong performance, with little in the way of capital gain distributions.

IKEA IS COMING TO FISHERS

The Swedish furniture retailer says the new store will break ground in 2016 and open in 2017 and employ about 250. Company leaders say the \$40 million project will span 35 acres near I-69 and 116th Street.

The store will cover 296,000 square feet near exit 205 on I-69. The location will feature approximately 1,000 parking spaces and may include on-site power generation. The retailer says it will have nearly 10,000 exclusively-designed items, 50 room-settings, three model home interiors and a 350-seat restaurant serving Swedish and American dishes. The store would employ about 250 workers. In a release from IKEA U.S., President Lars Peterson said, "We are excited at the prospect of growing our Midwest presence with an Indianapolis-area store. A location in this retail corridor would provide our already 184,000

Indianapolis-area customers their own store and would introduce the unique IKEA shopping experience to other consumers throughout Indiana."

There are currently 370 IKEA stores in 48 countries, including 41 in the United States. Currently, the closest IKEA stores are in the Cincinnati and Chicago suburbs. A typical IKEA store attracts consumers from a 200 mile radius and generates about \$90 million in revenue annually, according to Feinberg.

Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness says attracting an IKEA store strengthens the city's brand as "smart, vibrant and entrepreneurial." The Fishers City Council is scheduled to consider an economic development package for the IKEA project. Fadness says he will present a package that waives business impact fees but does not include Tax Increment Financing or tax abatement.



Fishers Mayor Scott Fadness with IKEA staff looked on