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Fired Up For Life Stop Abortion – Life Chain 2009

By Don Counts, Staff Writer

The Brinker's Jeweler's Parking Lot at 111 South Green River Road was full of cars and supporters. The Vanderburgh County Right to Life Community conducted their annual Life Chain to Stand in Prayer for one hour to help stop abortion. This is a National project which includes Canada of people standing to make the abortion issue vibrant to the public. Prior to the beginning of the Life Chain, grilled hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies were provided.

I arrived a little early and had a chance to talk to Cathy Frances, Assistant Director of the Vanderburgh County Right to Life. I have known her for many years and had worked with her on projects for the Christian Life Center where she served as Director for many years. She talked about the hard work the Vanderburgh County Right to Life Organization had done in the 2008 election making people aware of who the pro-life candidate were. They are gearing up get the word out for 2010 election. I asked her if they provided free birth control pills. She said no, but Planned Parenthood provides low dose birth control pills and if the lady becomes pregnant, they are encouraged to get an abortion.

On the tables there was a list of suggested donations for the following items: Shirts, Magnets, Bumper Stickers, Bracelets, and Feet Pins that showed the size of a baby's perfectly formed feet at 10 weeks. There was a sign saying "Cemetery of Innocents, 2,000 Crosses Project" requesting sponsorship of a cross for \$5.00 or more Campaign. This cemetery is located on the Durchholz Farm in a field along I-164 and will be blessed during a ceremony on "All Saints Day" on Sunday, November 1 at 6 P.M. Where there will be a candlelight vigil. Director Mary Ellen Van Dyke said there are 53 million children that have lost their life to abortion. She also stated there are scholarships available for students that will stand up for life by applying online at www.evansvilleforlife.com.

In attendance were people in public service, including Ron Bacon Candidate for District 75 and Richard Mourdock Indiana State Treasurer and Steve Melcher County Commissioner. I overheard a man speaking to Melcher saying he was glad to see him there, even though he was not of his party. Steve replied I represent both sides and I have to do what is best for the City. Melcher has been a long time advocate for pro-life.



During introductions we were told that in the last 15 years of having the Life Chain they have only had one raining day. We were reminded if it is raining or snowing, as well as good days children are still dying

I talked to Richard Mourdock before he got up to speak. I asked him if he had prepared a speech to fire them up, he said I don't know I'll just give them some thoughts and he did. He was interrupted several times by applause. During his introduction they told about how he had volunteered with the Right to Life manning a booth at the 4H fair grounds before ever running for public office. The crowd was reminded that while they are standing with their signs on Green River Road to stand with peace and honor. Many supporters will honk and wave to them and if there is a person that gives an unflattering wave to smile and not respond to them.

When Mourdock got up to speak he told of not seeing so many people marching across the Country protesting the way things are going in Washington. People are concerned about the United States of America. Our Rights are being slowly taken away by big government. He told about how he took a case to the Supreme Court because Indiana was a Secure Creditor for the auto industry. Secured doesn't seem to mean the same thing anymore. Equality of Opportunity doesn't mean the

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Executive Inn Sold

Submitted by the City of Evansville

(EVANSVILLE, IN)- The final contract for the sale of the land and buildings of the Executive Inn has been signed by Browning Hotel Associates and United Central Bank of Texas, the current owner of the property. With that step in place, the Redevelopment Commission this morning approved the purchase of a portion of the property from Browning for the construction of the new downtown arena. These steps will make way for demolition to begin sometime in late October or early November.

“The sale of the Executive Inn will close one chapter on the history of downtown Evansville while another one is opened. In its place will be a modern hotel with all the expected amenities being developed by Browning. Not only will the new

hotel and our new arena transform the heart of our City, they will help improve the quality of life for our entire community,” said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel.

Browning will redevelop the tower which faces Walnut Street into a yet-to-be-named national flag, 3-star hotel. The hotel tower which faces 6th Street, the hotel pool and its conference rooms will be demolished in order for the City to build the arena.

“We’re pleased to be purchasing this asset as an integral component of the City of Evansville’s downtown arena project. Despite the overall economic situation, good projects backed by both public and private initiatives continue to make sense. We look forward to a

successful project with the City of Evansville,” said James W. Browning, Vice President, Browning Hotel Associates.

Under the terms of the contract between Browning and the Redevelopment Commission, Browning will deliver to the City the land needed for the arena and they will also make the repairs necessary to return the Walnut Street tower to a condition which will allow it to reopen. The total payment to Browning for the arena property, the demolition and their work to retain the value of the surviving hotel tower is \$11.9 million.

The land purchase agreement also contemplates a more specific Hotel Development Agreement being finalized in the next few months which will establish the additional details necessary to bring the structure up to the standards for a 3-star brand, including a new exterior appearance and the rebuilding of a swimming pool and meeting rooms. It is estimated that the private investment in the hotel project will total approximately \$30 million.

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.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Inauguration activities celebrate USI's third president

The formal installation of Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett as the University of Southern Indiana's third president will be the highlight of a week of inauguration activities October 10-16, 2009.

Dr. Constantine W. Curris, retired president of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities, will present the Inauguration Symposium "The Public's Universities: Continuity and Change" at 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, in Carter Hall in the University Center.

Curris has served as president of Murray State University, University of Northern Iowa, and Clemson University. He is an advocate for public higher education and a proponent of the qualitative strengthening of higher education institutions in order to meet public needs in the 21st century.

The inauguration will be held at 3 p.m. Thursday, October 15, in the Physical Activities Center. As part of the ceremony, delegates from colleges and universities throughout the country will join members of the USI faculty in the academic procession. Following the investiture, President Bennett will give her inaugural address, "Engaging the Future: Higher Education and the Common Good."

A public reception will be held in Carter Hall in the University Center immediately following the ceremony.

Here's the complete schedule of inauguration week events:

- Parents and Family Weekend, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, October 10. President Bennett will welcome USI students and parents during a picnic lunch on the quad hosted by the USI Parents and Families Association.

- Alumni Reception, 2 -4 p.m. Sun-



Dr. Linda L. M. Bennett

day, October 11. President Bennett will greet alumni during a reception in the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries hosted by the USI Alumni Association. Alumni art will be on display.

- New Harmony Reception, 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday, October 13. President Bennett will meet with donors and patrons at the Atheneum/Visitor's Center in New Harmony. Hosted by Friends of Historic New Harmony.

- Inauguration Symposium presented by Dr. Constantine W. Curris, 3 p.m. Wednesday, October 14, Carter Hall, University Center.

- Inauguration, 3 p.m. Thursday, October 15, Physical Activities Center. A reception in Carter Hall will follow the ceremony.

- President's Associates Dinner, 6:30 p.m. Friday, October 16, Carter Hall. President Bennett will greet major donors.

For more on Inauguration Week, go to www.usi.edu/president/inauguration/.

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Whirlpool Employee Assistance Timeline Announced

Submitted by the City of Evansville

(EVANSVILLE, IN) – A team assembled by Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel has set a timetable and drawn up a list of tasks to assist Whirlpool employees with the plant's closure in mid-2010. Employee orientations will begin immediately on-site with all Whirlpool workers and conclude by December 15, 2009. Employees will be presented with information on unemployment benefits, job search assistance and possible job training opportunities.

"Now that Local 808 and Whirlpool have finalized a severance package, we can step up our efforts to assist the workers. The team will spend the next few months working with Whirlpool employees to provide them with the tools they need to find employment and maintain financial stability after they leave Whirlpool," said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel.

An online survey has been assembled to be filled out by all Whirlpool employees who will be out of work once the plant closes. The data that is collected will be used to apply for additional assistance funds such as a National Emergency Grant (NEG) (<http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/>). A NEG targets workers at all levels to receive retraining, skills assessments, career counseling, and other assistance to help them find new opportunities to utilize their talents and skills in the workforce. All surveys should be completed by the end of the week of October 12th.

The team is also working with the Department of Workforce Development at the State level to see what types of assistance are available to Whirlpool workers. The current plan is to apply for these funds by the end of the week of October 19th.

Additionally, Local 808 and Whirlpool will file a joint petition with the U.S. Department of Labor before December 1, 2009, to see if workers are eligible for Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) (<http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/>). TAA was created to provide benefits and support workers who become unemployed due to the impact of international trade. If the petition is certified, workers can then apply for benefits and services such as: 156 weeks of full- or part-time training, a tax credit covering 80% of the worker's monthly premium for qualified health insurance, and allowance for a job search and/or relocating outside the local area.

In terms of other assistance, local post-secondary educational institutions have been meeting with WorkOne to determine what types of educational and job training opportunities will be needed by Whirlpool employees. The University of Evansville, University of Southern Indiana, Ivy Tech, Vincennes University, Oakland City University and Henderson Community College are working together so there is no duplication of classes being offered by each school. Computer classes will also be offered on-site at Whirlpool and should begin by either October or November 2009.



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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Jones Receives Civic Award for Bank on Evansville Concept

EVANSVILLE, IN) – Nominated by Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, Bob Jones, President and CEO of Old National Bancorp, has been awarded the 2009 Larry A. Conrad Civic Service Award by the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT). The award, which honors the contributions made by private citizens, companies or civic organizations to municipal government, was presented today during the IACT Annual Conference in French Lick.

Jones brought the “Bank On” concept to Mayor Weinzapfel in 2008 after learning about the pioneering and highly successful effort made by the City of San Francisco. Launched in September 2006, Bank on San Francisco was designed to improve the lives of low-to-moderate income residents through financial education and improved access to mainstream, affordable financial services.

“Without Bob’s vision and leadership, Bank on Evansville would not exist. Thanks to his commitment to improving the lives of our residents, Evansville is now assisting other cities and towns in Indiana with building a “Bank On” program to help families and individuals attain a greater measure of financial stability,” said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel.

In June 2008, Mayor Weinzapfel and Bob Jones jointly extended an invitation to the City’s banks and credit unions to participate in Bank on Evansville. Jones also identified the need for a project manager for Bank on Evansville and loaned the City Old National associate, Patty Avery, to fill the role. Avery worked full-time on Bank on Evansville from July 2008 through April 2009. Administration of the program is now transitioning to the United Way of Southwestern Indiana.

The 15 financial institutions involved in Bank on Evansville have opened a total of 324 accounts in the first two quarters of 2009. In five months, we reached 27% of our goal of opening 1,200 accounts in two years in Vanderburgh County.

Because of Bob Jones’ vision, Evansville is the first city in Indiana to implement the “Bank On” cities model. The City was asked to assist in the creation of “Bank on Indianapolis” and the launch of “Bank on Indiana”. Evansville has also been named a Faculty City for the National League of Cities, providing assistance with the implementation of “Bank On” in eight cities including Louisville. In addition, we have been asked for technical assistance by the Federal Reserve to help launch projects in Cincinnati, Owensboro and Memphis.

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EDITORIAL

Defining Deviancy Down



By
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In a 24-7 media world, one would have expected the story of Roman Polanski to last, oh, about 9 1/2 minutes. He raped a girl, admitted it, fled the country before sentencing, was caught again and now faces justice.

On what planet is this controversial?

We might shrug and say, "Only in France," where the culture minister called the arrest evidence of "a scary America that has just shown its face." Or, perhaps, we say, "Only in Hollywood," where more than 100 filmmakers and actors have petitioned for Polanski's release.

What's more likely is that we have reached the point, identified by the late senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan, at which deviancy has been defined down to such an extent that we no longer recognize it. If it isn't deviant for a 43-year-old man to stalk, drug, rape and sodomize a 13-year-old girl, what is?

Yet, during the past several days, Polanski has become a true cause celebre, point man in an international incident that has individuals and nations weighing in and staking out positions. That so many have rallied to protect him, insisting that he has suffered enough, is evidence of a much stranger development in human histo-

ry than that a man has seduced a child. As Moynihan's observation becomes more apt with time, those willing to stand athwart culture and shout "Stop it!" risk the most bedeviling of all epithets: Quel prude.

Perhaps, too, the story captured our imaginations because it is so, well, Polanski-esque, beginning with his capture in Switzerland, the axis of neutrality, just as he arrived for a celebration of his life's work. On some level, surely the agony of irony evokes at least a smirk of recognition. In an instant, his life's work was reduced from the sublime to the banal, the artist a mere ordinary criminal in the blindfolded eyes of justice.

It may well be true, as some have claimed, that the timing of Polanski's arrest is peculiar. It also may be true, as an HBO documentary posited last year, that the now-deceased judge in Polanski's case was guilty of misconduct in threatening to renege on a plea deal. These issues can be ironed out in a court of law. But neither the judge's actions nor Polanski's status as cultural icon alters the more compelling truth: that he is a fugitive in a rape case and has an outstanding debt to society.

The content of his acts, meanwhile, has never been in doubt. Any non-pedophile reading the grand jury transcripts can't fail to be repulsed by the girl's description of what transpired. In another twist of irony, Polanski directed a horror film in 1965 titled "Repulsion" in which a young, sexually repressed woman descends into madness. The cause of her sickness isn't clear, though the end of the movie hints that she was sexually abused as

a child.

If only Polanski had been able to banish his demons through his art and preclude the need for redemption. Instead, he seemed to reenact his fantasy with a real victim.

More sophisticated folk may view American jurisprudence as "scary," but we have this thing about protecting children from predators. Justice isn't only for the pillaged girl, now a forgiving mother of three, but also for a world that needs to affirm without hesitation that civilized people don't abide the sexual abuse of children. Anything else sends a message that children aren't safe -- and that predators are.

This seems so clear. Yet, Poland and France immediately asked Switzerland to release Polanski and said that they would approach Secretary of State Hillary Clinton about seeking clemency.

Would the coolest president ever risk offending our allies by hauling an admired son across the pond to be judged by Puritan cowboys? Would he bow to Hollywood and offend those who still believe that adult-child sex is verboten? Odds are better that American eagles will mate with Gallic roosters.

Polanski's friends, alas, may have miscalculated. After all, Barack Obama is the father of two girls. And Clinton, mother of a daughter, has traveled the world seeking to protect women and girls from predatory men.

Polanski may be out of luck this time, but despair not. Though art may salve the soul, only truth sets you free.

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EDITORIAL

COMMON SENSE

*By Benjamin Clark
Political Analyst*

LET THE POLITICAL GAMES BEGAN

The political has officially has begun. Vanderburgh County Republican party Chairmen, Nick Hermann has finally got it right! First, he hired Matthew Justak as Political Director of the Vanderburgh County Republican Party Central Committee. Then, he has taken time his time to find slate of credible candidates to challenge a strong slate of Democratic office holders in the upcoming election. The head of the Warrick County Republican Chairmen, C. Richard Martin, is doing similar in that County. From all indications, the Republican Party is really working to pick up many elective offices not only on a national scale but also on the state and local scale. The voters are disenchantment with our elected officials' lack luster performance over the last couple years.

CONTROL EXPECTED TO STAY THE SAME

Good news for the Vanderburgh County Republican Party is that they will manage to keep control of all of the Vanderburgh County Council seats held by members of their party because the voters know that they have done a responsible job in controlling budgetary costs over the last couple years. Also, the Democratic members serving on the County Council are done a very good job as "watch dogs" of tax payers money! The County Commissioners race will be a different story.

POLITICAL DOG FIGHT?

County Commissioner Troy Tornatta is up for re-election. Word on the street is that an extremely well connected and respected community leader is presently looking at this seat. If this happens, Commissioner Tornatta will be in the political battle of his life! Also, members of the opposing party can't wait to get a copy of his soon to be filed financial reports in order to see who paid \$2,500 to join his "CADILLAC CLUB".

STATE REP. RACE TO WATCH

The Republican Party will have a real challenge unseating Democratic State Rep., Russ Stilwell in District 74, Democratic State Rep. Dennis Avery District 75 and Democratic State Rep., Trent Van Haften of District 76. The real battle for the Republican Vanderburgh party is to win the State Rep seat is in District 77.

COMING ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Larry Beacon, of Newburgh, is planning to announce Monday (OCT. 12) that he will be running for the US House of Rep. the 8 District against US Rep. Brad Ellsworth. Dr. Beacon will have token competition in the Republican Primary against Kristi Risk, of Owens County, and Dan Stockton, of Putnam. Rep. Ellsworth made many of the Right to Life supporters happy when he took a strong stand against the funding of abortion in the national medical insurance debate. However, the subject of CAP AND TRADE and HEALTH CARE REFORM debate are closely being watch by the conservative base of the Republican Party. If Dr. Beacon's campaign is all about national health care reform period, he too will turn out to be a token candidate!

The real local race of importance political interest will be the race for Perry Township Trustee. The race will be decided in the Democratic primary because the 6th Ward is heavily democratic. The Democratic candidates for this office will be current Trustee David Mosby and highly regarded Westsiders, Rick Riney both individual are from well known political families. The political stakes are high because if Riney beats Mosby, then Al Lindsey will be posed to take on Mosby son-in-law (City Councilmen, B J WATTS) as the next City Councilmen from the 6th Ward. Riney and Lindsey will enjoy the full support of the powerful KENNDY CLUB and certain members of the "WEST-SIDERS AGAINST ANNEXATION."

GET READY FOR THE NO HOLDS BARE RACE!

The race between current Vanderburgh County Assessor-Jonathan Weaver and County Auditor-Bill Fluty will be a real barn burner. MR. Weaver will be trying to get re-elected as County Assessor and Mr. will challenge him to take over as the next Assessor. Mr. Weaver is banking that his good buddies, Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel and County Commissioner, Troy Tornatta political coat tails will be the extra boost he needs to be re-elected to his current position. Mr. Fluty will rely on his long-term political connections and friendships to make the difference in this election! This race is too close to call and will be extremely fun to watch!

THANKS, BUT NO THANKS

BOB JONES, CEO and President of Old National Bancorp, recently decided to return Federal Stimulus money back to the Feds. He seems like the only CEO of local banks that understand that "GOVERNMENT SHOULDN'T DO FOR BANKS WHAT BANKS CAN DO FOR THEMSELVES! We say "thanks" CEO, Bob Jones for making the right decision concerning tax payer's money!



BOMBAST OR BALM?

By Judge James Redwine

Judicial philosophy divides between combat and conciliation, advocacy and accommodation, controversy and cooperation, well, you get the point, enough of the pregnant pairings.

Some judges see their role as that of a referee in a boxing match where their only duty is to ensure a fair fight. Others believe the purpose of the legal system is more complex. There is some historic support for trial by combat, where one winner takes all. However, there is nothing novel about courts being facilitators and problem solvers.

For thousands of years tribal societies have known that the whole tribe suffers if discord continues unabated. In the book *Peacemaking Circles* by Kay Pramis, Barry Stuart and Mark Wedge, Living Justice Press, 2003, ISBN 0-9721886-0-6, the authors state their premise as:

"Long before we delegated our conflicts to experts, we came together in ancient peacemaking spaces to work through our differences and to make decisions toward the common good."

....
...[This approach is not] the latest technique or fad but an embodiment of both ancient and modern wisdom about how to keep human relationships alive, open, and constructive, especially when conflicts arise."

Courts that ascribe to the repair of relationships theory ask:

- (1) How can we move the parties toward healing?*
- (2) What can be done to repair the immediate harm and to prevent further harm?*
- (3) What wounds and circumstances---past and present---prevent the parties from having a healthy relationship between themselves and with others?*
- (4) What steps can the Court take or help others to take to understand the Parties' wounds and to aid healing?*

I have adapted the book's analysis of criminal law philosophy to domestic relations practice. My experience in both areas leads me to conclude there is much transference between them.

It is not just ancient tribal cultures that have recognized the value of these concepts. Indiana has a solid legislative and judge-made history of encouraging compromise and

reconciliation in family law matters.

For example, Indiana affords couples, in some counties, who are suffering domestic strife, the opportunity to seek the assistance of the courts before a divorce is filed or before post-dissolution matters are filed. Posey County's Bench and Bar will soon be asking the Indiana Supreme Court to approve a somewhat similar procedure for our county. See Indiana Code 31-12-1-8.

Posey County has long encouraged struggling couples to talk and cooperate instead of fight, especially where minor children are involved. Next week Posey County's specific domestic relations procedures required for separating and divorcing couples will be discussed. But, your family lawyer is already well aware of Posey County's policies; you may wish to check with your own legal advisor.





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EDITORIAL

IS IT TRUE?

Is it true that Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel announced in his 2008 State of the City address that the city would have to cut \$3.2 million from its budget in 2010?

Is it true that on August 3, 2006, Mayor Weinzapfel announced a “trash cart pilot program”? Is it true that approximately 800 households in the city’s Front Door Pride area received 90-gallon plastic trash carts? Is it true most residents that took part in the program found it to be a waste?

Is it true that in his 2006 State of the City address, Mayor Weinzapfel stated that Vectren and Old National Bank had “recently offered to chip in for a new arena Downtown? Is it true, however, that the mayor’s next mention of a proposed new arena was in his 2008 State of the City address? Is it true at that time, he said Gateway Consultants Group was the consultant on the renovation of Roberts Stadium? Is it true he also said, “Our consultants say the price tag would be about \$75 million to build a new arena with a capacity of 10,000. Construction of a facility with a capacity of 14,000 would cost about \$140 million,” in that same address?

Is it true that you can buy the original “Common Sense” at a local bookstore for a mere \$5?

Is it true that Civic Center employees have been told not to sign the petitions going around the city? Is it true they were told they cannot sign the petitions because they work in the Civic Center? Is it true one person, who works in the Civic Center, has been chewed out for signing the petitions? Is it

true this could be a violation of their Constitutional rights?

IS IT TRUE that front Door PRIDE is giving individuals who live in the Downtown Historical District a sum of \$5,000 to replace windows, put on new roof, replace downspouts and gutters and painting the exterior of these expensive Historical homes? Is it true that a recent example of FRONT DOOR PRIDE grant money was given by the Evansville Metropolitan Development Commission to a person who lived in the 700 block of S.E. Riverside Drive? IS IT TRUE that another example of FRONT DOOR PRIDE generous grant to help people to improve their dilapidated homes in the 4th Ward is located on the 200 block of Oak street downtown? IS IT TRUE that the grant was given to home owners to replace windows?

IS IT TRUE if you ask for the EVANSVILLE METROPOLITAN DEVELOPMENT Commission to provide you with a list of FRONT DOOR PRIDE money spent on some of the Historical Homes located in the Historical District (Riverside Drive, S E 1st, S E 2nd, S E 3rd and streets crossing these streets) could be very interesting? IS IT TRUE we through FRONT DOOR PRIDE program was started to repair the really dilapidated homes in the 4th Ward need fixing up so people could live in them?

IS IT TRUE the 2010 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT, EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT AND HOME INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP PROPOSALS BEING CONSIDERED BY EVANSVILLE CITY Council THIS COMING Monday IS EXTREMELY INTERESTING? IS IT TRUE true we find request # 67 OF The Community Development Proposal package extremely interesting? IS IT TRUE that the CAC (ADVISORY COMMITTEE set up to review and subject spending of the above funds) recommendations to the MAYOR were not heeded? Is IT TRUE that request to use money for acquisition and rehabilitation of homes in Akin Park area to be sold to income eligible families not being approved for funding? IS IT TRUE that the Mayor is recommending to City Council that they approve a whopping sum of \$256,759.00 for the Akin Park Infill New Construction Project?



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

RESOLUTION C-96-21, as amended

INTRODUCED BY: ALL MEMBERS

RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EVANSVILLE, INDIANA ON RIVERBOAT REVENUE EXPENDITURE

WHEREAS, the Common Council of the City of Evansville, Indiana recognizes that a riverboat has been operational on the Ohio River since December 1995, and operations are expected to continue through 1996 and subsequent years, and

WHEREAS, the City of Evansville, Indiana is projected to receive approximately \$8 million during the twelve months of 1996 in admission and wagering taxes and land lease revenues, and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the Common Council of the City of Evansville to set direction on how these revenues are to be appropriated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Common Council of Evansville, Indiana, as follows:

SECTION 1. APPROPRIATION DIRECTION

The Common Council intends to appropriate riverboat tax and land lease receipts for special and/or one-time projects, including but not limited to, capital improvements and equipment purchases, storm drainage and street repair projects, economic development, economic revitalization, community development, disaster or emergency situations, establishing a trust fund to benefit future generations, or bond repayments. In no event shall these revenues be used for operations.

SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council and signing by the Mayor.

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BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

Fair access to employment is a fundamental right of every American, including the 54 million people in this country living with disabilities. A job can provide financial stability, help maximize our potential, and allow us to achieve our dreams. As Americans, we possess a range of vocational opportunities to make the most of our talents and succeed in a chosen career; those with disabilities are entitled to the same opportunities. During National Disability Employment Awareness Month, we recommit ourselves to implementing effective policies and practices that increase employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

In the past half-century, we have made great strides toward providing equal employment opportunities in America, but much work remains to be done. As part of that continuing effort, we must seek to provide opportunities for individuals with disabilities. Only then can Americans with disabilities achieve full participation in the workforce and reach the height of their ambition.

My Administration is committed to promoting positive change for every American, including those with disabilities. The Federal Government and its contractors can lead the way by implementing effective employment policies and practices that increase opportunities and help workers achieve their full potential. Across this country, millions of people with disabilities are working or want to work. We must ensure they have access to the support and services they need to succeed.

Recognizing the need for equal employment opportunities, we must also strengthen and expand the educational opportunities for individuals with disabilities. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act substantially increased funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and provided more than \$500 million for vocational rehabilitation services, including job training, education, and placement. If we are to build a world free from unnecessary barriers, stereotypes, and discrimination, we must ensure that every American receives an education that prepares him or her for future success.

Each day, Americans with disabilities play a critical role in forging and shaping the identity of our Nation. Their contributions touch us all through personal experience or through that of a family member, neighbor, friend, or colleague. We grow stronger as a Nation when Americans feel the dignity conferred by having the ability to support themselves and their families through productive work. This month, we rededicate ourselves to fostering an inclusive work culture that welcomes the skills and talents of all qualified employees.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim October 2009, as National Disability Employment Awareness Month. I call on all Americans to celebrate the contributions of individuals with disabilities to our workplaces and communities, and to promote the employment of individuals with disabilities to create a better, more inclusive America, one in which every person is rightly recognized for his or her abilities and accomplishments.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of September, in the year of our Lord two thousand nine, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-fourth.

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WARRICK COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Novel H1N1 Virus Originally dubbed “Swine Flu” the
H1N1 Virus is here.

•H1N1 is a novel (meaning unique) virus with no apparent pre-existing immunity.

•This virus generally does not attack the elderly but rather children and young adults.

•The symptoms are sore throat, coughing, stuffy nose, chills, head and body ache, and fatigue. High fever has been noted in many cases. (Vomiting and diarrhea are generally not symptoms of H1N1)

•Vaccines have been tested, prepared, and we will begin receiving them in two - three weeks, then every week thereafter.

•The first shipment will be the nasal spray (recommended for ages 2 – 49, not for pregnant women and those with chronic medical conditions).

•There is NO vaccine shortage; there will be enough for everyone.

•Vaccines will be provided free of charge by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).

•There will be only one vaccination required for everyone 10 years old and older. There will be a vaccination and a booster for children 6 month through 9 years of age.

•The CDC has designated target groups based on those most susceptible to the virus.

•The order of target groups in Warrick County will be as follows:

1. Pregnant Women, Household contacts of babies under 6 months of age, Children 6 months – 5 years: Administered at a designated facility or school, evening and Saturday

2. Healthcare and Emergency Medical Service personnel: Administered at healthcare locations

3. Children and adolescents from 5 – 18 years who have risk factors for flu complications: Administered at School

4. Children and adolescents from 5 – 25 years: Administered at School

5. Individuals between 25 and 64 who have chronic medical conditions (Pulmonary, Cardiovascular, Renal, Hepatic disease, Diabetes, Compromised Immune System)

6. Everyone else: Administered at Drive Thru Clinics

Until now, the virus has been mild. Most deaths that have occurred were primarily due to other existing health conditions. Experts are predicting that the H1N1 could become more intense as the temperature and humidity drop and we move into Fall and Winter. We are not certain that this will happen, but with that possibility, we must be prepared. Even if the virus does not become deadly, an active pandemic can keep enough people sick at

home to bring everyday businesses and services to a halt. Now is not the time to be alarmed, but it is the time to prepare.

The actions YOU take to stay healthy are actually the BEST defense against H1N1.

Examples are:

•Wash you hands, wash your hands, wash your hands; wash them often with soap and water.

•Use alcohol hand cleaners if soap and water are not available.

•Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

•Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.

•Use the available wipes at the grocery for the shopping cart handle.

•Clean doorknobs, light switches, your desk, or anything with which you have constant contact frequently.

•If you have symptoms, stay home from work. Avoid others.

•If your children have symptoms, keep them home from school.

There is much that we as individuals can do to slow down the spread of H1N1. Don't just rely on the vaccine, it is up to each of us to do our part.

If you have any questions concerning H1N1 contact the Warrick County Health Department at 897-6105 Ext. 9, the state H1N1 Hotline at 877-826-0011, or check the Warrick County Web Site (www.warrickcounty.gov) and click on “H1N1 Info” at the top.

Attack Rates for Influenza:

Seasonal Flu	5% - 15%
1918-1920 “Spanish Flu	30% - 50%
2009 H1N1	22% - 33%

Confirmed and Probable Case Rates:

To age 24	49.60%
25-49	6.97%
50-64	3.92%
65 and over	1.3%
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If you would like a presentation on Disaster Preparedness and Pandemic Influenza, for your group, club or organization, call Frank Hijuelos, Preparedness Coordinator for the Warrick County Health Department at 853-2728.

COMMUNITY

GHOST WALKS TO HAUNT DOWNTOWN NEWBURGH

Once again Historic Downtown Newburgh will get a bit spooky with the annual occurrence of the Historic Newburgh Ghost Walks.

The Ghost Walks, sponsored by Historic Newburgh Inc., are entering their sixteenth year, and will run October 23rd – October 25th.

Something new this year - you may have noticed we added a Friday night to our Ghost Walks. With band competitions and other activities that take families out of town on Saturdays – by popular demand – we will hold the Ghost Walks only one weekend and will include Friday night.

Because we are only holding the Ghost Walks one weekend instead of two, and knowing the demand for particular times in the past, we are urging walkers to reserve tickets for their favorite night and time now.

The guided tours depart every 15 minutes from the Preservation Hall (200 State Street), and two different routes with different tales are offered. Each tour lasts about an hour.

Participants can choose the Water Street tour where they will learn of mining and river lore, mayhem, mystery, and the Under-

ground Railroad! The State Street tour focuses on Newburgh history, Civil War tales, thrills, and bedlam! Both tours offer their share of historical murder, mayhem, and mysteries.

A fair amount of walking does take place, so comfortable shoes are recommended for those participating. Each tour consists of a blend of stories told by experienced guides and special ghostly storytellers who help relate some of the tales.

At the conclusion of each tour, the ghostly guests will end up at the Historic Newburgh, Inc. building at for refreshments and the opportunity to peruse the store.

Tickets for the tours are on sale now! Adult tickets are \$7 and children 12 and under are \$4. Tickets can be purchased by calling Historic Newburgh, Inc. at (812) 853-2815.

The Ghost Walks are only being held during one weekend this year and space is limited, so get your tickets now!

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UE to Offer Fundamentals of Engineering Exam Prep Course

Beginning this month, faculty at the University of Evansville will offer a preparation course for anyone taking the 2010 Fundamentals of Engineering (FE) exam, administered by the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying.

The eight-hour exam, which will be given in April 2010, is the first step toward becoming a licensed engineer anywhere in the United States. UE's Civil Engineering Class of 2008 became the first class in UE history to achieve a 100 percent pass rate on the exam. This year, to help current students and others in the community have success on the exam, UE is hosting a preparation course.

The course, which is taught by UE engineering faculty, begins Thursday, October 29, from 6:30 until 9:30 p.m. The course then runs every Thursday through the exam in April. For all UE students, the charge to take the course is \$100; students from other universities can take the course for \$200, and any other college graduates for \$300.

Information for those taking the exam can be found at www.ncees.org.

"We believe this is a terrific opportunity for anyone looking to take

the FE exam to prepare themselves, with the help of people who have been through this process several times," said Mark Valenzuela, a UE associate professor of civil engineering. "For the last two years, our students had a strong record, but really, over the years, UE students always have scored strongly on the FE exam, exceeding the national pass average in 11 of the last 13 years."

UE also will be a test site for this year's FE exam, open to both students and graduates.

The FE exam tests students in mathematics, chemistry, engineering topics (such as electrical circuits, fluid mechanics, and thermodynamics), and discipline-specific topics (e.g. civil engineering, mechanical engineering and electrical engineering. It is the first step in the process of becoming licensed; after passage, a person must obtain four years of professional experience and pass the eight-hour Principles and Practices examination to become registered professional engineers.

For more information on the FE preparation course, or to register, please contact the College of Engineering and Computer Science at the University of Evansville at 812-488-2651.

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SPORTS

Luttrull Outruns, Aces Outlast Eastern Illinois

Mike Luttrull's fresh legs paid off at just the right time for the University of Evansville soccer team Wednesday night at Black Beauty Field. On the bench for the first 17 minutes of the second half, Luttrull outran two defenders up the middle and then beat Eastern Illinois goalkeeper Sean Molony to score the game-winner with less than five minutes remaining in regulation as UE improved to 8-3-0 overall and 2-1 in the Missouri Valley Conference with the 2-1 win. Eastern Illinois is now 4-4-2, and 1-2-0 in the league.

Our goal is to have Mike fresh and sharp so he can finish games," said UE coach Mike Jacobs. "When he came on, his battery was recharged. Mike's the kind of player who, if you give him one scoring chance, he's going to punish you."

The Panthers struck first, at 39:15 when Evan Philpott found space following an Alex Harrison throw-in, and blasted a shot past Evansville goalkeeper Phil Boerger from 12 yards away. The Aces tied the match at 58:44 when Justin



Mike Luttrull scored the game-winner in the final five minutes Wednesday as Evansville improved to 8-3 on the season.

Sass scored his second goal of the season from eight yards out on assists from Blake Schneider and Richard Menjivar following a corner kick. It was Menjivar who set up the winning tally, also. He fed a pass near midfield to Luttrull, who outraced two defenders and then got to the left of Molony to score the Aces' second goal. It was the fifth goal of the season for the junior forward from Avon, Indiana, tying him for the team lead with Tad Kreamalmeyer.

Evansville had a 19-15 advantage in shots, although Eastern put seven on goal compared to four by Evansville. Boerger made six saves. The victory gave UE a sweep of the season series against Eastern Illinois. Evansville won 2-0 at Charleston last week.

It's back on the road for Evansville, with MVC matches at Drake Saturday and Bradley next Wednesday. Four of the Aces' first five league contests this season are on the road.

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SPORTS

Smith named preseason All-American

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – University of Southern Indiana senior guard Jamar Smith was named preseason honorable mention All-American by the Sporting News and the Division II Bulletin. Smith is the ninth USI player to receive preseason honors since 2001.

Sparking the team during the second half of last season, Smith led the team in scoring with 18.5 points per game and hit 81 three-point field goals in 21 games (3.9 per game). He posted a season-best 29 points against Missouri University of Science and Technology and Drury University and recorded 20-or-more points in seven times.

The 2009 first team All-GLVC performer also hit at-least five or more three-point field goals in a game eight times, falling one short of the school record with seven against Lake Erie College and Drury.

In GLVC competition, Smith ranked first in three-point field goal percentage and field goals made; fourth in scoring; tied for sixth in steals; and 15th in assists. He also averaged 33 minutes a game for the Eagles.

USI, as a team, was listed as a possible breakthrough team by the Sporting News and a team to watch by the Division II Bulletin.

From the GLVC and the East Division, Belknap University was picked as the top team by the Sporting News, while landing in the fifth slot according to the Division II Bulletin. Northern Kentucky, also from the GLVC East, was 20th according to the Division II Bulletin.



Jamar Smith is USI's ninth preseason All-American since 2001.

An advertisement for 'The Pie Pan' restaurant. The ad features a colorful illustration of a pie on the left and a list of menu items and contact information on the right. The text includes 'READERS' CHOICE AWARDS PLATINUM' for the years 2006, 2007, and 2008. The menu items listed are 'Smoke Free', 'Home Cooked Meals', 'Breakfast Specials', 'Sandwiches', and '28 Different Pies'. It also mentions 'Gift certificates' and provides the website 'www.thepiepan.net', the phone number '425-2261', and the address '905 North Park Dr.'. Logos for MasterCard and Visa are also present.

USI Men's Basketball banned from postseason

INDIANAPOLIS - The Great Lakes Valley Conference Council of Presidents has levied a postseason ban against the University of Southern Indiana men's basketball program for the 2009-10 basketball season. This postseason ban shall include both the GLVC and NCAA postseason tournaments.

In unanimously endorsing the recommendation to ban the Southern Indiana men's basketball team from competing in the 2010 GLVC and NCAA Tournaments, the Council of Presidents did affirm and acknowledge the proactive measures taken by the institution during the investigation into the violations.

The case, which is pending review by the NCAA enforcement staff, involves five secondary violations, including unethical conduct, extra benefits and impermissible contact, and involved three different men's basketball student-athletes during the 2008-09 academic year.

As a result of the findings of the institution's investigation into violations of NCAA Bylaws, Southern Indiana has instituted self-imposed penalties which include vacating all wins from the 2008-09 season and returning NCAA funds received from the institution's participation in the 2009 NCAA DII Regional Basketball Tournament.

USI reaction to GLVC decision

The University of Southern Indiana men's basketball team will not play in the GLVC and NCAA Division II tournaments after a vote today by the GLVC Council of Presidents to penalize the program.

USI President Linda L. M. Bennett said, "I am proud our institution responded quickly when violations were discovered. I'm disappointed we will not be eligible to participate in post-season play and the impact the decision will have on the new coaching staff and the team."

Jon Mark Hall, director of athletics, said, "USI, the Department of Athletics, the coaching staff, and the players are disheartened to know the men's basketball team will not be eligible for post-season play. We hoped the GLVC would see that USI correctly handled the issues that arose and that further punishment would not be warranted."

In May, the Department of Athletics reported violations to the NCAA after a campus investigation of the men's basketball program. In its decision, the conference presidents acknowledged the proactive measures taken by the University during the investigation.

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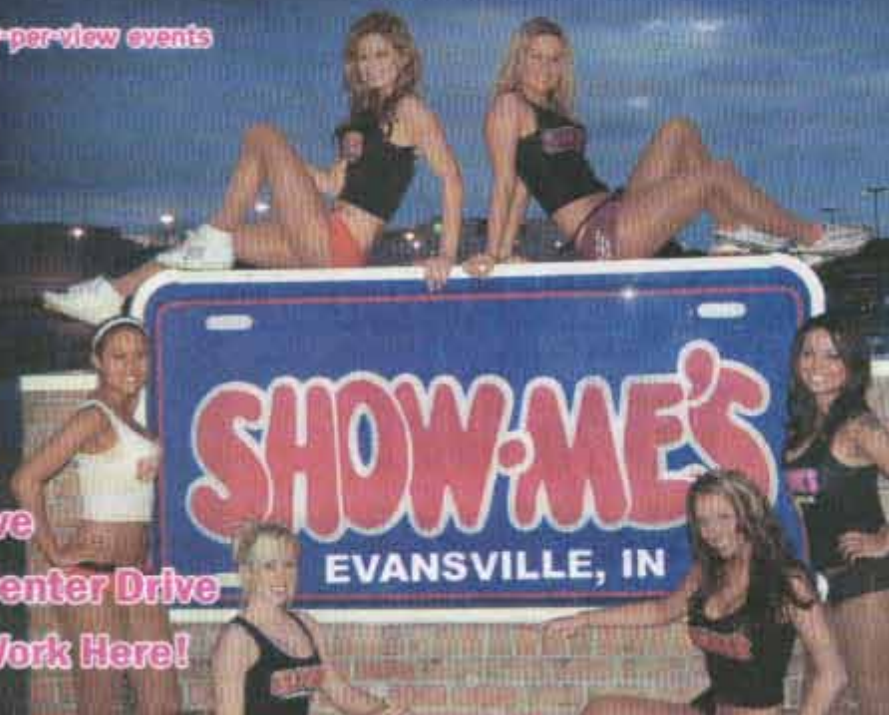
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Evansville Named Green Community BY IACT

Submitted by the City of Evansville

(EVANSVILLE, IN) – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) today announced that the City of Evansville has been designated an IACT Green Community. Evansville will receive the award on Monday, October 5th, during the IACT annual conference in French Lick.

“I would like to thank IACT for recognizing Evansville’s sustainability efforts with this Green Community designation. As with most cities and towns in Indiana, we’re dealing with difficult economic times and tight budgets. We’ve focused on green projects that use tax dollars sensibly, encourage economic development and conserve resources,” said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel.

In order to be considered for this award, the City voluntarily completed a lengthy survey. The City of Evansville’s green program was then judged against other communities in Indiana with a population of 50,000+. The survey looked at purchasing as it relates to sustainability, as well as policies and procedures, and the value and success of our green programs.

Evansville has been very successful in implementing programs that protect our environment while saving money. For instance, the City has a Green Fleets Policy which

requires the purchase or lease of the most energy efficient and cost effective vehicles that meet the requirements or the department of agency for which they are intended. The Evansville Fire Department replaced several of its Crown Victoria automobiles with Toyota Prius. METS has six hybrid buses with six more on order; that means 40% of the METS fleet will be hybrids.

The City is building the new downtown arena to be LEED silver certified. The Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Green Building Rating System, developed by the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), provides a set of standards for environmentally sustainable construction.

LEED certification is obtained after submitting an application documenting compliance with the requirements of the rating system. The benefits of LEED certification include improved indoor air quality, energy efficiency and water conservation efforts all of which lead to cost savings.

Other sustainability steps the City has taken include LED traffic signals, green technology in the construction of the two new pools, Energy Star-Rated Front Door Pride homes, and capturing methane from the West and East Wastewater Treatment Plants.



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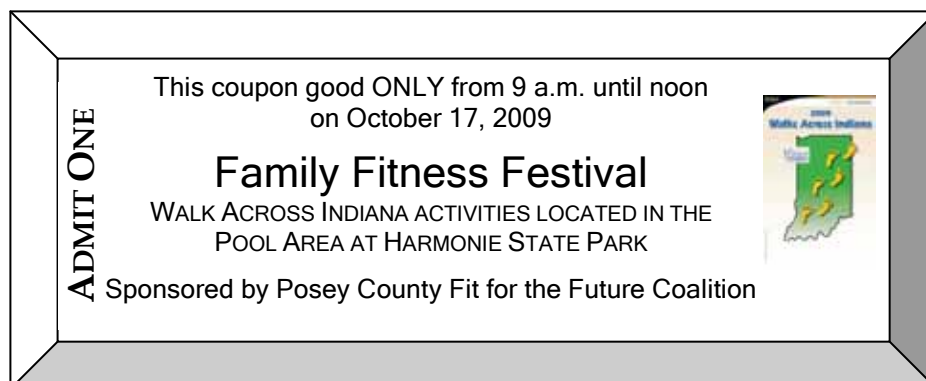
Posey County, IN □ The Posey County Fit for the Future Coalition is sponsoring a Family Fitness Festival and Walk Saturday, October 17th at Harmonie State Park. This festival and walk is designed to bring attention to the small daily habit changes that people can make to improve their overall health and to the organizations that can help them make these changes.

The walk starts at the Pool Area and participants can choose to walk one mile or four on the marked route. The trail is completely paved and is wheelchair accessible. Admission to the park is free during the walk with a printed coupon (see below) available at www.extension.purdue.edu/posey.

The first 100 registered walkers will receive free pedometers and healthy snacks. During the event, there will be bicycle safety demos, free activities and many vendor booths.

This year's event coincides with the Harmonie State Park's Fine Arts and Craft Show.

The Posey County Fit for the Future Coalition strives towards a thriving Posey County community that supports and promotes healthy lifestyles for its residents. To do this, the coalition seeks to expand opportunities and promote the awareness of physical activity and proper nutrition to enhance the quality of life of Posey County residents through education and awareness.



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same; it now means equality of outcome. Words such as Women's reproductive rights are used which means Abortion. Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness as listed in the Constitution now means the Good of the State. Right to Health Care used to be a personal responsibility, now it has become a right. He said this administration is the most pro-choice, pro-abortion in American history. Candidate Obama said women's reproductive rights were a key point in his candidacy. Mourdock believes in No Abortion and No Stem Cell Research. The first person to bring up the phrase of Death Panel was Sarah Palin. The author of the bill said it was not in the bill and then three days later said he had withdrawn the Death Panel from the bill. Mourdock quoted from the book of James from the Bible "without works your faith is dead", he said it is hypocrisy to vote for a pro-abortion candidate and say you are opposed to abortion. He reminded the crowd to not think of yourself a person who is expressing your faith. He quoted Galatians from the Bible that explains the Fruits of the Spirit. You must be seen smiling expressing Birth is Sacred to All.

While Mourdock was speaking about how words change, I was reminded of the words I was taught in Medical School. At fertilization the baby is called a Zygote which means a cell in diploid state follow-



ing fertilization or union of haploid male sex cell (sperm) and haploid female sex cell (ovum) to be precise, zygote is the term used to refer to the cell as a result of the fusion of two haploid nuclei during fertilization until the first cleavage. When the zygote starts to divide and multiply, it is called an embryo. In one month the baby is called an embryo consisting of two layers of cells from which all his/her organs and body parts will develop. At three months the baby is about three inches long and weighs nearly an ounce. The unique fingerprints are now in place. Depending on which textbook you read the child is not referred to as a baby until he/she is one to three months old.

Pastor Dave Schwambach closed with praise for what Richard Mourdock had to say and said the closing prayer.

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Ugly Man/Broom Dance Held at Angel Mounds

By Don Counts, Staff Writer

Native American Days at Angle Mounds provides a chance for the public to see and learn about Native American ways and customs. Many of the dances are to honor our ancestors and provide a way to reconnect to our rich heritage. One of the fun dances is the Ugly Man or Broom Dance. The names are used interchangeably in various parts of the Country. Those of you that have never been to a Powwow may wonder what this dance about.

Prior to the Ugly Man / Broom dance the story is told about a very Ugly Native Man is a village long ago who couldn't get a date to a dance. He was so lonesome for female companionship. There was a dance and when he couldn't get a date he sat alone, then got up and began dancing with a broom. He thought maybe I can go to the dance and no one will notice that I am dancing with a broom. He went and as he danced he thought maybe I can dance with one of the ladies and pass my broom to her partner. He did this and when the brave realized he was dancing with a broom did the same thing passing the broom off to another brave and dancing with his date.

The Ugly Man / Broom Dance is a fun and active dance participated in by anyone who wishes to dance. It starts out with one odd

man in the circle with all of the couples. The man holding the broom is the "ugly man". Of course, the ugly man doesn't want to remain the ugly man and keep his current dancing partner, so he must steal one of the other men's dancing partners. In order to do this, he must "tag" another man with the broom, who will be dancing behind and guarded by his female dancing partner. She must defend her date. It is a fast paced, humorous dance that everyone enjoys from children to elders. swiveling, twisting, legs kicking and dodging, the couple tried to avoid the tap of the broom but them cannot let go hands. If the male partner is tapped, then he must take his place in the middle of the circle of the other man takes his place and the date he "won". The dance continues until the end of the song.

At the conclusion of the dance, the man left holding the broom is asked to come to the center of the circle and dance with his new-found dancing partner. He is then rushed by all of the other men who participated in the dance as they attempt to take his broom. If he loses the broom to the other men, he will remain the ugly man forever. Some variance is that the man that takes the broom becomes the ugly man.

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Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program Funds Available

(EVANSVILLE, IN)- Nearly \$2.7 million is now available for homeless prevention and rapid re-housing services in Evansville and Vanderburgh County as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act 2009. The Homeless Prevention and Rapid Re-Housing Program (HPRP) will be administered by Aurora, which provides services and acts as an advocate to bring an end to homelessness in our community.

Grants through the HPRP will provide short-term rental assistance and services to families or individuals who become homeless or to prevent homelessness in the first place. The HPRP is not intended to provide long-term support for individuals or families, nor will it provide mortgage assistance to homeowners facing foreclosure.

People who are interested in the HPRP must first determine if they are eligible. One way is to fill out a pre-screen survey online at www.indianahousingoptions.org. Persons without internet access should call Aurora at (812) 401-6903. A list of general eligibility requirements is attached to this release.

Once deemed eligible for the HPRP, a client will be assigned to a caseworker. The caseworker will determine a client's needs, which may include short-term rental assistance, security deposits, utility deposits and/or utility payments, moving cost assistance and hotel vouchers. HPRP payments will not go directly to households; instead they will be given to third parties such as landlords and utility companies. For more information call (812) 401-6903 or email hprp@auroraevansville.org

*Homeless Prevention Guidelines**

Target Clients:

1. Renters who reside in Evansville, Vanderburgh County, Gibson County
2. At imminent risk of losing rental housing (within 7-10

days)

3. Without resources to stay in current housing or secure new housing

4. Able to maintain stable housing in a short amount of time

5. At or below 50% of Area Median Income:

Family of four \$30,450 or below

Family of two \$24,350 or below

Individual \$21,300

Rapid Re-Housing Guidelines

Target Clients:

1. Renters who reside in Evansville
2. Fit the Federal definition of homeless (living on streets, in an emergency shelter or exiting/timing out of a transitional housing program)

3. Without resources to secure housing

4. Able to become stable in housing in a short amount of time

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Office	1,500	1,250	Retail	1,500	938	Warehouse	4,200	1,750
Office	3,000	2,500	Retail	3,000	1,876	Warehouse	5,700	2,375
Office	7,200	6,000	Retail	12,000	3,500	Warehouse	12,000	3,000

Office: \$10/sfNNN

Retail: \$7.50/sfNNN

Warehouse: \$5/sfNNN

NNN: \$.65/sf

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LOCAL POLITICS

Breeze Receives Statewide Award

The Association of Indiana Counties (AIC) is pleased to announce that Posey County Recorder Martha Breeze is the 2009 Outstanding County Recorder. The award is in recognition of her contributions made to county government throughout her years of public service.

Martha has served county government for more than 20 years, working in the Surveyor's office before working in the Recorder's office and then being elected Recorder.

She has been active in the Recorders' Association and has spent many hours testifying on behalf of Indiana County Recorders during committee hearings at the Statehouse. Martha is currently serving as Treasurer of the Recorders' Association and is chair of the Legislative Committee.

The award was presented last week during the AIC's Annual Conference, the largest gathering of county officials in the state. The four day conference included 11 different workshops, and breakout sessions that were designed specifically for each county office.

County officials also had informal opportunities to discuss issues with their colleagues from other areas of the state. Officials

met at the French Lick Resort in Orange County to discuss and offer solutions for issues facing local governments.

Representatives from public agencies, private entities, universities and local elected officials addressed such issues as: government modernization, the development of clean energy, how to balance shrinking revenues and the need for services provided by county government, cyclical reassessments, American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and Troubled Asset Relief Program Funds (TARP), increasing efficiencies in local government, etc.



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City to Bid Residential Refuse Contract

(EVANSVILLE, IN) – The City of Evansville and the Evansville Water and Sewer Utility are announcing today that the Utility will seek proposals for residential trash collection, disposal and curbside recycling. This service is currently performed by Allied Waste Industries, which recently merged with Republic Services, Inc.

“The Utility had been in negotiations with Allied for a new agreement, but because it is apparent that a new contract for refuse services would include revisions that amount to more than a simple extension of the existing agreement, Indiana law requires the Utility solicit bids,” said Jim Garrard, Director of Special Projects and Strategic Planning.

The City last sought proposals for residential refuse collection in 1999. The current contract pays Allied \$5,328,305 per year for the collection and disposal of waste for approximately 42,000 homes.

The tentative plan is to issue a Request for Proposals in November and have a new agreement in place by January 2010.

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A photograph of a woman with dark hair wearing a pink jacket and a pearl necklace, sitting and holding the hand of an elderly woman with short, curly, light-colored hair. They are in a room with a lamp and a piano in the background. The text "Touching Lives Every Day" is overlaid in a green, stylized font.

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