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No progress in sight on McCurdy

Tall weeds. Open doors. Deteriorating exterior. Obvious signs of vacancy. These phrases describe the condition of the McCurdy from passersby on Riverside Drive.

Wednesday morning Steve Scott, the registered agent for City Centre Properties, asked for an extension on the agreement with the Evansville Redevelopment

Commission to renovate the McCurdy and construct somewhere between 80 and 90 luxury apartments. According to reports, Scott asked the ERC for an extension pending a loan guarantee from the federal Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. Scott said he expects to receive a response within 60 days and will at that time, be ready to discuss the project's future.

Scott cited the state of the economy as reasons for the delay in project's progress.

In an article by Dan Shaw, of the Evansville Courier & Press, dated February 14, 2010, Scott "said he and his partners will soon release a construction schedule for the McCurdy project...We will be sharing our schedule of events. There will be announcements in the next couple of months or so...We have commitments for everything we need to execute."

Until that time, the delays had been blamed on the occupation of the building by Riverwalk Communities.

At Wednesday's ERC meeting, Scott reportedly told the members of the ERC the grant money was dependent on his company's ability to secure the necessary



loans for the project. Scott is working with P/R Mortgage and Investment Corp., which works with a variety of loan programs sponsored by HUD.

The Indianapolis-based firm touts five programs, including 223 (f) Refinance/Acquisition, 221 (d) 4 New Construction, 232 New Construction, 232 Refinance and 223 (a) 7. No information has been given as to the type of loan requested by

City Centre Properties as of the time of this article.

Since it appears as though the financing part of this project is the current obstacle, the staff of the City-County Observer recently requested documents from the Evansville Dept. of Metropolitan Development regarding the city's participation in this aspect.

On May 14, 2007, Mayor Weinzapfel issued a statement recommending "that the Evansville Redevelopment Commission provide \$10,000 grants for each unit developed plus up to \$72,000 to write-down the interest for the project."

On October 2, 2007, Scott and Jane Reel, a DMD Redevelopment Specialist, signed the "Development Agreement." The ERC agreed to pay \$800,000, but the primary source of financing had to come from "one or more private investors, which may or may not include financial institutions, in a total amount of not less than Seven Million Two Hundred Thousand Dollars."

That same document contains, in Section 6 of Recitals titled "Construction Schedule, "As consideration for

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the funding and tax abatement provided by the COMMIS-SION to the DEVELOPER pursuant to the Agreement, the DEVELOPER shall substantially complete the Project no later than eighteen (18) months from the time of closing of DEVELOPER'S purchase of the Real Estate. In the event the DEVELOPER does not substantially complete construction as required in this Paragraph 6, then the DEVELOPER shall be in default under this agreement..."

On October 23, 2008, prior to purchasing the McCurdy, Scott filed the "Preliminary Resolution Declaring an ERA for tax phase-in" was filed. This was approved by the Evansville City Council on November 17, 2008, and was signed by Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel on November 18, 2008.

At the November 5, 2008 ERC meeting a payment of \$800,000 was discussed in the minutes. In a story that appeared in the October 21, 2009 issue of the City-County Observer, it states, "The Redevelopment Commission approved a single accounts payable voucher. The minutes reflect the following statement: 'An accounts payable voucher was presented to authorize funds for a previously approved Capital Development Project located at 101 SE First St. (McCurdy) in the amount of \$800,000 to McCurdy Investments Inc. Mr. Brad Salmon [board attorney] stated that the voucher is payable to McCurdy Investments rather than City Centre LLC for tax purposes. The \$800,000 is

to be drawn on two separate checks for \$400,000 each."

According to reports two checks were to be written for phase I and II, each for \$400,000. On November 7, 2008, two checks (numbers 514680 and 514681) were cut. Steve Scott signed as having received them on November 19, 2010.

On November 5, 2008, a "Consent to Assignment of License" was signed by ERC President Bob Goldman. The document states, "By separate Assignment (the 'Assignment'), CITY CENTRE PROPERTIES,

LLC, an Indiana corporation ('Borrower') has assigned or will assign to FIFTH THIRD BANK, a Michigan banking corporation ('Lender') as security for a loan made by Lender to Borrower in the principal amount of One Million Six Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Sixty-Two Dolalrs and No Cents (\$1,663,862.00) ('Loan'), an Exclusive License Agreement referred to herein as 'License').

According to the Vanderburgh County Assessor's Office, the property card reveals that City Centre Properties LLC took ownership of the McCurdy on November 21, 2008. This document also shows that the property had a total land value of \$561,600.

According to city documents, the renovation costs of the McCurdy are projected to run in the neighborhood of \$11.2 million. According to the application submitted by City Centre Properties, they will renovate the McCurdy Building into a 90-unit, multi-family apartment building and a mixed use facility.

On the "Statement of Benefits" submitted to the Evansville City Council, the net estimated values upon completion of the project will be \$8,396,542.

Another form of revenue for City Centre Properties would have been rent from Riverwalk Communities, who paid about \$1 million in rent through the course of the year and paid for maintenance and repair during their stay as tenants.

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NEWS

Bank on Evansville Celebrates 1st Anniversary Number of Accounts Opened Approaching 2-Year Goal

(EVANSVILLE, IN) — Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel announced today the first year results for the Bank on Evansville program, which was developed as a response to the high cost of basic financial services for individuals and families who don't have a checking or savings account.

"I'm pleased to announce that in its first year, Bank on Evansville opened 1,139 accounts. Our two year goal was to open 1,200 accounts so the results have definitely exceeded our expectations," said Mayor Weinzapfel. "We are serving people across Vanderburgh County, but the highest concentration of accounts opened is in the low-to-moderate income areas of our community. Clearly there is a need for financial services to help the unbanked keep more of their money in their wallets"

Initiated in June 2008 by Mayor Weinzapfel and Bob Jones, President and CEO of Old National Bank, Bank on Evansville's goal is to measurably improve the lives of our City's low-to-moderate income residents through better access to the financial mainstream and financial education. As a loaned executive from Old National Bank, Patty Avery served as program manager for Bank on Evansville and was an advocate for the project in cities across the nation from July 2008 through April 2009.

Bank on Evansville would not have succeeded if it were not for our financial partners and the dozens of community organizations who assisted us in creating this opportunity for hundreds of people to have a second chance at financial success. The banks and credit unions taking part in Bank on Evansville are:

Bank of Evansville
Banterra Bank
Diamond Valley Federal Credit Union
Evansville Commerce Bank
Evansville Federal Credit Union
Evansville Teachers Federal Credit Union
Farmers State Bank
Fifth Third Bank
First Federal Savings Bank
First Security Bank
Heritage Federal Credit Union
Integra Bank
Old National Bank

Sterling United Federal Credit Union United Bank

Bank on Evansville is based upon a highly successful program which started in San Francisco. Evansville was the third city in the nation and the first community in Indiana to implement the program. Because of our success, the City was asked to assist in the creation of "Bank on Indianapolis" and with the launch of "Bank on Indiana" last fall.

Bank on Evansville has been recognized by the National League of Cities as being a pace setter when it comes to financial education. Financial literacy classes have been conducted at nonprofit organizations around the community to give people practical tools to manage their money and start them on the path to financial stability.

Last Spring, Evansville was named a Faculty City for the National League of Cities and we are providing assistance to nine cities, including Indianapolis and Louisville. In addition, we have been asked for technical assistance by the Federal Reserve to help launch projects in Cincinnati, Owensboro and Memphis.

Please visit the website, www.BankOnEvansville.org, for more information.

First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

EDITORIAL

USI professor says Gulf oil spill is "focusing event"

Dr. Mary Hallock Morris's research focuses on the politics of coastal wetland loss in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico.

Hallock Morris, associate professor of political science at the University of Southern Indiana, has lived in the Gulf states of Florida and Louisiana. In the summer of 2006, she returned to New Orleans to research the politics of rebuilding wetlands in Louisiana destroyed by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

In her research, she identified the concept of a "focusing event" that draws national attention to a problem and can help spur the national government to action. "So with Hurricane Katrina, the complete wiping out of New Orleans would be the focusing event," she said.

Today, the focusing event would be the environmental catastrophe caused by the BP oil rig explosion. "It's definitely a focusing event - for how we regulate offshore drilling," she said. "The oil

spill off of the coast of Louisiana is a tragedy in the making. For decades, these coastal wetlands have been eroding into the sea due to our bad decisions. The building of levees along the Mississippi River has kept sediment from nourishing the delta. The oil and shipping industries have built channels and canals that have allowed for saltwater intrusion that kills wetlands vegetation."

She continued, "While some federal funding has been used to restore wetlands in Louisiana, these efforts have been Band-Aids for a larger problem - and that's the fact that drilling for oil has



negative consequences. In this case, an oil slick along the coast of Louisiana is going to set back efforts to heal the wetlands and it's going to severely impact the fishing industry.

"Furthermore, these wetlands are Louisiana's best defense against hurricane surges. Kill the wetlands and you end up with higher surges and more storm damage - damage that the Federal government ends up paying for."

Hallock Morris is chair of the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, and acting director of the Master of Public Administration program. Her dissertation on the politics of wetland loss in Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico's "dead zone" was selected for Indiana University's

Katherine C. Greenough Dissertation Award for best dissertation in political science in 2004.

Prior to coming to USI, she worked for the Southern Mutual Help Association, a nonprofit organization in rural Louisiana.





HOURS: Monday - Friday 7am - 3am • Saturday 7am-3am • Sunday 10am-10pm



EDITORIAL IS IT TRUE?



Compiled by 'Moles' Number 1 through 146...and counting

...that we hear from reliable sources the Executive Inn and adjacent Parking Garage are going to be declared structurally unsound and unsafe? ...that the powers that be have contracts ready to be signed for the demolition? ...that copper, conduit and other such items are being taken out for salvage purposes? ...that people are wondering how much the city will pay the Vanderburgh County Democrat Party to relocate their offices currently located in the parking garage building? ...that people are wondering how much the city will pay another business located in that same building to vacate as well?

... that new bleachers were purchased by the MSD of Mount Vernon prior to the referendum? ... that these bleachers are in the high school? ...that the powers that be decided not to get the bleachers out until after the vote?

... that we are pleased the grass was finally cut at the McCurdy? ...that the caretakers of this vacant building should close the double doors on the second floor front porch patio? ...we have received phone calls that pigeons are going in and out of the building? ...that the recent rains may have caused damage to the interior of the building because those doors were left open?

...that the Evansville Sewer Department has spent several hundred thousand dollars on billing software that doesn't work? ... that the current software could fail at any time, leaving the City with no way to send out water bills? ...that the new software is almost a year overdue, and they still don't have a delivery date?

...that the City-County Observer wants to thank our Westside readers for voting for Rick Riney for Perry Township Trustee? ...once he takes office, residents will be glad he was elected to that position?

...that the election of Rick Riney in the Primary Election was a crushing defeat to the following elected officials who supported his opponent: Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, Councilpersons Curt John, Missy Mosby, B.J. Watts, John Friend and Connie Robinson, County Commissioners Troy Tornatta and Steve Melcher, and County Recorder Z Tuley?

...if GAGE can easily be given a five-year extension on their \$280,000 loan, other 501 (c) 3 corporations that borrow money from the Evansville Redevelopment Commission should be given the same opportunities, such as the African American Museum?

...our prediction that the Wilson vs. Tomes race for State Senate was too close to call was correct? ...our statement that the winning margin would be 200 votes or less was correct?

...the primary battle between Marsha Abell and Jeremy Meeks was an outstanding example of how a political race should be conducted? ...we hope the Vanderburgh County Republican Party can find a board for Meeks to serve on, as he would be an asset?

...that Jim Braker ran a "Monster" race for Knight Township Trustee?

....that an Evansville Redevelopment Commission Board member is more concerned with the high grass at the McCurdy than with the significant financial problems facing the project?

...that the Dept. of Metropolitan Development recently advertised that they are planning to release \$100,000 to Evansville Brownfields Corp. "for the purpose of acquisition of properties for future redevelopment in the Front Pride area"?

...you can purchase a newly-built Front Door Pride home for \$80,000-\$100,000? ...these homes are that are located in the inner city around Madison, Culver, and Monroe are priced between \$180,000-\$200,000? ...the people love it when government competes against the private sector?

EDITORIAL LAW AND EDUCATION

By Judge James Redwine

For the twenty-sixth straight year Posey County's three high schools have shown their commitment to the

Rule of Law and education of our children by fully participating in the Law Day Mock Trial.

Mt. Vernon and its teacher sponsors, Ann Shank and Steve Britt, provided the Court personnel:

Judge Marc Schutz, Bailiff Bryan Reese, Clerk Kassy Brown, Recorder Jenae Ash.

Jurors: Matt Blanford, Shannon Dick, Nora Evans, Bobby Easter,

Kristen Jesch, Amelia Mader, Sally Russell, Mallory Wehr, Jill Weirach, Hannah Wheaton, Katie Winiger, and Kaila Wulf. Alternates: Keaton Glaser and Josh Rice.

A fictionalized lawsuit involving real life entertainers was "filed" by Rick Johnson's New Harmony students on behalf of St. Margaret Mary's High School against The Echo News newspaper.

The student attorneys were Heath Hoffman and Ca-

leb Convers. Witnesses were: Ambra Williams (Taylor Bright), Sara Trembczynski (Beyonce' Knowles), Trisha Germain (Edith Head), Wes Scherzinger (Uriah Creep), Cody Peerman (Joe Jonas) and Tanner Williams (Kanye West).

Taking offense at the allegations and filing a counterclaim for The Echo News were Mike Kuhn's and Michele Parrish's North Posev stu-

dents. The attorneys were Melanie Schmitt and Bryce Pearson. The witnesses were: Dylan Rexing (Brad Paisley), Jacob Melliff (Jay Leno), Jacob Sapp (Horace Greassly), Abby Mayer (Taylor Swift), Mackenzie Smith (Miley Cyrus) and Adi Palmer (Wendy Braggs).



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Cory Little. Alternates were: Katye Snyder, Erin Maile and Cole Eckert

After their Mock Trial, the students were able to attend and observe actual Oral Arguments before a three judge panel of the Indiana Court of Appeals, Chief Judge John Baker, Melissa May and Elaine Brown. The case involved a dispute arising out of Evansville and was argued by real attorneys, Catherine Nestrick and Jeffrey Henning.

After the Oral Arguments, the students had the opportunity to ask the Appellate Judges and the attorneys questions.

The Posey County Bar Association sponsored the Law Day Celebration and appreciates the efforts and courtesy of the Court of Appeals, the attorneys, and the teachers, students and administrations of our three high schools and the news media

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Compiled by Sherry Burdett

ANGEL MOUNDS EVENTS

Archaeology C.S.I. Day

On Friday, May 14, Angel Mounds will host its 4th annual Archaeology C.S.I. Day,an event designed for the students to experience "Cultural Scene Investigation" as archaeologists and representatives from several institutions demonstrate and discuss aspects of the science and history of archaeology. Open to 6th and 7th grade students only, please contact (812) 853-3956 or email angelmoundsshs@dnr.in.gov<mailto:angelmoundsshs@dnr.in.gov> for more information.

Tri-State Art Guild Really BIG Show Juried Exhibit and Mini's Show

Sponsored by Tri-State Art Guild and the Friends of Angel Mounds, these two shows run from May 23 - July 23, and revolve around a theme of large-scale and small-scale artwork. Exhibit hours: Tues. – Sat., 9am – 5pm, Sun., 1 – 5pm. Call 270-826-6674 or 812-401-3076 for exhibit information or visit www.tri-stateartguild.orghttps://exchweb.in.gov/exchweb/bin/redir.asp?URL=http://www.tri-stateartguild.org/>.

New Harmony Excavation Lecture

Curator of Historic Archaeology at the Indiana State Museum, Bill Wepler, will present "Current Excavations at Community House 2" on Wednesday, May 26 at 7 p.m. in the Angel Mounds Interpretive Center. As opposed to prehistoric investigations, such as that at Angel Mounds, this presentation will address historic archaeology taking place in New Harmony. In particular, Wepler will discuss results from the past and goals for this year's excavations at Community House 2. Much attention has recently been given to this communal dormitory built by George Rapp's followers. These archaeological investigations have yielded fruitful insights into New Harmony's past, including fascinating evidence of Harmonist dentistry.

CALL FOR ENTRIES & ARTISTS ATTENTION ALL ARTISTS: CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL APPLICATIONS

• All visual artists and vendors are invited to apply for the juried Creative Arts Festival, May 15th, from 9:00-5:00pm. The festival is in conjunction with the Homegrown Bluegrass festival. Booth fee is \$40.00 for a 10 x 12 booth. Tent set up will be Friday, May 14th, 11:00-5:00. Artists and crafters will fill

the courtyards surrounding the JJA Museum to exhibit and sell their works of art. For further information or to receive an application, please contact Kim McGrew-Liggett, Creative Arts Coordinator, at the John James Audubon Museum.

(270) 827-1893 or kim.mcgrew@ky.gov

Tri-State Art Guild Call for Entries

Artists are invited to submit entries for juried shows to be held at Angel Mounds from June 6-August 6, 2010. The Really BIG Show will feature large scale work and The Really Tiny Show will feature small scale artwork. Both shows will be on exhibition at the same time. Each show will be juried with separate awards and artists may enter both shows for one entry fee. Nonmembers are welcome to enter by submitting the entry fee and membership dues. See perspectus details on the guild website at www.tri-stateartguild.org/events.html or call 270-826-6674 for more information. Entry deadline is May 29.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM OF EVANSVLLE (cMoe)

Wednesday through Saturday: 9:00am to 4:00pm

Sunday: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

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Monday & Tuesday: CLOSED - Holiday Exceptions Apply Admission: Last Admission to the Museum is 3:30 p.m. **, 18 Months and Over - \$6, Members - FREE

ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT (18 or older)

NEW Music Together Classes at cMoe!

New to the Tri-State area, this internationally recognized early childhood music program is committed to helping families rediscover the pleasure and educational value of music experiences. Classes developed for children birth to age 7 are scheduled at cMoe on Wednesday and Fridays at 12 noon beginning the week of January 11th. Contact casey@inmusictherapy.com to register or for more information.

- April 29: 10:30 a.m. Thursday Story Stretchers
- April 30: 2 p.m. Celebrate Arbor Day Listen to a special reading of The Lorax, Dr. Seuss' book about a Lorax who speaks for the trees and enjoy craft time!
 - Saturday 5/1 10:30 Story Stretchers
 - Sunday 5/2 Educators Appreciation Day

1:00 -3:00 Afternoon Adventures to China in the Freedom Gallery

- Wednesday 5/5 Join us for some South-of-the-Border fun as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo with Mexican crafts all day and a Mexican treat taste-test at 1:00 pm.
 - Thursday 5/6 10:30 Story Stretchers
 - 1:00 Home School Workshop
 - 5:00 8:00 Free Family Night
 - Saturday 5/8 10:30 Story Stretchers

11:00 - 1:00 Make a miniature Mother's Day jar candle in Speak Loud

• Sunday 5/9 - Mothers Day! Kids, treat Mom or that special

female in your life to an afternoon of fun at cMoe! Receive one free female adult admission with each paid child admission all day.

12:00 – 3:00 Make a miniature Mother's Day jar candle in Speak Loud

At 2:00 in the Freedom Gallery, Magic Gardener Larry Caplan mixes his environmental knowledge with his magical talents to present a program that is both educational and entertaining!

- Thursday 5/13 10:30 Story Stretchers
- Saturday 5/15 10:30 Story Stretchers

Craft-a-palooza all day in our Speak Loud Gallery! Test your creativity today as we put out boxes of fabric, feathers, foil and more to see where your imagination takes you!

- Sunday 5/16 Military Appreciation Day
- Thursday 5/20 10:30 Story Stretchers
- Saturday 5/22 10:30 Story Stretchers

Help kick off Backyard Games Week by creating your own crazy game in our Speak Loud Gallery all day!

- Thursday 5/27 10:30 Story Stretchers
- Saturday 5/29 10:30 Story Stretchers

Celebrate National Jazz Appreciation Day with the cool sounds of Ben Daugherty and other local area jazz musicians from 12:00-1:00 in the Freedom Gallery

• Monday 5/31 - Memorial Day – cMoe Closed

EVANSVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS

Adult Programs

•April 28 – McCollough's Wednesday Book Discussion – The Physick Book of Deliverance Dane, 3:00 p.m. in Meeting Room, McCollough Branch, 5115 Washington Ave. For more information: Call 428-8236.

•May 1 & 17 – Otona No Otaku – Japanese culture and anime for adults, 6:30 p.m. in Browning Event Room B, Central Library, For more information: Call Charles Sutton at 428-8217.

- •May 4 Primary Election Day
- •May 4, 11, 18, & 25 Talk & Walk Book Discussion Join EVPL librarians on a walk downtown during your lunch time followed by lunch and book discussion in the Cafe Garden at Central Library. 12:00-1:00 p.m. For more information: Call Erika Qualls at 428-8229.
- •May 4 North Park Book Discussion Tallgrass, 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room, North Park Branch, 960 Koehler Dr. For more information: Call Michelle Haywood at 428-8237 ext. 4409.
- •May 5 BIG READ Closing Ceremony Professor Jorge Chapa will be the speaker for the close of Evansville's BIG READ program. Mexican food, music, art



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and dancing. 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Central Library.

- •May 5 Lunch Lit Sun, Stone, and Shadows: 20 Great Mexican Short Stories, 12:10 p.m. in Meeting Room, McCollough Branch, 5115 Washington Ave. For more information: Call 428-8236.
- •May 10 Members' Choice Book Discussion The Brief History of the Dead, 3:30 p.m. in Meeting Room, Oaklyn Branch, 3001 Oaklyn Dr. For more information: Call Pam Locker at 428-8234 ext. 5401.
- •May 12 Books for Lunch books by Karen White, 12:00 p.m. in Howard Room, Red Bank Branch, 120 S. Red Bank Rd. For more information: Call Nancy Higgs at 428-8399.
- •May 12 Film Movement Somers Town, 6:30 p.m. in Browning Event Room B, Central Library, For more information: Call 428-8200.
- •May 13 Classics Book Discussion Herzog, 1:00 p.m. in Meeting Room, North Park Branch, 960 Koehler Dr. For more information: Call David Locker at 428-8237 ext. 4412.
- •May 15 Somewhere is Thyme Tea Join us for tea and a light lunch as we welcome author and former tea room proprietor, Kathy Thiessen. 1:00 p.m. in Meeting Room, McCollough Branch, 5115 Washington Ave. Register by May 8 by calling 428-8236.
- •May 17 Container Gardens: It's All About Color, 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room, Oaklyn Branch, 3001 Oaklyn Dr. For more information: Call 428-8234.
- •May 19 Women's Fiction Book Club Twenties Girl, 3:30 p.m. in Study Room, Oaklyn Branch, 3001 Oaklyn Dr. For more information: Call 428-8234.
- •May 20 Classic Film Series Come and Get It, 6:00 p.m. in Browning Event Room B, Central Library, For more information: Call Matt Rowe at 428-8200 ext. 1545.
- •May 23 Summer Reading Kickoff, 1:00-4:30 p.m. in Browning Event Rooms A & B, Central Library, For more information: Call 428-8200.
- •May 27 Mystery Lovers Book Discussion – The Big Steal, 4:30 p.m. in Meeting Room, North Park Branch, 960 Koehler Dr. For more information: Call David Locker at 428-8237 ext. 4412.
- •May 27 Travel to Alaska with Al Perry World Traveler and

Photographer will be discussing a recent trip to Alaska featuring magnificent wildlife and landscape slides. 6:30 p.m. in Meeting Room, McCollough Branch, 5115 Washington Ave. For more information: Call 428-8236.

Teen Programs

- •May 6 Reel Talk Vampire Lore a double feature mini film festival with a presentation by a vampire expert, 3:00 p.m. in Browning Events Room, Central Library, For more information: Call Charles Sutton at 428-8217.
- •May 8 & 22—Cosplay 101 Teen led hands on workshop design, share, and exchange ideas, 11:30 a.m. in Browning Events Room, Central Library, For more information: Call Charles Sutton at 428-8217.
- •May 23 Summer Reading Teen Kick-off 1:00 4:30 p.m. in Central Library's Teen Zone. Sign up for summer reading, refreshments and giveaways. For more information: Call Charles Sutton at 428-8217.
- •May 28 'Tweens & Things create chocolate snacks from decorative molds. Grades 5-8. 3:30 p.m. in Browning Events Room, Central Library, Register by calling Christa at 428-8225.

Children's Programs

- •May 4 Mini Gardens create a tiny spring garden for your room, Grades K-6, 3:30 p.m.at Red Bank Branch, 120 S. Red Bank Rd. For more information: Call 428-8205.
- •May 23 Summer Reading Kick-off Get signed up for the summer reading program to read for fun and prizes. The first 500 kids to register will receive a book bag. 1:00 4:30 p.m. Central Library. For more information, call 428-8225.



COMMUNITY ENJOY PHOTOS OF INDIANA'S HISTORIC BUILDINGS IN MAY

Eight different photo exhibits featuring the state's historic resources will be available for viewing at eight respective sites around the state during May, which is Historic Preservation Month.

The photos were collected by DNR Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology, which has amassed its collection during the free, statewide photo contest it's held since 2005. This is the first year the DHPA will partner with other preservation groups across the state, enabling more people to enjoy the photos.

The Newburgh exhibit in partnership with the Town of Newburgh Historic Preservation Commission, will be held in the lobby of the Town Hall, 23 W. Jennings, which is attached to the c.1910 public library, one of the many Andrew Carnegie funded libraries constructed in Indiana. The exhibit is open to the public 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Other Preservation Photo partners include the Cities of

Whiting and Logansport, The Carnegie Center in Linton, Big Car Gallery in Indianapolis, Historic Madison Inc., the Marion Public Library and Museum, and the Kosciusko County Historical Society in Warsaw.

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RELIGION THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES

Compiled by Charlene Braker

WEDNESDAY-----

LIGHT IS SOWN FOR THE RIGHTROUS, AND GLADNESS FOR THE UPRIGHT IN HEART Psalms 97:11

THURSDAY-----

THROUGH US [GOD]DIFFUSES THE FRAGRNCE OF HIS KNOWLEDGR IN EVERY PLACE. 2 Corinthians 2:14

FRIDAY-----

THEY SHALL LIFT UP THEIR VOICE, THEY SHALL SING FOR THE MAJESTY OF THE LORD, THEY SHALL CRY ALOUD FROM THE SEA Isaiah 24:14

SATURDAY-----

REJOICE IN THAT DAY AND LEAP FOR JOY, BE-3DAUSE GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN, FOR THAT IS HOW THEIR FATHERS TREATED THE ROPH-ETS. Luke 6:22

SUNDAY-----

THE KINGDOM OF TE WORLD HAS BECOME THE KINGDOM OF OUR LORD AND OF HIS CHRIST. AND HE WILL REIG FOR EVER AND EVER. Revelations 11:15

MONDAY-----

BUT THAT ON THE GOOD GROUND ARE THEY, WHICH IN AN HONEST AND GOOD HEART, HAV-ING HEARDTHE WORD, KEEP IT, AND BRING FORTH FRUIT WITH PATIENCE. Luke 8:15

TUESDAY-----

THE SON OF MAN DID NOT COME TO BE SERVE. BUT TO SERVE... Matthew 20:28



A woman's life is about making all kinds of choices, large and small. And Vanderburgh County Right to Life is here to support a woman's right to choose life for her unborn child. We work through education, advocacy, and services to protect women's health and the life of their unborn children.

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BIBLE TRIVIA

by Wilson Casey

- 1. Is the book of Lamentations in the Old or New Testament or neither?
- 2. From Daniel 5, who was holding a feast for 1,000 guests when handwriting appeared on the wall? Job, Belshazzar, Hagar, Hanun
- 3. Where did Jesus cause demons to go out of two men into a herd of pigs? Appii, Assos, Damascus, Gadarenes
- 4. Who used unfair labor practices at his brickmaking establishment? Pharaoh, Silas, Joash, Jonathan
- 5. What did Nebuchadnezzar dream of that reached into heaven? Tree, River, Ladder, Rope 6. Who fasted 40 days and nights after being fed by an angel? Darius, Paul, Elijah, Ahab

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Pharaoh; 5) Tree; 6) Elijah ANSWERS: 1) Old; 2) Belshazzar; 3) Gadarenes; 4)

EDUCATION

EVSC Middle Schools Place in State at Junior Academic Superbowl Competition

Approximately 20 area middle schools competed last weekend at Plaza Park Middle School for the Junior Academic Superbowl competition. Four EVSC schools scored enough points at the area competition to place at the state level. These schools include:

Class 1: Oak Hill, 4th in English; 5th in Social Studies and 10th in Interdisciplinary

Plaza Park, 12th in Science

Class 2: Washington, 10th in Social Studies

Helfrich Park, 11th in Interdisciplinary and 13th in Math

Class 3: Evans, 3rd in Interdisciplinary

Results for the area competition include:

English:

Class 1: Oak Hill, 1st; Plaza Park, 2nd, Thompkins, 3rd

Class 2: Helfrich Park, 1st; Perry Heights, 2nd; Washington 3rd

Class 3: Harwood, 3rd

Science:

Class 1: Plaza Park, 1st; Thompkins, 2nd; Oak Hill, 3rd

Class 2: Helfrich Park, 1st; Washington 2nd; Perry Heights, 3rd

Class 3: Harwood, 1st; Evans, 3rd

Social Studies:

Class 1: Oak Hill, 1st; Thompkins, 2nd; Plaza Park, 4rd

Class 2: Washington, 1st, Helfrich Park, 2nd; Perry Heights, 3rd Math:

Class 1: Thompkins, 1st; Plaza Park, 2nd; Oak Hill, 3rd

Class 2: Helfrich Park; 1st; Washington, 2nd; Perry Heights 3rd

Class 3: Evans, 3rd Interdisciplinary:

Class 1: Oak Hill, 1st; Thompkins, 2nd; Plaza Park, 3rd

Class 2: Helfrich Park, 1st; Perry Heights, 2nd; Washington, 3rd

Class 3: Evans, 1st; Harwood, 3rd

Middle School Academic Super Bowl competitions are composed of five subject matter rounds - English, science, social studies, mathematics and fine arts - and a sixth interdisciplinary round in which questions may come from any and all of the subject areas. This year's theme is "An American Generation: 1694-1980."

Middle schools across Indiana competed Saturday in hopes of receiving one of the highest scores in the state. Schools placed at the state level depending on their score in each subject area and what class the school is in. The top eight scoring schools in each subject area in Class 1 placed at the state level, the top five scoring teams in each subject in Class 2, the top six scoring teams in each subject area in Class 3 and the top five scoring teams in each area in Class 4 placed at the state level.

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EDUCATION

New School Vaccine Requirements

With Indiana law now requiring additional vaccines for students entering sixth through twelfth grade, the Vanderburgh County Health Department will be offering free school vaccination clinics before vaccines are mandated this fall, for the 2010-2011 school year.

New requirements include a Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough) vaccine given after the tenth birthday, two chickenpox vaccines (or written date of the disease) and a meningitis vaccine.

According to Health Officer, Ray Nicholson, MD, "While children are already required to be vaccinated against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and chickenpox, the second vaccination is a booster shot for older children."

The meningitis shot was previously recommended, but is now required.

Free vaccination clinics will be held Wednesday, May 5 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, May 6 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Central High School Gymnasium located at 5400 First Avenue, for students who attend Van-

derburgh County Schools in the fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, tenth and eleventh grade.

Notification is being sent home with students. Students will need to be accompanied by parent or guardian and all shot records. Shot records may be obtained by calling the school the child currently attends or their healthcare provider. Those receiving vaccine should wear short sleeves or loose fitting garments to facilitate ease of vaccination. A snack or light meal is suggested beforehand.

Parents are encouraged to get their children vaccinated NOW to avoid the rush before school starts in August. Children may also receive vaccines at their healthcare provider or at the health department at 420 Mulberry Street by appointment by calling 435-5997 or on a walk-in basis on Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

More information can be found at our website: "vanderburghgov.org/health" and click on the blue

"Back to School Immunizations" button.



PORTS

Chybowski Earns MVC Honor

University of Evansville tennis player Kate Chybowski has been chosen as UE's spring recipient of the Missouri Valley Conference State Farm Good Neighbor Award. The honor is given to one student-athlete from each MVC school in the fall, winter and spring seasons. It is based on academic and athletic excellence, and service to the community.

Chybowski, a junior from Appleton, Wis., was nominated earlier this week for the Women's Division I Academic All-America At-Large Team. She was chosen for the All-MVC Women's Tennis Select Team after finishing the 2009-10 season with a record of 27-6 at number one singles and 21-11 at number one doubles. With similar numbers next year as a senior, Chybowski will break UE's two most significant tennis records: most singles victories in a career, and most total victories (singles and doubles). Both records were set by UE Hall of Famer Karen Black in 1999.

Chybowski carries a 3.93 grade point average, majoring in Biology, and hopes to enter the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine following graduation from UE in 2011. She is an accomplished cellist, and plays at church services at UE's Neu Chapel. Chybowski began an after-school program last fall at Dexter Elementary School in Evansville, teaching fourth graders and kindergarteners to speak Spanish. She also serves as a hospice volunteer at Vista Care of Indiana.



MVC State Farm Good Neighbor Award Winner Kate Chybowski

"I don't know if I've ever been around someone who is so focused," says her coach, Christine Bader. "For that reason, Kate is a really good tennis player, an outstanding student, and an outstanding teammate."

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SPORTS

Eagles finish fifth at NCAA II East Super Regional

SPRINGFIELD, Mo.—Senior Jessica Dooley shot a one-over-par 73 in the final round of the NCAA II East Super Regional Tournament Tuesday to lead the University of Southern Indiana women's golf team to a fifth-place finish in the nine-team field at the Rivercut Golf Course.

Dooley, who finished the three-day, three-round tournament with a final score of 230, finished in a tie for 10th in the 49-player field. Dooley, however, lost in a one-hole playoff to the University of Missouri-St. Louis's Shweta Galende for the final individual qualifying spot for the NCAA II National Championship.

Playing the par-five, 533-yard 10th hole in the playoff, Galende defeated Dooley by a stroke as she finished with a par to capture the last of the three individual qualifying spots.

As a team, the Screaming Eagles shot 313 to close the tournament Tuesday. They shot 317 Sunday and 321 Monday to finish 12 strokes shy of fourth-place Drury University and 25 shots back of third-place California University-Pennsylvania.

Seniors Angela Dehning and Kimberly Gottwald finished in a tie for 13th and 24th, respectively. Dehning, the GLVC individual champion, shot 75 Tuesday to finish with a three-day score of 233, while Gottwald finished with a 238.

Sophomore Lindsey Carr finished in a tie for 38th, while junior Mandi Buchanan was 41st in the 49-player field.

The Eagles needed to place in the top three to advance to the NCAA II National Championship Tournament. Grand Valley State University and the University of Indianapolis finished first and second, respectively.

Drury's Katrina Choate finished with a three-day score of 222 (+6)

to capture the individual championship. Choate shot a one-under 71 Monday and a one-over 73 Tuesday

USI ends its 2009-10 season after qualifying for the NCAA II Tournament for the third straight season and the sixth time in seven years. addition, Eagles shattered their single-season record for strokes per round average (spra) by racking up a 318.8 spra. The former mark was 325.1 spr set in 2006-07.





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SPORTS

North Names New Basketball Coach

Scot Bunnell, head basketball coach, assistant athletic director, and physical education and health teacher at Lafayette Jefferson High School in Lafayette, Ind., has been named head basketball coach at Evansville North High School. Bunnell replaces Rick Stippler, who resigned earlier this year.

Bunnell has 20 years of coaching experience, including seven years as assistant basketball coach at Ball State University. The past five years he has been head coach at Lafayette Jeff where his teams have won 71% of their games, two sectional championships, four Lafayette Journal & Courier Classic Championships, a conference championship, and was a participant in the Hall of Fame Classic. He was named Hoosier Crossroads Conference "Coach of the Year" in 2008.

At Ball State (1998-2005), Bunnell had a 22-9 record and an NCAA Tournament appearance in 2000.

In 2002, Ball State had a 23-12 record and was in the NIT Elite Eight. Ball State won the school's first Mid-American Conference West Division title that year, and had the longest postseason run in school history.

Bunnell has also served as an assistant coach at Central Florida Community College (1995-98); Anderson University assistant coach (1994-96) and began his coaching career at Wapahani High School in 1991, where he was assistant basketball coach of the varsity team while still a student at Ball State University, and was head coach of the freshman team.

Bunnell holds a bachelor's degree in physical education and health from Ball State University and a master's degree in health and kinesiology from Purdue University.

Bunnell and his wife Natalie, have two children -- Matthew and Anna.



SPORTS

UE Baseball Races Past Oakland City, 10-3

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The University of Evansville base-ball team was able to break out of a three-game offensive slump on Tuesday night, as the Purple Aces erupted for nine runs in the seventh inning to race past the visiting Oakland City University Mighty Oaks, 10-3, at Charles H. Braun Stadium in Evansville.

"It was nice to get back home and finally see our offense break through in the seventh inning tonight," said UE head coach Wes Carroll. "Our offense has really been frustrated over the last three games, because we had scoring opportunities, but we could just not break through. Tonight, Oakland City really had us off-balance through the first six innings, but then, Greg Wallace came through with the big three-run triple in the seventh to give us the lead and take the pressure off a little bit.

"Really credit Oakland City, though. They competed extremely well tonight and they really played hard for Coach Fletcher. They are going to win some games down the stretch if they play like they did tonight."

Evansville would put runners on base in each of the first six innings against the Mighty Oaks, but only had an RBI single by freshman catcher John Day in the second inning to show for it, as UE took an early 1-0 lead. Oakland City would answer right back though with two runs in the third inning and one more in the fifth inning on a triple to the wall in left-center field by freshman shortstop Logan Mohr and an RBI single by senior first baseman Juan Carlos Calderon to grab a 3-1 lead.

The score would remain 3-1 until the seventh inning, when UE's offense finally got on track. After a walk, a single, and a hit-by-pitch loaded the bases to open the inning, junior out-fielder Greg Wallace cleared the bases with a three-run triple to right-center field to give UE a 4-3 lead. Junior infielder Cody Fick would then follow with an RBI double down the left-field line to push the lead to 5-3.

An error would put runners on the corners with no one out, before junior outfielder Nate Smith roped an RBI double just inside of the third-base line to score Fick and move the score to 6-3. Two batters later, senior first baseman Andy Pascoe came through with a two-run single through a drawn-in infield and senior designated hitter Tom Heithoff delivered an RBI triple to center to score Pascoe and give UE a 9-3 lead. An RBI single by senior outfielder Alex Acheson would then cap the scoring and the nine-run frame.

Smith paced Evansville offensively by going 3-for-5 with two doubles and a triple, while Acheson added three singles.



Junior Nate Smith knocked two doubles and a triple to help lead the Purple Aces past visiting Oakland City on Tuesday.

Wallace also drove in three runs to move his Missouri Valley Conference-leading total to 65 RBI this spring, while Day added two hits and Pascoe two RBI. Freshman right-hander Kyle Lloyd (2-0) earned the victory on the mound by scattering a run on three hits in 6.0 innings of work, while striking out a season-best eight. He struck out the side in the ninth to cap the victory.

"One bright spot tonight was definitely the job that Kyle Lloyd did on the mound," said Carroll. "Kyle really pounded the zone and worked ahead in the count and attacked the Oakland City hitters. He is throwing with a lot of confidence right now, and that is great to see."

Mohr paced Oakland City by going 2-for-4 with a triple and a run scored. Outfielder Lucas Izagas also went 2-for-4 with a run scored for the Mighty Oaks.

With the victory, UE snaps a three-game losing streak and improves to 24-20 on the season. Oakland City, meanwhile, falls to 17-22 overall with the loss. Evansville will return to Braun Stadium on Friday night, as the Purple Aces will welcome in-state MVC rival Indiana State to town for a three-game conference series. All three games of the weekend set can be heard live on 91.5 F.M.-WUEV.

EDUCATION

Two UE Students Earn 2010 Fulbright Awards

Two soon-to-be alumni of the University of Evansville will take their brand new degrees abroad this fall after earning Fulbright Scholarships for their planned overseas projects.

Courtney Kersten and Bryce Mitchell, both of whom will graduate from UE at this Saturday's Commencement ceremony, will spent their first year out of college far from home, continuing to study their chosen fields by working at them in another culture. Kersten, who has earned her Bachelor of Science in Theatre Studies, will travel to Latvia, while Mitchell – an education major – will spend a little more than a year in Korea.

Both are available for interviews today.

"We at the University of Evansville couldn't be happier for these two students, both of whom have earned a tremendous opportunity to further their education through these studies abroad," said Earl Kirk, UE's director of study abroad. "Thanks to the Fulbright Program, both will receive experiences overseas that they could not have otherwise received, helping enrich their education into the respective career paths they have chosen for themselves."

Kersten will leave for Latvia at the end of August, and will remain there until June 2011 as an apprentice at the New Riga Theatre. While there, her responsibilities will include working as an assistant director on a production, and working independently on her own theatre projects. She also will deliver lectures on America to interested parties in Latvia.

The opportunity appealed to her, she said, after she was

exposed to European theatre during a Study Abroad experience in The Netherlands her sophomore year. While there, she saw theatre productions from Amsterdam to Western Europe, and became fascinated.

"I had the opportunity to see European theatre while I was abroad, and it was very different in very many ways," Kersten said. "Another UE alum – who had studied in Russia – suggested that I look into Latvian theatre, and I when I did, I found that there was a lot there that I would like to learn from, and bring back to my directing in the United States."

Meanwhile, Mitchell will leave for Korea in July, and will spend just over a year there teaching English to South Korean high school students. He hasn't yet been given his exact school assignment – that will be given after their orientation program – but is excited about the prospect.

"I tutored a South Korean student here at UE, and that experience had a strong influence on me," Mitchell said. "I want to use this experience to learn more about teaching Enligsh overseas, and English as a second language, to see if that is the direction I want to take my teaching career after graduation."

The Fulbright Program is sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, and is the largest U.S. International Exchange program, offering opportunities for students, scholars, and professionals to undertake international graduate study, advanced research, university teaching, and teaching in elementary and secondary schools worldwide. It was established by Congress in 1946.



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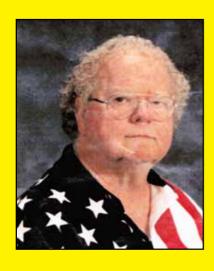
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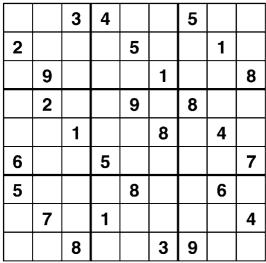
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by Linda Thistle



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How Much Exercise Do Adults Need?

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: What is the amount of exercise recommended for a man or woman of 55? I was always under the impression that 15 minutes of aerobic exercise three times a week was a sufficient amount of time for heart health. Am I wrong? -- R.K.

ANSWER: That used to be the recommended amount of exercise time for an adult. For readers, aerobic exercise is the kind of exercise that is tailored for the heart. It's exercise that employs the continuous use of large muscles for a somewhat protracted period of time, at least 10 minutes. Jogging, biking, walking, swimming and dancing are examples of aerobic exercise.

The latest advice for adults, if their doctors say they are fit enough to exercise, is to get 150 minutes of moderate-intensity aerobic exercise a week. That's 20 minutes of exercise seven days a week or 50 minutes, three times a week. You can divide it any way you wish, but the minimum amount of one session

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of exercise has to be 10 minutes. If you are a novice, take your time to reach 10 minutes. A single session can be longer if you choose

Moderate-intensity exercise is walking at a pace of 3.5 miles an hour, a brisk walk.

Or if you want to devote less time to exercise, you can if you make it vigorous exercise. Vigorous exercise for 75 minutes a week fulfills the requirement for heart health.

If you're up to it and if you want even greater results, double those times -- 300 minutes of moderate exercise a week or 150 minutes of vigorous exercise a week. I want to issue the warning again. Get doctor approval for any of this. Strength-training exercise -- weightlifting -- also is strongly recommended for all adults regardless of age.

The booklet on aerobic exercise explains how to benefit your heart in clear language. Readers can order a copy by writing: Dr. Donohue -- No. 1301W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: I am an 80-year-old woman, and I'll never be able to wear a bikini again because my body is covered with ugly red spots. The doctor calls them cherry angiomas.

They are beginning to appear on my trunk and over my thighs and upper arms. I'd like to know how much longer I can expect to play host to them. -- J.H.

ANSWER: Cherry angiomas are tiny, round, firm, smooth, red skin projections that are growths of small blood vessels. People can have a few or hundreds. Mostly they spring up on the trunk and upper arms. They have no impact on health.

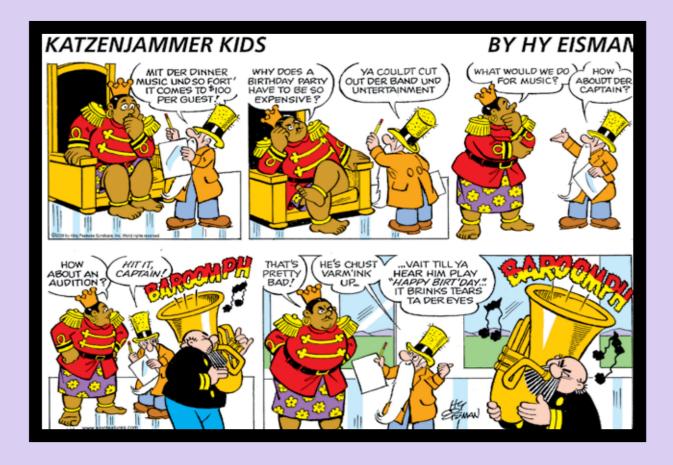
You can expect to be host to them forever. If they bother you, there are a number of ways to get rid of them. A doctor can dry them up with an electric current or with a laser.

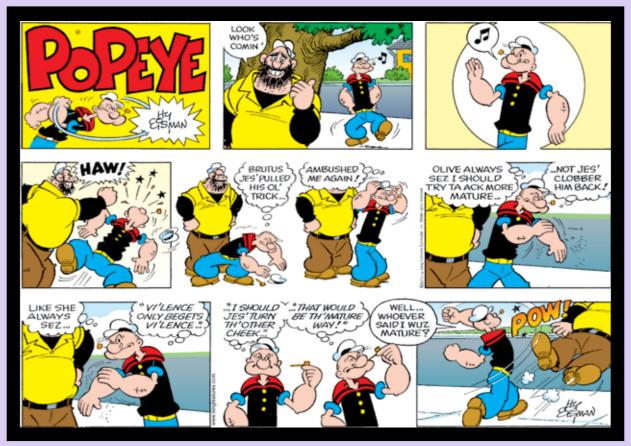
I don't know why they happen. They just do. And they occur mostly in senior years.

Dr. Donohue regrets that he is unable to answer individual letters, but he will incorporate them in his column whenever possible. Readers may write him or request an order form of available health newsletters at P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475.

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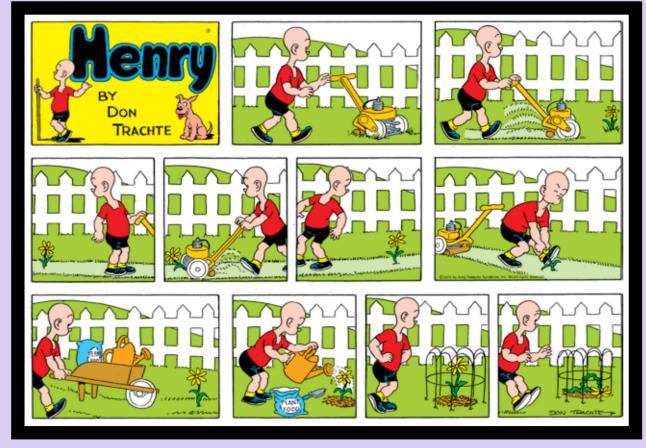
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Amber Waves My Mom is taking a french cooking class and it's terrible. Mom, i've decided i no longer eat meat, dairy or fish. Perfect, this new recipe has none of those things. This calls for a whole new strategy dairy or fish.





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