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Board of Public Works Approves Health Care Clinic Contract

Contributed by the City of Evansville

(EVANSVILLE, IN) – The Board of Public Works this afternoon voted to approve a contract for Novia CareClinics to run a health clinic that will be free for non-represented City employees and their dependents.

This service is being offered to non-represented employees to help offset the 20% increase in health insurance premiums and other benefit changes. Funding for the clinic will come from insurance claims that would normally be filed with physicians.

“The City has had to make significant budget cuts to accommodate the property tax caps implemented by the State and lower tax revenues due to the downturn in the economy. In order to balance our budget, we have had to make changes to the benefits enjoyed by city employees,” said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel. “I know that some of these changes will unfavorably impact our employees, but by opening this free clinic we are trying to mitigate the impact on household budgets and see additional budget savings over

time.”

The clinic will provide all of the primary care services a patient would expect from a family physician or internist. Appointments will be made free of charge; and several dozen generic drugs will also be made available free of charge.

Once approved by the Board of Public Works, the City can move forward with plans to implement the clinic. It will be housed in the Civic Center in the office space on the third floor formerly occupied by the Purchasing Department. It is anticipated that the clinic will open by January 1, 2010.

Novia CareClinics are focused on providing employers with services for on-site medical care. Novia currently operates 21 clinics for 19 different employers including Vectren, Red Spot and the Town of Fishers. All medical personnel will be interviewed and selected by the City. Savings from the clinic will be realized in dispensing generic drugs, lower hourly rates and fewer hours of lost productivity.

Publishers Notice!

The City-County Observer will take a brief hiatus next week from producing a printable (or electronic) version of the newspaper in preparation of the launch of our new website and the September 11th Heroes Edition. We will post new stories on the site. We are still looking for heroes (local servicemen and servicewomen, who are or have served in the United States Armed Forces, firefighters, police officers and emergency personnel). We are still looking for sponsors (or advertisers) for the section also. If you would like to submit a story or name(s), please send them to citycountyobserver@live.com. If you would like to talk about advertising, call (812) 746-9610 or email us at the address above.

Evansville Fire Department Wins 2 Statewide Awards

(EVANSVILLE, IN) – This evening, the Evansville Fire Department received two prestigious awards at the 2009 Emergency Response Conference in Indianapolis: Basic Life Support Non-Transport Provider of the Year Award and Emergency Medical Technician of the Year. The conference is for all of Indiana's fire and EMS personnel and is sponsored by the Indiana Fire Chiefs Association.

"The Evansville Fire Department is comprised of great men and women who put their lives on the line every day for the citizens of this community. I commend them for the work they do to keep us safe and I applaud their efforts off the job as well," said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel. "I want to congratulate the entire department for earning these well-deserved honors."

The Evansville Fire Department (EFD) was selected from a statewide pool of applicants as Basic Life Support Non-Transport Provider of the Year because of its commitment to its personnel and the community; and for raising the bar with regard to professionalism and quality of patient care throughout the industry.

For instance, the EFD works with the local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) to provide training and logistical support, and is on standby to deliver mutual aid to surrounding departments. The

department has four special teams: Rope/Confined Space Rescue Team, Hazardous Materials Team, Trench Rescue/Structural Collapse Rescue Team and Dive/Water Rescue Team. Firefighters are encouraged to further their training through education assistance.

Community involvement is a priority with the EFD. The public is encouraged to tour fire stations in order to learn more about the responsibilities of firefighters. The EFD also visits about 150 schools and functions each year.

The charitable contributions of the EFD are significant. The department raised \$30,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in 2008 and \$18,000 for the St. Baldrick's Foundation for Child Cancer Research. A major fundraiser for the EFD is "Guns and Hoses," a charity boxing event in collaboration with the Evansville Police Department. Last year, the event raised \$45,000 which was divided among 15 charities and organizations.

As Emergency Medical Technician of the Year, Evansville Firefighter John Riggs is being honored for his proficiency in patient care, attitude of professionalism, and the respect which he receives from his co-workers and peers. Riggs is also being recognized for his contributions which go above and beyond the normal day-to-day experiences on the job.

A 15-year member of the Evansville Fire Department, John Riggs is active with the Hazardous Materials Team and the Rope/Confined Space Rescue Team. Away from the EFD, Riggs has co-chaired the construction of two Habitat for Humanity Homes utilizing only Evansville Firefighters and organized firefighters to help build the Kids Kingdom playground. Riggs volunteers each year at the A.C.T.S. (Answering the Call to Serve) Work Camp where youth from across Indiana repair homes and visit with some of the less fortunate residents of our community. Riggs still finds time to coach youth football, basketball, baseball, and soccer teams.

"The Evansville Fire Department is proud to have a group of such good hearted and dedicated men and women. They are very deserving of this honor and are to be commended for another job well done. We are glad that they have been chosen for recognition," said Chief Keith Jarboe, Evansville Fire Department.



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HEROES

On September 11, 2009, we are planning a special issue. This issue will be dedicated to the men and women serving in the United States Armed Forces. We would especially like to honor your friends and family members who have been given special recognition by the United States of America. If you, a friend or a family member have been given a Purple Heart, Medal of Honor, or any other award for bravery, we ask that you please send us a name and photo to be placed in our special section.

We will also honor the men and women of the local fire departments (volunteer and paid), local EMS, and local police and sheriff's deputies. It is our stance that these people cannot be honored enough for the time and dedication with which they serve in order to protect us.

Whether you choose to believe this or not, all of these people do their part to preserve and protect our rights as American citizens. We can best honor those who perished in the tragedy of September 11th by showing that we are a nation that picks itself up, brushes off the dirt and climbs back to the top by banning together.

Please submit your names and photos to us via email at citycountyobserver@live.com. If you would like to submit them in person, contact Special Edition Editor Don Counts at (812) 422-1792 or the proud American Pat Pittman at (812) 483-1700.

City Receives Favorable Sewage Bond Rating

(EVANSVILLE, IN) – The City of Evansville's Sewer Utility has positive news to report today. The Utility has received an Aa3 rating for its sewage bonds from Moody's credit rating agency, which is equivalent to the AA- rating the Utility received from Standard & Poor's in January 2009. Aa3 and AA- ratings mean the debtor (the Utility) has a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments. Moody's highest rating is Aaa; the highest Standard & Poor's rating is AAA.

"This is good news for Evansville because in this economic climate many communities have been downgraded because of negative bond rating results. While we attempt to use low-interest State Revolving Loan Fund dollars for large capital improvements to our sewer system, in instances where we have to go to the open market for bonds, this rating will enable us to receive lower interest rates and keep costs down," said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel.

Among the reasons cited for the Standard & Poor's January bond rating upgrade is the fact that the City is negotiating with the EPA to develop a long term control plan related to Combined Sewer Overflows (CSO's), and the net available revenue provides more than 3 times the coverage of the annual debt service.

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EDITORIAL

IS IT TRUE?

IS IT TRUE that elected officials of Posey County recently held a Caucus (closed door) meeting to discuss Posey County business? IS IT TRUE that all elected county officials are Democrats? IS IT TRUE we wonder why a caucus was deemed necessary when there is this type of majority?

IS IT TRUE that our outstanding, hard-working and dedicated city employees are shaking their heads in disbelief when they found out that about 8 or 10 employees of the Evansville Metropolitan Development Department recently received “plush” and expensive (maybe Leather) executive chairs for their offices? IS IT TRUE the next move the Evansville-Vanderburgh Building Authority might make is to put new carpeting in offices presently being used by the Evansville Metropolitan Development Department? IS IT TRUE that select employees were told that the new office chair gesture was done in order to help morale in that department? IS IT TRUE that increase in COLA (Cost of Living Allowance) of 2010, keep employees pensions the same as this year, keep the same health insurance as this year and retain accrued city employees vacation time would had been the moral booster these employees needed more?

IS IT TRUE that many people from both sides of the political isle are encouraging Cheryl Musgrave, of Evansville, to run against State Rep. Gail Riecken? IT IS TRUE if this happens you can expect that Governor Mitch Daniel and team will show their support for Musgrave?

IS IT TRUE that a 24-year veteran of the Evansville Fire Department recently showed interest in one of the two vacant positions of Squad Captain with the Evansville Fire Department? IS IT TRUE that Captain Al Lindsey approached two city council members to ask them for their support in being appointed to one of these vacant positions? IS IT TRUE that about a week later, Mr. Lindsey received a return phone call from one of the city council persons he talk to earlier and was told If he would agree not to run against 6 Ward City Council member, B. J. Watts during the next election cycle he could be appointed to that position? IS IT TRUE that Mr. Lindsey told the councilperson that he couldn't agree to do that? IS IT TRUE that Mr. Lindsey was bypassed for the above position? Finally, IS IT TRUE that Councilman B. J. WATTS can expect political competition in the Democratic Primary if he decides to run for re-election?

IS IT TRUE that on August 6, 2009, that General Manager of the Evansville Vanderburgh County Building Authority sent out an August Parking Planner memo to all elected officials and Department heads? IS IT TRUE That this memo stated, “Please note that on the following dates the Centre currently has scheduled events during the daytime hours that may affect the availability of parking places and increased traffic congestion? Some of the events have anticipated attendance of a much smaller number than others and may start as early as 7:00 A. M., however this information is provided for your awareness. As of now, according to information furnished by the

Centre, the following dates could cause a parking problem: AUGUST 11-approximately 1500@7:30 and AUGUST 20-approximately 500@ 8:00. Please advise your personnel accordingly.”

IS IT TRUE, Browning investments, the group that has been selected to oversee the building of the new downtown arena hotel? IS IT TRUE that they stated on their website that the new downtown arena will now cost \$95 million? IS IT TRUE this statement can be seen on their website www.browninginvestment.com?

IS IT TRUE that at the July 15, 2009 meeting of the Evansville Redevelopment Commission that the board approved an agreement with Browning Investments, inc. for professional services? IS IT TRUE that MR. Kish (Project Manager for Downtown Arena) stated to the ERC Board that Browning Investments, Inc. has been working on this deal for quite some time and has incurred expenses? This is a short term agreement for professional services through August 31, 2009 in the amount of \$35,000?

IS IT TRUE that at the July 15, 2009 meeting of the Evansville Redevelopment Commission meeting that the Board approved a loan agreement to GAGE, Inc? IS IT TRUE the CZAR of the Evansville Metropolitan Development Department, Mr. Tom Barnett stated to the ERC Board this loan agreement with GAGE, inc. is short term funding? IS IT TRUE Mr. Barnett stated that the Department of Metropolitan Development has a long-standing investment in Innovation Pointe and its continuance? IS IT TRUE he stated that the source of the funds is a \$1.8 million of string-free community development monies? IS IT TRUE we wonder how much the Evansville Redevelopment Commission Board lent to Gage, Inc. since the meeting minutes didn't address that figure?

IS IT TRUE we would like to give a “ATTA GIRL” to Third Ward City Council Women, Wendy Bredhold for pushing the City Administration to tear down dilapidated home in her Ward? IS IT TRUE we also are pleased that she is addressing the trash problems in alley ways?

IS IT TRUE we are very pleased that Evansville City Council members approved a Tax Abatement request from the Kunkel Group? That will allow resident of the Riverwalk Community to relocate to a new facility to be located at 304 Market Street, Evansville? IS IT TRUE that we are extremely pleased that residents and employees of that assisted living facility presently located at the McCurdy were not only allowed to express their opinions in the spoken word but also in writing (permitted signs in Council Chambers)?

Finally, IS IT TRUE that we are extremely appreciative of the recent cooperation received from Evansville City Clerk Alberta Matlock and her highly-capable and dedicated staff? IS IT TRUE they are willingly providing us with information when requested and in an efficient manner? IS IT TRUE they give the information and answer any questions when asked and without deflecting the question? IS IT TRUE other departments (i.e., the Department of Metropolitan Development and the City Controller's Office) could learn from Alberta Matlock regarding effective media relations?

EDITORIAL

Hitler in August



By
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WASHINGTON -- Midway through the month's town hall meetings on health care, it seems the shark has jumped the shark -- and even Hitler must be sick of himself.

The terrible tyrant can't get a rest these days. For eight years, he was George W. Bush. Now he's Barack H. Obama. We just can't quit the monster with the fur lip.

His latest appearance is on a poster of Obama with the iconic mustache, which looks more like a missed crumb than a manly punctuation mark. The poster has become a favored accessory among some of America's squeakier wheels.

There is some debate about whether the Hitler resurrectionists are haters or faux haters -- i.e., Democratic Party plants aimed at making Republicans seem crazed.

Whatever the truth -- and Truth morphs by the moment -- it seems increasingly clear that the erstwhile shining city upon a hill has become 'Toon Town, a circus of media acrobats, political clowns and street-corner barkers.

Step right up and get your cotton candy, it's only a dollar and the show is free!

One recent sideshow, a town hall in Las Vegas available for viewing on YouTube, features an Israeli-American man railing to cameras when a woman nearby yells, "Heil Hitler."

What?! The man turns to berate her: "You're telling me, 'Heil Hitler'? Shame of (sic) you!"

The camera rolls; the man continues shouting about the high cost of a recent hospital visit; the woman dabs her eyes to clear away fake crocodile tears. It's a wrap.

Next up, zoom to Dartmouth, Mass., where Rep. Barney Frank addresses a town hall at the Dartmouth Council on Aging. A woman holding an Obama-as-Hitler poster asks the congressman why he supports a Nazi policy.

To the apparent delight of many, Frank says he will revert to his ethnic heritage and respond to the question with a question:

"On what planet do you spend most of your time?"

Next he says that comparing the president's attempts to expand health care to Hitler is a tribute to the First Amendment and that trying to have a conversation with this woman would be like trying to argue with his dining room table. He chooses not to.

Hear, hear. Invocations of Hitler usually mean two things: one, a poverty of imagination, and two, a paucity of good arguments. It is nearly axiomatic that any protest against government action will feature Hitler in some form. Left and right are equally guilty.

Trivializing such evil is an insult to the memory of millions who suffered and died by his order, as well as to the intelligence of all sentient beings.

It may no longer be possible in this country to have a serious debate about anything. Inevitably, substance devolves into silliness. Even the most dignified of statesmen become caricatures when juxtaposed with the ridiculous.

While it's easy to blame "the media,"

there's no longer any single entity to indict. In a world where everyone has video -- and distribution is both free and easy -- every little thing is a "story." And so the exercised Israeli-American and his mocking nemesis become stars on the world stage. The Obama-Hitler woman may be only infamous, but she is a celebrity of sorts.

One may reasonably oppose Frank's and the Democrats' views on health care on the merits -- and plenty of informed people do. But when Frank is tossed into the ring with a Hitler-wielding instigator, he looks the sage from Vesuvius and his opponents escapees from the asylum.

Given the choice of company, which would you prefer?

Never mind whether any of the rabble-rousers would be known were it not for the ever-present cameras and microphones. Would they have performed as they did -- yelling and aping -- had there been no one on hand to record their antics?

Alas, we can't even critique the phenomenon known as Heisenberg's Principle of Observation without circling back to Herr Hitler. Physicist Werner Heisenberg, leader of Hitler's atomic bomb project, came up with an "uncertainty principle" that has been used -- some say misused -- to suggest that things observed are altered by the fact of observation.

Translation: When you turn on the camera, the presence of the camera alters whatever transpires.

There isn't much we can do about the convergence of technology and the persistent plague of narcissism, but there is something we can do about Hitler. The moment he shows up in any form, turn off the cameras. Consider it an act of nonviolent protest -- and self-respect.

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EDITORIAL

WHAT IF I WOULD'VE TOLD YOU...

MOST OF ALL OF THIS HAS ALREADY HAPPENED

Publisher's Note: Although it is not customary for us to put items such as the one on this page in the newspaper, we felt the message below was worthy of print because it is factual in nature and proves the point behind local groups working hard to maintain their civil liberties as American citizens. The message below was forwarded to the City-County Observer last week. We encourage your comments.

What would you say if I gave you 11 reasons why the elections in 2010 will be the most important in the history of the United States?

1. What if I had told you in October 2008, before the last presidential election, that before Barack Obama's first 100 days in office, the federal government would be in control of both the mortgage and the banking industries? That 19 of America's largest banks would be forced to undergo stress tests by the federal government which would determine if they were insufficiently capitalized, so they must be supervised by the government?

Would you have said, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

2. What if I had told you that within Barack Obama's first 100 days in office the federal government would be the largest shareholder in the US Big-Three automakers: GM, and Chrysler? That the government would kick out the CEO's of these companies and appoint hand-picked executives with

zero experience in the auto industry and that executive compensation would be determined, not by a Board of Directors, but by the government?

Would you have said, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

3. What if I had told you that Barack Obama would appoint 21 Czars, without congressional approval, accountable only to him, not to the voters, who would have control over a wide range of US policy decisions. That there would be a Stimulus Accountability Czar, an Urban Czar, a Compensation Czar, an Iran Czar, an Auto Industry Czar, a Cyber Security Czar, an Energy Czar, a Bank Bailout Czar, and more than a dozen other government bureaucrats with unchecked regulatory powers over US domestic

and foreign policy.

Would you have said, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

4. What if I had told you that the federal deficit would be \$915 billion in the first six months of the Obama presidency - with a projected annual deficit of \$1.75 trillion - triple the \$454.8 billion in 2008, for which the previous administration was highly criticized by Obama and his fellow Democrats. That congress would pass Obama's \$3.53 trillion federal budget

for fiscal 2010... That the projected deficit over the next ten years would

be greater than \$10 trillion.

Would you have said, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

5. What if I had told you that the Obama Justice Department would order FBI agents to read Miranda rights to high-value detainees captured on the battlefield and held at US military detention facilities in Afghanistan. That Obama would order the closing of the Guantanamo detention facility with no plan for the disposition of the 200-plus individuals held there. That several of the suspected terrorists at Guantanamo would be sent to live in freedom in Bermuda at the expense of the US government. That our returning US veterans would be labeled terrorists and put on a watch list.

Would you have said, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

6. What if I had told you that the federal government would seek powers to seize key companies whose failures could jeopardize the financial system. That a new regulatory agency would be proposed by Obama to control loans, credit cards, mortgage-backed securities, and other financial products offered to the public.

Would you have said, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

7. What if I had told you that Obama would travel to the Middle East, bow before the Saudi king, and repeatedly apologize for America's past actions. That he would travel to Latin America where he would warmly greet Venezuela's strongman Hugo Chavez and sit passively in the audience while Nicaraguan Marxist thug Daniel Ortega charged America with terrorist aggression in Central America.

Would you have said, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

8. Okay, now what if I were to tell you that Obama wants to dismantle conservative talk radio through the imposition of a new "Fairness Doctrine." That he wants to curtail the First Amendment rights of those who may disagree with his policies

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EDITORIAL-GAVEL GAMUT

HISTORY TEACHERS

By Judge James Redwine

Jerry and Marsha King of Mt. Vernon, Indiana are teachers. They may have matriculated from the organized school system, but they continue to give generously of their knowledge. Although I have known Jerry and Marsha for over a quarter of a century, our friendship began in earnest when their son, John, and our son, Jim, along with several other Posey County young people were called to serve in the Gulf War (1990-1991).

War has a way of concentrating a parent's thoughts and bringing parents together. Since the Gulf War, it has been my pleasure to learn first hand about Jerry and Marsha's extensive knowledge of Posey County history. Jerry, as Major-General Alvin P. Hovey, and Marsha, as Mrs. Hovey, often portray our most famous citizen and his wife.

Jerry has numerous Civil War Era artifacts, a full uniform and a wealth of knowledge about Hovey and Posey County during the Civil War. He and Marsha, also, have created a living laboratory of learning concerning the 1830's through the 1880's known as the Old Solitude Pioneer Village. It sits on part of the Kings' property right on Big Creek and right where the tracks of the railroad used to run.

Marsha gave me their Mission Statement:

"What we are attempting to do on about an acre of our small farm at Solitude is to recreate an early pioneer village landscape of around 1830.

In America today there is the mentality of, 'throw away the old and make way for the new.' We want to save examples of our heritage.

Our primary mission is to acquire, restore, preserve and exhibit pioneer items for the purpose of educating the youth and adults of today."

Seldom has a couple accomplished their objectives so well. When I walked through the hand-hewn log structures made with notched dove-tailed and half-notched corners complete with hand chinking and rock, mud and stick chimneys, I left the worries of crashing stock markets and entered Abraham Lincoln's and Alvin Hovey's 19th Century Posey County.



Jerry and Marsha started their restoration project in 1973 and have worked hard on it ever since. They have created an amazingly impressive 1830's pioneer village complete with a church, a store, a school, a smokehouse, two cabins, a well, several stock pens and sheds and the old railway weigh station.

The fine efforts of Mr. and Mrs. King to help scout troops, school children, civic clubs and the general public to appreciate the hardy men and women who built our county and our country have been recognized by the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution Conservation Committee, which in 2005 awarded the Solitude Village first place in the East Central Division, and which in 2005-2006 praised Jerry and Marsha for their "Outstanding Achievement for Environmental Awareness."

Jerry and Marsha will, once again, be helping to educate all of us at the Mt. Vernon River Days on September 11th and 12th.

Next week I plan to take those of you who want to see how old Abraham and Alvin lived and practiced law inside the King's representation of Lincoln's old Illinois law office. Come rejoin the tour of Jerry and Marsha's fabulous teaching endeavor.

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via internet blogs, cable news networks, or advocacy ads. That most major network television and most newspapers will only sing his phrases like state-run media in communist countries?

Would you say, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

9. What if I were to tell you that the Obama Justice Department is doing everything it can to limit your Second Amendment rights to keep and bear arms. That the federal government wants to reinstate the so-called assault weapons ban which would prohibit the sale of any type of firearm that requires the shooter to pull the trigger every time a round is fired. That Obama's Attorney General wants to eliminate the sale of virtually all handguns and ammunition, which most citizens choose for self-defense.

Would you say, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

10. What if I were to tell you that the Obama plan is to eliminate states rights guaranteed by the Tenth Amendment and give the federal government sweeping new powers over policies currently under the province of local and state governments and voted on by the people. That Obama plans to control

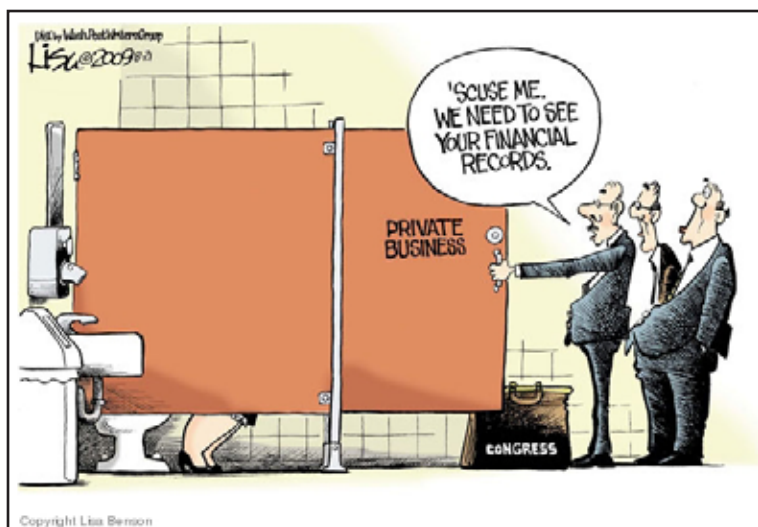
the schools, energy production, the environment, health care, and the wealth of every US citizen.

Would you say, "C'mon that will never happen in America?"

11. What if I were to tell you that the president, the courts, and the federal government have ignored the US Constitution and have seized powers which the founders of our country fought to restrict. That our last presidential election may have been our last truly free election for some time to come. That our next presidential election may look similar to the one recently held in Iran ... (And maybe under review by ACORN.)

I know, I know what you will say. "That will never happen in America!"

If we don't do everything in our power to stop this madness in 2010... May God have mercy on our worthless souls.



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U.S. News & World Report Names UE Among Midwest's Top 10

The University of Evansville is once again among the Top 10 Master's-granting institutions in the Midwest, one of the two best values in the region, and ranks among the most "committed to teaching."

In U.S. News & World Report's annual "Best Colleges" issue, which will hit newsstands Monday, the University of Evansville gained ground in both the Best Value and Best Master's-granting Universities/Midwest categories, while also landing at #6 on the new listing of Midwest universities showing a "Strong Commitment to Teaching." The University ranked #10 among all Master's-granting institutions in the Midwest – up from #11 last year – and was named the #2 Best Value in the Midwest, up from #3 in 2008.

The rankings are an indication of UE's academic quality,

reputation, and reasonable cost of attendance.

"At the University of Evansville, we are constantly striving to provide our students with the best academic available," said UE President Stephen Jennings. "Being listed among the Top 10 Master's-granting institutions in the Midwest is an indication that we are succeeding in that goal, while our ranking among the region's Best Value institutions shows that we are providing that life-transforming educational experience at an affordable cost for our students.

"And, of course, being listed among the Midwest institutions most dedicated to teaching is at testament to our incredible faculty, who earn this distinction day-in and day-out through their commitment to preparing every student to engage the world as informed, ethical, and productive citizens."

Joining UE in the Top 10 of Master's-granting institutions in the Midwest are schools like Xavier University, Butler University, Valparaiso University, and – at #1 – Creighton University. Only Creighton University outranked UE among the region's Best Values.

Overall, 142 universities in 12 Master's-granting universities in the Midwest were ranked on the list. The University of Evansville was the only Southwestern Indiana institution to make the top tier.

"Ranking where we did in each category, among 142 eligible institutions, is just one of the many indicators confirming our success in maintaining the highest academic quality at the University of Evansville," Jennings said.

Selection on the U.S. News & World Report list is based upon six key measures of academic quality. Included among those measures are assessment by administrators at peer institutions, student graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, and alumni giving.

The rankings are designed to help prospective students and parents evaluate their college choices. The listings include more than 1,400 accredited four-year schools. The "Best Colleges" rankings are available online today at www.usnews.com/colleges, and will be published in the U.S. News & World Report's September issue, available on newsstands Monday, August 24.





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McNamara to receive Lawrence Senesh Award for School Administrators

Wendy McNamara, Director of Early College High School in Evansville, Ind. has been selected to receive the prestigious Lawrence Senesh Award for School Administrators from the Indiana Council for Economic Education (ICEE). Wendy will receive this award on Friday, September 25 at ICEE's Annual Awards for Excellence Program at the Indiana State House. This award is given every year in honor of Larry Senesch, the first professor of economic education in the United States. While at Purdue, Dr. Senesh developed the idea of the organic curriculum, which is based on the idea that children can learn fundamental economics at an early age through meaningful experiences. His ideas were formulated into a series of elementary school text books entitled Our Working World, published by Science Research Associates.

The ICEE gives this award each year to an outstanding school administrator who has excelled in promoting economic education in his or her school or school corporation. Wendy has been able to increase the University of Southern Indiana (USI) Center for Economic Education's vital contact and liaison with area teachers in Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation. For the past five

years she has consistently supported economic education through her time, talents, and partnership with Dr. Greg Valentine, Director of the USI Center for Economic Education, which is part of ICEE's network of 11 university centers for economic education. This support has made a critical difference in the success of Center and ICEE programs.

Founded in 1954, the ICEE is a comprehensive partnership of leaders from business, labor, agriculture, education, and government dedicated to increasing economic literacy in Indiana. Its mission is to prepare students to become active citizens and productive members of our economy by providing them with the ability to make sound economic decisions. Through a statewide network of regional University Centers, and in cooperation with the Indiana Department of Education, the ICEE provides economic education training, materials, and consulting assistance to thousands of Indiana educators each year.

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Welcome Week, a series of events allowing the University of Southern Indiana's new students to become better acquainted with USI, is Thursday, August 27, through Thursday, September 3. Move-In Day, with volunteer help from USI faculty and staff including new Men's Basketball Coach Rodney Watson, is Thursday, August 27, as well. Classes begin Monday, August 31.

Welcome Week events include Convocation, the official welcome and induction of new freshmen and transfer students into the University community, from 9:15 to 10:30 a.m. Friday, August 28, in the Physical Activities Center.

The keynote speaker is Rick Hudson '02, who graduated magna cum laude from USI and was the recipient that year of the President's Medal, the University's highest honor. Hudson holds a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Louisville and is completing a doctorate at Indiana University. He joined USI this fall as assistant professor of mathematics.

Other events include:

- A picnic with faculty and staff.
- Programs on what students need to know about classes, academic support, and University resources.
- Meetings for campus residents, commuter students, and nontraditional students.
- A late-night event at the renovated and expanded Recreation, Fitness, and Wellness Center with volleyball, swimming, ping pong, card and board games, basketball, and foosball. (A ribbon-cutting for the RFWC will be held at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, September 3.)
- Student volunteers to help new students locate their classes.
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The complete Welcome Week schedule is posted at www.usi.edu/welcomeweek/schedule.asp.



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UE Announces Berger Award Winners

The University of Evansville is pleased to announce W. Bryan Lynch and David E. Mitchell as the winners of the 2009 Sadelle and Sydney Berger Awards, given annually to members of the UE faculty for both scholarship and service.

Lynch, an associate professor of chemistry and chair of UE's chemistry department, received the award for scholarship, while Mitchell, an associate professor of electrical engineering, earned the award for service. Both awards were given at the University's annual Fall Faculty & Administrator Conference by UE Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs Susan Kupisch, who presented the awards on behalf of the Berger family.

"Every year, it is our distinct pleasure to honor two members of our faculty with the Berger Award," said UE President Stephen Jennings. "This is one of the most prestigious awards our University can bestow upon its faculty; through their exceptional research and service to UE, Bryan Lynch and David Mitchell have more than earned the recognition they receive today."

Mitchell, who came to UE after a stint as the chief systems engineer for Sensitrol, Inc., in Albion, Illinois, earned the Berger Award for service through his tireless "off-the-clock" work for

the University's College of Engineering & Computer Science. As a member of that department's faculty, Mitchell is an annual volunteer instructor at the college's OPTIONS programs, as well as a frequent presenter of lectures and demonstrations for prospective students at UE Open House weekends. He has been faculty advisor for innumerable electrical and computer engineering student projects, a technical advisor for nearly every student project in his department, and a guide for students as they prepare for regional, national, and international engineering competitions each year. He also acts as a frequent consultant to the University community and its professional alumni in areas of electronic circuit and microprocessor applications.

An alum of the University of Evansville, Mitchell received a B.S. in electrical engineering from UE, before going on to earn an M.S. in physics and astronomy from the University of Toledo. He has been employed at the University of Evansville since 1976.

Lynch, who earned the Berger Award for scholarship, was rewarded for his research into the study of small molecules. Using a nitrogen-pumped dye laser, Lynch has studied the structure of electronic excited states of small molecules in the gas phase – including a two-semester period in 2007 when he took a sabbatical in Massachusetts to study in the research labs at MIT. His project, supported by the Lilly Endowment, Inc., the Petroleum Research Fund, and the American Chemical Society, led him to work with isocyanogen, CNCN, to observe and determine the structure of its first electronically excited state – something that had never been done before.

Lynch earned a B.S. in chemistry from the University of Pittsburgh, and earned his Ph.D. in physical chemistry from the same institution. Before coming to UE in 1994, he worked as a research scientist at several companies in Pennsylvania, including Advance Materials Corporation and Gulf Research and Development Co., where he was a project leader.

The Berger Awards are presented annually in memory of Sadelle and Sydney Berger. Sadelle was a UE graduate and life-long member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences at UE. Sydney was a well-known local attorney. Both dedicated their lives to public service. The Berger family established the endowment to give recognition to faculty at the University of Evansville.

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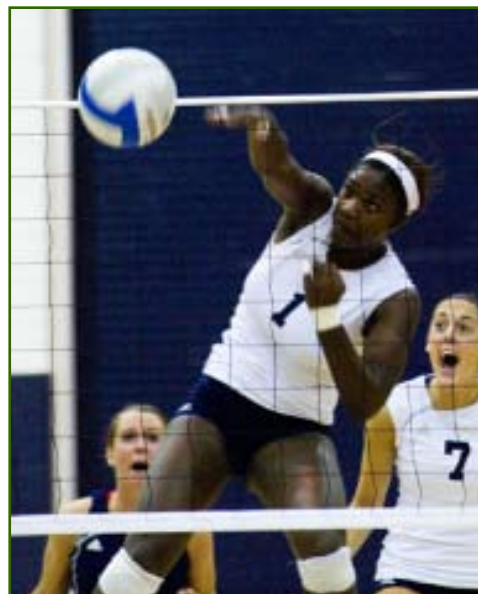
EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The University of Southern Indiana volleyball team has endured two weeks of two-a-day practices and is finally set to open its 2009 schedule when it takes on the University of Minnesota-Crookston Friday at 1 p.m. (CDT) in Big Rapids, Michigan.

USI, which is looking to build off a strong finish to the 2008 season, plays four matches this weekend, including a pair of regional contests with Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic foes Northwood University (Friday at 4 p.m.) and Saginaw Valley State University (Saturday at 1:30 p.m.). The Screaming Eagles also square off with West Virginia State University Saturday at 8:30 a.m.

The Eagles, who were picked to finish sixth in the GLVC in the coaches' preseason poll, return six starters from last season's squad. Junior outside hitter Brittani Oliver is one of

USI's top returners after earning third-team All-GLVC honors a year ago. Oliver averaged 2.83 kills and 2.87 digs per set a year ago.

Following USI's season-opening weekend, the Eagles travel to Findlay, Ohio, to compete in the TownePlace Suites Classic.



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Aces' Tennis Team Begins Practice

The University of Evansville women's tennis team kicked off its season by starting practice today at the UE Tennis Courts. The Aces are gearing up for the season after finishing the 2008-2009 campaign with a 11-10 record and a seventh place finish in the Missouri Valley Conference.

The core of the team will be returning along with three new faces on the team. Returning are juniors Kate Chybowski (Appleton, Wis./Appleton North), Ashton Schwerin (Madison, Wis./Madison East) and Pin Sorenson (Newburgh, Ind./Castle), and sophomores Theadora Kotsiou (Adelaide, Australia/Marryatville) and Payal Sharma (Jasper, Ind./Jasper).

Along with the returners, UE Head Coach Christine Bader announced three newcomers will be joining the Aces. They are sophomores Jessica Raatz (St. Louis Mo./Ursuline Academy) and Aleksandra Dzakula (Beograd, Serbia), and freshman Carolyn Caire (Nashville, Tenn./Father Ryan)

The Aces begin their fall season by hosting the Aces Fall Classic at the UE Tennis Courts September 18 and 19. After this invitational the Aces will travel to East Lansing, MI for the Spartan Invitational and Fort Wayne, IN for IPFW Invitational. The Aces will head back home to host the MVC Individual Championships at Wesselman Park Tennis Complex October 9-11.

Also, a familiar face will be joining the coach staff this year. Allie Cox, a 2009 graduate and four-year letterwinner at UE, joins the coaching staff for the season.

Coach Bader on the upcoming season: "I am very excited to start the season. I have a great group of girls and staff ready to go to work this year. Having Allie come back to Evansville is great for our program. She was a big contributor to the team last year and her leadership on



Junior Pin Sorensen is one of five players returning this year.

and off the court is something the rest of the team looks up to. Also, I think my team is ready to go. My returners seem anxious to get back on the court together. My three newcomers will be great additions. Everyone on this team brings something to the table!"

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Eagles Women's hoops announce 2009-10 schedule

Dan McDonnell, USI Sports Information

EVANSVILLE, Ind.—The University of Southern Indiana women's basketball team announced that it will open its 2009-10 schedule at the Disney Division II West Coast Tip-Off Classic in Anaheim, California, October 30-November 1.

USI plays three of its 29 regular-season games at the Disney Division II Tip-Off Classic, including a match-up with nationally ranked Fort Lewis College (Durango, Colorado).

Following their trip to California, the Screaming Eagles visit Indiana State University November 8 for an exhibition game before visiting Midwest Region foe Wayne State University November 15.

Including Wayne State, the Eagles play 11 games against non-conference competition and three games against teams from the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Conference.

The Eagles' home schedule, which opens with a three-game stretch November 18 against NCAA II newcomer Urbana University, features 14 games. In addition to Urbana, the Eagles host Marygrove (November 22) and Lincoln Memorial University (November 24).

USI participates in the Bellarmine Thanksgiving Classic in Louisville, Kentucky, November 28-29. USI will square off against the University of Saint Francis (Indiana) to begin the two-game stretch before ending the swing with a bout with GLIAC foe Hillsdale College.

The Eagles return home December 3 to open Great Lakes Valley Conference play against Bellarmine University before hosting defending GLVC champion Northern Kentucky University December 5.

With the addition of the University of Illinois-Springfield and Maryville University, the GLVC has moved to three five-team divisions (East, North, West). The Eagles will compete in the East Division against their more natural rivals, Bellarmine, Northern Kentucky, Kentucky Wesleyan College, and the University of Indianapolis.

USI plays each team from the East Division twice in 2009-10, while it plays teams from the North and West Divisions once.

The Eagles games against Bellarmine and Northern Kentucky in early December start a six-game homestand, the Eagles' longest home stretch of the season. USI also hosts the University of North Alabama (December 9), Ferris State University (December 30),

Illinois-Springfield (January 2), and Saint Joseph's College (January 4) during the six-game stand.

USI makes its first GLVC road trip of the season January 7 when it visits Missouri University of Science and Technology. USI also visits Maryville University January 9 before traveling to Owensboro, Kentucky, to take on Kentucky Wesleyan January 14.

The Eagles' only home game during an eight-game stretch comes against defending GLVC regular-season champion Quincy University January 16. Following its game with the Hawks, the Eagles get on the bus for Springfield, Missouri, and Drury University for a four-game road trip that includes stops at Indianapolis (January 21), the University of Wisconsin-Parkside (January 28), and Lewis University (January 30).

USI wraps up its home schedule with a four-game homestand beginning February 4 when the Eagles host the University of Missouri-St. Louis. USI also hosts Rockhurst University (February 6), Indianapolis (February 13), and Kentucky Wesleyan (February 15).

The Eagles conclude the regular season with trips to Northern Kentucky (February 18) and Bellarmine (February 20).

This year's GLVC Tournament will have a different format, as it will be played in a two-week span, with the first and second rounds being hosted on campus sites February 27-28. The semifinals and championship will be hosted in Springfield, Illinois, March 6-7.

The NCAA II Midwest Regional is March 12-15 on campus sites, while the NCAA II Elite Eight is March 23-26 in St. Joseph, Missouri.

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The Endeavor Awards for Research and Creativity are replacing the Research, Innovation, Scholarship, Creativity (RISC) program.

“The Endeavor Awards for Research and Creativity is a funding program across all disciplines with more muscle than its predecessor,” said Dr. Jim Durbin, associate professor of geology, who directs the program with the assistance of Dr. Brian Posler, assistant provost for Undergraduate Studies.

“The funding available to support individual work has increased for all projects. The new program also has removed several restrictions on how funding may be spent, including an option that allows student to be paid to work on the project. A new option has been added to allow for faculty to more easily incorporate students into their academic research areas by allowing faculty to be the primary author on the proposal, provided students are brought into the project.”

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Endeavor's Presentation Award offers travel grants of up to \$1,000 to help defray the transportation and hotel costs students can incur when they are presenting their research or creative projects at professional and academic meetings.

First Friday deadlines

Applications for the funding research proposals will be accepted throughout the year. Submissions will be due at 4:30 p.m. on the first Friday of September, October, November, December, February, March, and April. Applications forms are available online at www.usi.edu/endeavor.

Hatch a New Idea promotion

“A marketing effort is underway across campus to generate interest in the program,” said Durbin. “You’ll see the ‘Hatch a new idea’ marketing message and the new Endeavor Awards logo on posters, the USI web site, and in advertising across campus.

“As the promotion suggests, ‘Hatching poultry from an egg is

routine, but hatching a robotic chicken from a golden egg is worth exploring.’ We want students and faculty to participate and enter their new ideas for the Endeavor Awards.”

Endeavor Awards will sponsor an undergraduate research symposium in April of each year. Student researchers, faculty sponsors, faculty researchers, and students contributing to faculty research have the opportunity to present their completed work at the event.

Durbin said, “Anyone who has done research or creative works of any kind, regardless of whether or not they have received monetary support from the Endeavor Awards is encouraged to present their effort at the Endeavor Undergraduate Research Symposium,” said Durbin. “Of course those who do receive funds are required to present their work,” he added.

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End-of-Life Care Guide for Veterans

By Don Counts, Staff Writer

The Health Care Debate in Washington and across our Country is heating up. We are bombarded from the Left and the Right about what is good for us. We have all heard about the results of Socialized Medicine in England and Canada. This should be fair warning. I am a Marine, retired after 24 years service. I received a disturbing email about End of Life Care for Veterans. I decided it is time to research this question. The last reference is for the manual (Your Life, Your Choices) from the Veterans Administration, the preceding links reference.

Specter Calls for Hearings on End-of-Life Care Guide for Veterans - Political News - FOXNews.com <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2009/08/23/sen-specter-calls-hearings-end-life-care-guide-veterans/>

Sen. Arlen Specter has called for hearings to scrutinize a guide for veterans' end-of-life care which one former Bush official says sends a "hurry-up-and-die" message to injured troops. The guide, called "Your Life, Your Choices," was suspended under the Bush administration but has been revived under the current Department of Veterans Affairs.

Jim Towey, former director of the White House Office of Faith-Based Initiatives, told "FOX News Sunday" that the document makes injured veterans feel like a burden, encourages the severely injured to die and should be tossed out.

Specter, a member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, said it raises "a lot of questions" and that he would call for hearings immediately. "I think consideration ought to be given right now to suspending it pending hearings," Specter, D-Pa., told "FOX News Sunday."

Towey first wrote about the revival of the manual last week in The Wall Street Journal.

"This is a slippery slope," he said Sunday. "When you look at the book it makes people feel like they're a burden and they should do the decent thing and die. ... When a veteran comes back from Iraq, they shouldn't be given a book like this."

Towey called the guide "fundamentally flawed" and said it should be pulled from the Web site.

But Tammy Duckworth, an injured

veteran who is the assistant secretary for the Department of Veterans Affairs, said the manual is still under revision -- as stated in a disclaimer on the official Web site -- and has not officially been "reinstated."

She said it was one of many options for injured veterans, calling it "simply a tool."

"This ultimately is about the ... health care for veterans," Duckworth said.

Though Duckworth said the document has not been fully vetted, an official directive from July tells VA health practitioners to refer veterans to the document. Duckworth questioned whether that directive had been authorized at the highest levels.

Towey said the questions posed by the guide embed the suggestion that veterans who are suffering may want to choose death.

One section titled, "What Makes Your Life Worth Living?" offers a checklist of scenarios -- the person filling out the form is asked to rate whether life would be worth living under each of them.

"I am a severe financial burden on my family," says one of them. "My situation causes severe emotional burden for my family," says another.

The Death Book for Veterans. Ex-soldiers don't need to be told they're a burden to society. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204683204574358590107981718.html>

By Jim Towey

If President Obama wants to better understand why America's discomfort with end-of-life discussions threatens to derail his health-care reform, he might begin with his own Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). He will quickly discover how government bureaucrats are greasing the slippery slope that can start with cost containment but quickly become a systematic denial of care.

Last year, bureaucrats at the VA's National Center for Ethics in Health Care advocated a 52-page end-of-life planning document, "Your Life, Your Choices." It was first published in 1997 and later promoted as the VA's preferred living will throughout its vast network of hospitals and nursing homes. After the Bush White House took a look at how this document was treating complex health and moral issues,

the VA suspended its use. Unfortunately, under President Obama, the VA has now resuscitated "Your Life, Your Choices."

Who is the primary author of this workbook? Dr. Robert Pearlman, chief of ethics evaluation for the center, a man who in 1996 advocated for physician-assisted suicide in *Vacco v. Quill* before the U.S. Supreme Court and is known for his support of health-care rationing.

"Your Life, Your Choices" presents end-of-life choices in a way aimed at steering users toward predetermined conclusions, much like a political "push poll." For example, a worksheet on page 21 lists various scenarios and asks users to then decide whether their own life would be "not worth living."

The circumstances listed include ones common among the elderly and disabled: living in a nursing home, being in a wheelchair and not being able to "shake the blues." There is a section which provocatively asks, "Have you ever heard anyone say, 'If I'm a vegetable, pull the plug'?" There also are guilt-inducing scenarios such as "I can no longer contribute to my family's well being," "I am a severe financial burden on my family" and that the vet's situation "causes severe emotional burden for my family."

When the government can steer vulnerable individuals to conclude for themselves that life is not worth living, who needs a death panel?

One can only imagine a soldier surviving the war in Iraq and returning without all of his limbs only to encounter a veteran's health-care system that seems intent on his surrender.

I was not surprised to learn that the VA panel of experts that sought to update "Your Life, Your Choices" between 2007-2008 did not include any representatives of faith groups or disability rights advocates. And as you might guess, only one organization was listed in the new version as a resource on advance directives: the Hemlock Society (now euphemistically known as "Compassion and Choices").

This hurry-up-and-die message is clear and unconscionable. Worse, a July 2009 VA directive instructs its primary care physicians to raise advance care planning with all VA

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patients and to refer them to “Your Life, Your Choices.” Not just those of advanced age and debilitated condition—all patients. America’s 24 million veterans deserve better.

Many years ago I created an advance care planning document called “Five Wishes” that is today the most widely used living will in America, with 13 million copies in national circulation. Unlike the VA’s document, this one does not contain the standard bias to withdraw or withhold medical care. It meets the legal requirements of at least 43 states, and it runs exactly 12 pages.

After a decade of observing end-of-life discussions, I can attest to the great fear that many patients have, particularly those with few family members and financial resources. I lived and worked in an AIDS home in the mid-1980s and saw first-hand how the dying wanted more than health care—they wanted someone to care.

If President Obama is sincere in stating that he is not trying to cut costs by pressuring the disabled to forgo critical care, one good way to show that commitment is to walk two blocks from the Oval Office and pull the plug on “Your Life, Your Choices.” He should make sure in the future that VA decisions are guided by values that treat the lives of our veterans as gifts, not burdens.

Mr. Towey, president of Saint Vincent College, was director of the White House Office of Faith-Based Initiatives (2002-2006) and founder

of the nonprofit Aging with Dignity.

Your Life, Your Choices - US Department of Veterans Affairs

Subject: Planning for Future Medical Decisions: How to Prepare a Personalized Living Will

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This prompted me to see exactly what does page 21 say:

21 - Instructions To help others make sense out of your answers think about the following questions and be sure to explain your answers to your loved ones and health care providers. After each question there is a box to be checked:

Life like this would be:

Difficult, but acceptable

Worth living, but just barely

Not Worth Living

Can’t Answer Now

If you checked “worth living, but just barely” for more than one factor, would a combination of these factors make your life “not worth living?” If so, which factors?

If you checked “not worth living,” does this mean that you would rather die than be kept alive?

If you checked “can’t answer now,” what information or people do you need to help you decide?

- I can no longer walk but get around in a wheelchair.
- I can no longer get outside—I spend all day at home.
- I can no longer contribute to my family’s well being.
- I am in severe pain most of the time.
- I have severe discomfort most of the time (such as nausea, diarrhea, or shortness of breath).
- I rely on a feeding tube to keep me alive.
- I rely on a kidney dialysis machine to keep me alive.
- I rely on a breathing machine to keep me alive.
- I need someone to help take care of me all of time.
- I can no longer control my bladder.
- I can no longer control my bowels.
- I live in a nursing home.
- I can no longer think clearly—I am confused all the time.
- I can no longer recognize family/friends
- I can no longer talk and be understood by others.
- My situation causes severe emotional burden for my family (such as feeling worried or stressed all the time).
- I am a severe financial burden on my family.
- I cannot seem to “shake the blues.”
- Other (write in):

What does this sound like to you? If questions like this are being asked of our veterans what are the chances these same questions will be asked of your grandma and grandpa. Is this the beginning of Obamacare? I’m encouraging you to get involved in politics, I know it has gotten to be a dirty business, but we have to fight for what is right and the American Way.



Two new scholarships join Posey County Community Foundation's "family of funds"

Posey County, Indiana – Bill Gillenwater, board president of the Posey County Community Foundation, announced today that the Foundation has welcomed two new scholarship funds: the Katie Kanowsky Memorial Scholarship and the Health Professions Scholarship.

Frank and Kathy Kanowsky, together with their daughter Karen Wilson, established the Katie Kanowsky Memorial Scholarship. It is available to graduating seniors at North Posey High School who plan to attend Murray State University. "Katie loved attending North Posey and Murray State," said her father. "She especially loved playing any type of sport. Everyone seemed to know Katie and her smile. She never knew a stranger." Adds Kathy, "Anyone who knew Katie loved her zest for life and willingness to help others. It was Katie's request to start a scholarship for North Posey High School students attending Murray State. We could not have done this without the help of family, friends, and coworkers." Katie graduated from North Posey in 2001 and from Murray State in 2007. She put her marketing degree to work for at BWXT at the Y-12 National Security Complex in Tennessee. "We are proud to be partnering with the Posey County Community Foundation," say the Kanowskys. "The scholarship is a special way to keep Katie's memory alive."

The Health Profession Scholarship was established by anonymous donors to encourage Mt. Vernon High School students to pursue advanced education in healthcare at any Indiana college, at Western Kentucky College or at Wabash Valley College.

"The Posey County Community Foundation is pleased that these donors have entrusted us to administer their scholarship funds," said Gillenwater. "Scholarship funds are among the most popular among our donors, who very often say they are inspired by a strong desire to help local students pursue advanced education. Students for generations to come will be awarded these scholarships at North Posey and Mt. Vernon High School."

The Posey County Community Foundation now administers 73 charitable funds established by individuals, families, businesses, civic groups, and agencies to improve the quality of life in Posey County. Founded in 1992, the Foundation is a charitable organization formed to strengthen our community by awarding grants to local nonprofits, by bringing individuals together to address community needs, and by offering personalized charitable gift planning services to our donors. Contact Julie Eickhoff at 812.838.0288 or visit www.poseycommunityfoundation.org to learn more.



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Deig appointed to study committee on gaming

Interim legislative study to review numerous proposals on the state's regulation of gaming

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Senate President Pro Tem David Long (R-Fort Wayne), upon recommendation by Senate Democrat Leader Vi Simpson (D-Ellettsville), has appointed State Senator Bob Deig (D-Mount Vernon) to serve on the Interim Study Committee on Gaming. The committee will review a number of gaming issues including land-based gaming, non-smoking accommodations in riverboat casinos and racinos, and gaming license fees. Deig has also been assigned to the Interim Study Committee on Alcoholic Beverage Issues which will review the sale and distribution process of alcohol in Indiana, presumably including Sunday sales.

Additionally, Deig serves on the Workforce Innovation Council, Water Resources Study Committee, Regulatory Flexibility Committee, New Harmony Commission, Pension Management Oversight Commission, and Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations.

Other topics assigned for review this year by the General Assembly include the following:

Education: The Interim Study Committee on Education will address issues including early school start dates, the need for after-school programming, and the funding and availability of state-sponsored, locally administered adult education programs.

School funding: A separate Interim Study Committee on the School Funding Formula has been formed to review the existing formula and make determinations on how the formula could be adapted to better accommodate the needs of Indiana's schools.

Unemployment fund oversight: The Unemployment Insurance Oversight Committee was established this year to provide legislative review and recommendations to improve the solvency of the trust fund for the state's unemployment benefits.

Victim's compensation: The Sentencing Policy Study Committee has been assigned, among other topics, with the review of the delayed payment of claims from the Victim Compensation Fund administered by the Indiana Criminal Justice Institute.

The General Assembly annually convenes interim study committees and permanent commissions to conduct in-depth research and analysis of issues affecting the state. Recommendations from these committees are often the basis for future legislation. More information about committee topics, schedules and agendas is available online at www.in.gov/legislative/interim.

For more information on Sen. Deig, his legislative agenda or other State Senate business, call 1-800-382-9467 or visit www.senatedemocrats.IN.gov.



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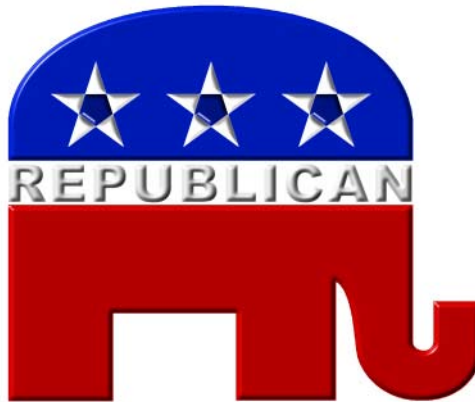
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GOP announces upcoming events

Last Chance to Reserve a Seat for Lincoln Day Dinner

Don't miss out on this opportunity to meet Rep. Mike Pence, this Friday 7:00 PM at Cambridge Golf Course (1120 Cambridge Village Sq, Evansville, IN 47725). Open seats still remain; call 812-425-8207 or email Matt Justak at mjustak@gmail.com, and reserve your spot today!

Prices: Individual Dinner, \$100
Individual Dinner with VIP Pass, \$250
Table of 8 with 2 VIP Passes, \$1000
Table of 8 with 8 VIP Passes, \$1500



members by participating in the upcoming golf outing. On Friday, September 18, 12:00 PM at Eagle Valley Golf Course, come out and meet our elected officials Joe Kiefer, Russ Lloyd, Jim Raben and Tom Shetler. Player fee includes golf, cart, lunch, beverages on the course & prizes.

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If interested, make checks payable to GOP Council Victory PAC, c/o Russell Lloyd, P. O. Box 15305, Evansville, IN 47716.

Meet Secretary of State Candidate Charlie White this Saturday

Join the Warrick County GOP for their monthly breakfast meeting this Saturday, August 29. They will meet at The Black Buggy Restaurant at the corner of S. Green River Road and Lynch Road. Cost for the breakfast buffet is \$ 7.49 and payable directly to the Black Buggy. Plan on gathering in the meeting room at 7:30 am to socialize, eat between 8:00 and 8:30, followed by a meeting from 8:30 to 9:00. Special guest speaker will be Hamilton County GOP Chairman, and Candidate for Secretary of State Charlie White! RESERVATIONS ARE NOT REQUIRED.

County Council Golf Outing

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“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.”

The City-County Observer Mission Statement

The primary focus of this online publication will be built upon the foundation of honesty, trust, and strong principles of journalistic integrity. Our mission will be to give out readers the answers to vital, often complex information they need to live safer and more enriched lives. This publication shall be non-partisan with consistent and objective reporting. We will not only report and inform our readers about political events, but we will seek out and provide insight into the not-so-apparent political issues, which help shape our lives. In essence our publication will be built on the cornerstone of service and trust to the taxpayers and citizens of Posey, Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties. While we strive to educate and inform, we shall serve as a community watchdog by sounding the alarm whenever our citizens rights are in danger of being violated by our elected and appointed officials.



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Office	3,000	2,500	Retail	3,000	1,876	Warehouse	5,700	2,375
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