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Redevelopment Commission Outstanding Loans Round Out Agenda

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

Tuesday's Evansville Redevelopment Commission meeting was typical of the year-end meeting. Little significant business was discussed. Wishes of future success were passed on to GAGE's Libby Au as she made her last presentation to the board. But one interesting item was on the agenda – "Loan Status Reports."

In fact, much of the business conducted was regarding the city's parking garages. Three items were briefly discussed and approved for the Arena project, including Resolution 09-ERC-96 "Authorizing Seeking Bids for the Demolition Package and Quotations for Architectural Salvage Selective Building Demolition for the Downtown Arena; Resolution 09-ERC-97 "Approving Indemnity Agreement with Architectural Renovators"; and Resolution 09-ERC-98 "Approving Indemnity Agreement with Historic Landmarks Foundation."

Arena Project Director John Kish spoke to the commissioners about hiring a company to come in and clean up some of the potentially hazardous materials in the buildings to be razed for the arena. He said he is getting quotes to do such tasks as clean up pigeon droppings, paint chips that may contain lead-based paint and other such materials. He also noted that the Dept. of Metropolitan Development is trying to salvage items of any value. Before ending this part of the discussion, Kish asked the commissioners to keep the bids confidential, as he did not want people to bid the jobs by going \$1 under another bid and things like that.

Commissioner Ted Ubelhor was especially concerned about Resolution 09-ERC-09, as the city is donating some of the items and materials in buildings purchased for the arena to the IDEA Home located at 620 Washington. His concern was that the company would charge the ERC for the materials after they had been donated by the city. He wanted to ensure that the ERC would only be charged for the labor to install the items, not the materials.

Commissioner Phil Lieberman was concerned about Resolution 09-ERC-95 "Approving Additional Changes to Downtown Traffic Flow." He first asked about the traffic study that was approved in 2006. He asked if it should be looked at again because of the arena.

Kish said that he had consulted with the company that did the study and the current plan would not require a change.

Asst. Director of DMD Jane Reel, these changes are being made to make traffic flow easier downtown and invite more traffic to the area. She said that people don't go downtown because it's hard to get around, and the city wants to remedy that. Therefore, one-way streets Fifth, Third, Sycamore and Vine will soon become two-way streets.

The last item on the agenda was by far the most interesting, and of course, there was no discussion. DMD staff members gave a "Loan Status Report" dated December 8, 2009. It tells of the amount of loans such as GAGE, Sworrab, Michael Martin Realty, Kunkle Group, Claremont LLC and Holweger Management LP. The report also gives the status, original loan about, loan balance and maturity dates. The total amount of money loaned on the spreadsheet is \$879,553.31, while the total amount outstanding is \$692,440.83. This means that only \$187,112.48 has been paid back.

The first item on the spreadsheet is GAGE. This loan has been featured in several issues of the City-County Observer. This is an unsecured, no-interest short-term loan for \$280,000. The entire balance of the loan was originally due in last month; however, the Redevelopment Commission voted to extend the maturity date of the loan to May of 2010.

Michael S. Martin Realty borrowed \$75,000 and has an outstanding balance of \$45,015.03. This loan matures January 10, 2014.



John Kish
Arena Project Director

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Sworrab has a loan for \$25,000. According to the DMD, this loan is an Arts District Incentive Loan. It is a forgivable loan that was assigned late summer. It was made as an incentive loan to entice an artist to create a studio in the Haynie's Corner area. According to the Secretary of State's Office, the registered agent for Sworrab is Reed Schmitt. The loan is forgiven at a rate of \$5,000 per year, which means the loan will be forgiven if he stays in that location for at least five years. DMD representatives said that if he sells the property before the five-year term, he will have to pay back what is left. DMD has a lien on the property to make sure they can get their money back, if he sells.

According to DMD, the following loans were made as part of the Main Street Loft Project. They are also supposed to be matching loans. DMD representative also said that all of the money for this project was exhausted a couple of years ago. Those loans were as follows:

- Kunkel Group had a \$150,000 loan. They have an outstanding balance of \$111,975.60. It has a maturity date of July 20, 2014. According to the Secretary of State, Benjamin Kunkle is listed as the principal and registered agent.

- Renaissance on Main, Inc. had an original loan for \$22,299.57. The outstanding balance on this loan is \$17,734. It has a maturity date of November 15, 2014. According to the Secretary of State's Office, Benjamin Kunkle is listed as the registered agent and principal for this company as well.

- Claremont, LLC had an original loan for \$210,000. They have an outstanding balance of \$95,462.46. The maturity date on this loan is July 23, 2014. According to state records, this company lists Patrick Rayburn as its registered agent.

- Holweger Management, LP had an original loan for \$117,253.74. The outstanding balance on this loan is \$117,253.74. According to "Notes" on the spreadsheet, Holweger only has to pay the interest on this loan until September 2010. The maturity date on the loan is August 1, 2015. According to the Secretary of State's Office, Allan R. Holweger is listed as the registered agent and general partner. Judith K. Holweger is listed as another general partner.

Additional questions were posed to the Dept. of Metropolitan Development. Answers were not available at press time.

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Smith Named Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources and Business Affairs

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation Board of School Trustees tonight approved the appointment of David Smith as assistant superintendent of Human Resources and Business Affairs, effective Dec. 15. The board formally accepted the resignation of Margaret Conway, chief financial officer, tonight; and in September, accepted the resignation of Diana Price, chief human resources officer. Smith replaces these positions.

Smith has been with the EVSC since 1982 serving most recently as deputy chief of staff. From 2008-2009 he was director of school support and the previous year, Smith served as director of principal support and leadership development. From 2005-07 he was interim deputy superintendent. He has been an assistant principal and principal at Evans Middle School and served in instrumental music teaching positions at Bosse, Reitz, and Thompkins. He holds an EdD degree from Oakland City University, and EdS from Indiana State, and MA and BME degrees from the University of Evansville.

Several re-organized and re-titled positions of current employees were also approved in the HR and Business Offices including: Courtney Bohleber, named internal auditor; Deborah DeBaillie, human resource specialist; Michelle Williams, human resource specialist; Ellada Hadjisavva, director of recruitment; and Jean Stevens, director of finance, all effective December 15.

Bertram explained that this reorganization provides avenues for growth for many positions under Smith's leadership.

Reorganization also provides an opportunity to examine protocols and financial savings. The reorganization of these offices will save more than \$200,000. Bertram explained that savings in the budget are especially important at this time because of the serious economic issues that continue to affect Indiana's ability to fully fund its approved budget. Due to declining revenues, Governor Daniels has been forced to make significant funding cuts to various state programs including \$150 million in higher education. As discussed in previous meetings, in a normal biennium budget, the EVSC would expect \$7 - \$8 million in new money. However, the EVSC's 2010 and

2011 budget is estimated to increase only a total of \$300,000 combined. "To add to this challenge, we are expecting immediate cuts to K-12 education," Bertram said.

Bertram explained that the EVSC's core business is educating children and leadership has been working to determine efficiencies and cost savings measures, while protecting classrooms. Every operation in the district is being analyzed, he said. Many cost savings have already taken place. Over the past several months efforts to be more efficient and effective have saved the corporation several million dollars, which helped to balance the 2010 budget. The Rainy Day Fund has grown from \$67 to \$6.5 million. Another savings approved tonight (Dec. 14), was a new plan for property and casualty insurance that will save the EVSC more than \$300,000. Self-insuring workers' compensation is saving the corporation more than \$500,000, and 10% reductions in all non-school functions has been made in the past two years. Also, Just-in-Time-Delivery has greatly reduced warehousing costs, and the EVSC Collaborative Purchasing Organization is driving down procurement costs.

Bertram also said that another cost-savings measure will be to eliminate administrative raises for 2010-2011. While a 2% salary increase was given to administrators this year, this will be cut for 2011.

In other personnel news, Paul Neidig, director of athletics
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I-69 Section 3 Final Environmental Studies Released

Washington, Ind. - After years of extensive environmental studies, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) have released the Tier 2 Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) for Section 3 of the I-69 Evansville-to-Indianapolis project. Section 3 begins at US 50 east of Washington and runs to US 231 near the Crane Naval Surface Warfare Center.

The Section 3 FEIS is the product of public input and meticulous environmental and engineering studies. The FEIS recommends a preferred alignment for the highway within the third section of the federally-approved 142-mile I-69 corridor. Since early 2004, numerous preliminary alignments have been made available for review at the Section 3 project office, on the I-69 Tier 2 project web site (<http://www.i69indyevn.org>) and during public information meetings. Those alignments were refined and reconfigured based on public input and further study.

"The completion of the FEIS document is a critical step towards achieving our aggressive construction schedule," said INDOT Commissioner Michael Reed. "With a Record of Decision anticipated in early 2010, we are prepared to begin construction in Section 3 as soon as March. Governor Daniels has worked hard to find innovative ways to make this project a reality; we are committed to this same innovative spirit in building this vital transportation asset as quickly and economically as possible."

It is anticipated that FHWA will give its final approval of the route of I-69 in Section 3 by issuing a Record of Decision (ROD) early in 2010. The ROD will authorize use of federal funds in the design and construction of Section 3 of I-69. Construction is planned to begin on portions of Section 3 in March of 2010.

The corridor for the entire I-69 Evansville-to-Indianapolis project was approved by FHWA in March 2004, based on the Tier 1 EIS released in December 2003 and the Tier 1 ROD issued in March, 2004. The Section 3 FEIS is the second of six Tier 2 studies to be completed. The remaining four Tier 2 studies are in progress.

The new interstate is widely regarded as a key component to the future economic vitality of south-

western Indiana and will provide necessary connectivity with the rest of the state and the nation. Gov. Daniels' Major Moves construction program contains \$700 million to fund construction of the project from I-64 near Evansville to US 231 just north of Crane Naval Weapons Support Center. In September of 2007, the I-69 project received additional federal support when the United States Department of Transportation designated it as one of six "Corridors of the Future." That program will fund a variety of studies designed to reduce congestion on some of the nation's busiest interstate corridors, including one for the I-69 corridor from Arkansas to Michigan.

The entire FEIS document is available at the local project office located at 60 N Commercial Park Drive in Washington, IN and on the I-69 project Web site. The document is also available at area libraries. For more information about all six sections of I-69 visit the project Web site at www.i69indyevn.org.



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for the EVSC, was appointed deputy chief of staff, replacing Smith. Neidig will continue as director of athletics for the corporation. Neidig, who has been with EVSC since 1985, has served in a supervisory capacity over athletics since 2003, as well as director of athletics for Central High School. He also has been technology department head and an industrial arts teacher at Central. He holds an MS degree from USI and a BS degree from Eastern Illinois University.

The board also approved the appointment of Robert Eberhart, Jr., as principal at Lodge Elementary School, replacing Pat Edwards, who retired last month. Eberhart is currently assistant principal at Lodge. The position is effective Dec. 15. Prior to his position at Lodge, Eberhart was principal of First Immanuel Lutheran School in Cedarburg, Wisc., from 2003-2009, and an assistant principal from 2000-2003 at that school, as well as an 7th/8th grade science teacher from 1998-2004. From 1980-1998, he was a 7th/8th grade science teacher at Castle Junior High School. He holds MS and BS degrees from Indiana State University.

Cory Herrin was officially approved as principal of EVSC's

newly announced New Tech Institute: Academies of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Leadership, which will open in Fall 2010. The position is effective July 1, 2010. Herrin is currently assistant Career and Technical Education director and assistant principal at the EVSC's Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center. Herrin holds a B.S in Elementary Education from Indiana University, an M.A. in School Counseling from Western Kentucky University, and an M.A in School Administration from Oakland City University. He began his tenure in the EVSC in 1994 as a teacher at Perry Heights. From 1999-2002 and again during the 2006-07 school year, he served as a counselor at Reitz High School. From 2002-2006, he was counselor at Cedar Hall Elementary.

Robin Courtney was named head baseball coach at Reitz High School, effective Dec. 15. Courtney is currently a teacher at Cynthia Heights Elementary, and has worked in the corporation teaching at Washington Middle School and Helfrich Park Middle School since 1991. He served as head baseball coach at Bosse High School from 1993-2004 and assistant baseball coach during the 2006-07 school year.

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EDITORIAL

When does saving money take priority over saving lives?

By Berniece Tirmenstein, Guest Editorial

A controversial issue before the leaders of our city and citizens of Evansville is that of the proposed closing of Fire Station 14 and Fire Station 10. I believe that a true, bright light should be shone so that all involved can make educated decisions. Sometimes, that light becomes a flickering dimmed light.

Fire Station 14, located on Willow Road off Lincoln Avenue gives service to an area that stretches to the west to Evans Avenue (10 blocks west of 41), to Boeke Road to the east, to the Lloyd Expressway to the north, and to the south to Taylor Avenue (6 blocks south of Washington Avenue. In this area, there are 4 schools; there may be more. I called these schools to find student enrollment and was given the following information:

Washington Middle School 540, Bosse High School “a little under 800,” St. Benedicts Pre-School to Eighth Grade 452, Memorial High School 793 for a total of 2,585 .

The University of Evansville is also in this area. These figures were given to me for a number of students living in resident housing:

Those living in dorms 1,298, fraternity houses 444, those living in other housing, duplex and apartments 1,742 and 131 in non-owned university fraternity house. That totals 3,615. The grand total of students in this area is 6,200.

Also in this area is a nursing home and residence for elderly people, day cares with Methodist Temple Children’s Center having 120 enrolled, a historical structure , “The Monticello” listed on the National of Register of Historic Places located about five blocks away from the station, 6 churches or more. I was told it was by firemen that there have been fires in U.E. dorms, but due to the close proximity lives were saved. I was told it was one of four. Columbia Nursing Home is in this area. Station 10 is so important due to the closeness to the hospital and the fact that many of the homes are old and located so close together. Time is of the essence to save houses and lives.

How many runs do these stations make over a period of time? I sought answers, consulted firemen at these stations, and was given figures on categorized runs derived from their log book. Station 14 runs, starting with May 30, 2009, to the present (November 13th). Fire runs 55, medic runs 54, car crashes 32 (Hwy. 41 and Lincoln and 41 and Walnut are high accident areas.) CO gas runs or carbon monoxide 5, good service runs 161 which includes such runs as wires down, investigation, food on stoves, false alarms like children pulling alarm. Total 300 runs for six month’s log and 594 for the year. Station 10 categorized runs starting June 27, 2009, to present (November 13th) house fires that includes car fires 113, motor vehicle car crashes 95, medic runs 207, meth labs 5, good service runs 768, CO (carbon monoxide) 15 for a total 895 from January 1, 2009.

It is well to consider not only distances from fire stations, but consider concentration of areas of vulnerability.



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EDITORIAL

IS IT TRUE?

Compiled by Moles Number 1 through 109...and counting

IS IT TRUE if any elected public official ordered a background search to be conducted on any persons or group this is called an “Invasion of Privacy”? IS IT TRUE if this really happened, the elected officials have opened themselves to a “TORT” claim? IS IT TRUE “McCarthyism” could be alive and well in Vanderburgh County? IS IT TRUE that these local elected officials may be investigating individuals or groups who oppose their political agenda? IS IT TRUE when the above “Invasion of Privacy” claims are proven, certain political careers are over?

IS IT TRUE people looking for unsecured and non-interest loans for the purchase of homes, business ventures and building renovations now have a source to contact? IS IT TRUE the source is the Evansville Redevelopment Commission? ALSO, IS IT TRUE we wonder if the two (2) banking executives sitting on this board give non-interest and unsecured loans to people who do business at their banks?

IS IT TRUE we wonder why an appointed department head attend meetings concerning a soon-to-be-opened downtown bar while on taxpayer time?

IS IT TRUE that at the beginning of the New Year a well-known and highly-respected business person will announce his intentions to run for the Second Ward City Council now held by Missy Mosby?

IS IT TRUE that the recently announced candidate for Perry Township Trustee has just received some support of major political hitters from the Westside area?

IS IT TRUE we are wondering about the status of the Evansville Police and Firefighters 2010 employment contracts with the city?

IS IT TRUE we want to thank the Evansville Street Department for cleaning up the trash around Woody’s Bar on Main Street? IS IT TRUE the answer is YES!

IS IT TRUE that in the second week of January 2010 an

extremely well-known and highly-respected individual will announce her candidacy to run for the Vanderburgh County Commission seat presently held by Troy Tornatta? IS IT True the answer is a resounding “YES”?

IS IT TRUE that all the present County Councilmen up for re-election will announce in the near future that they will seek re-election?



The Mole

IS IT TRUE that State Rep. Dennis Avery and State Rep. Gail Riecken opposition to the proposed the new Hybrid Welfare is correct? IS IT TRUE that State Rep. Gail Riecken bill that forbids use of private firms to handle applications for welfare is right on? IS IT TRUE the answers are “YES”?

IS IT TRUE that Vectren proposed rate hike of \$18.00 per month is laughable? IS IT TRUE the answer is “YES”? IS IT TRUE we wonder if Vectren still has a private jet to fly executives all over the county?

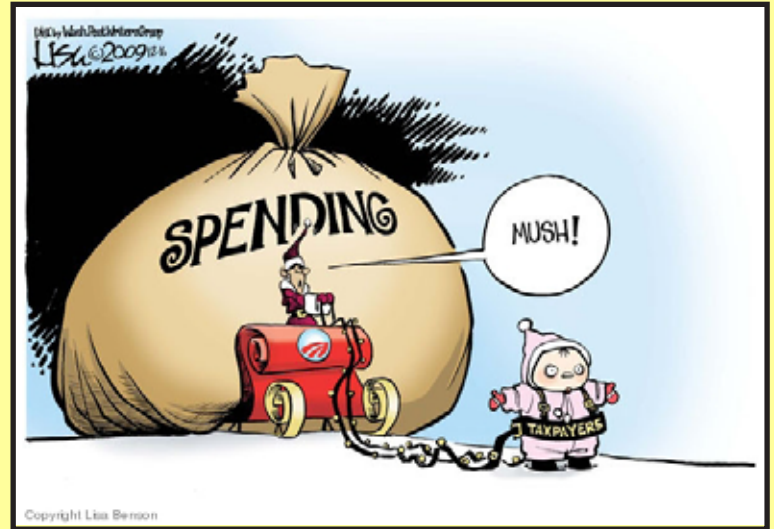
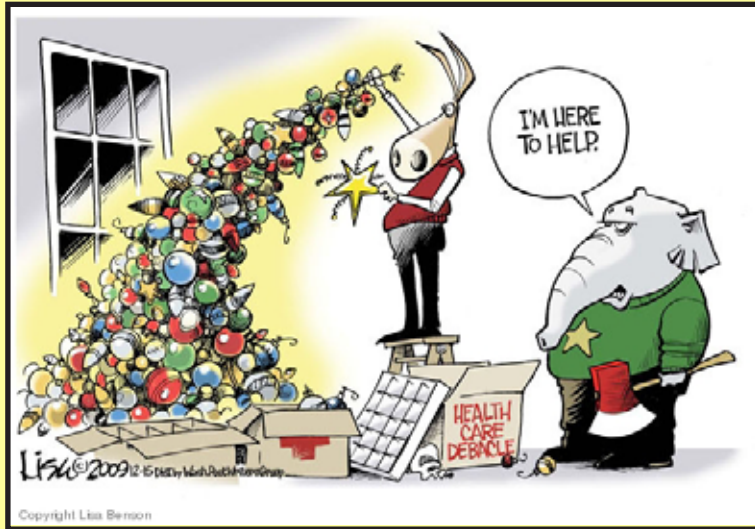
IS IT TRUE we are extremely pleased to read in the COURIER and PRESS that a local person renovated his home on Washington Ave. without any government, public funds? IS IT TRUE we are very pleased with Tony Durbin’s decision to renovate his Washington Ave. home with his own money? IS IT TRUE the answer is yes- yes- yes- yes?

IS IT TRUE information that the city insurance rating is safe without closing fire stations 10 and 14 has done major damage to Fire Chief Keith Jarboe’s creditability? IS IT TRUE the final decision of closing these fire stations still rests with the Mayor?

IS IT TRUE we are very pleased that the League of Women Voters of Southwestern Indiana has enough signatures to call for a referendum on merging city and county governments? IS IT TRUE we owe the League a debt of gratitude for a job well done?



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As America recovered from the hard times of The Great Depression and rejoiced at the end of World War II, people gradually increased their celebration of _____. The general good feeling was most manifested around the _____ season.

Each year from about 1946 to the early Eighties the U.S. economy gradually grew to rely upon the huge sales of _____ gifts to turn an otherwise lackluster or failing retail year into a positive money maker.

Malls began to sprout up from sea to shining sea filled with retail outlets which quite often drew in half of their yearly gross income during the time between Thanksgiving and the _____ holiday.

Things were so good for the country's economy during this one month period that we slowly began to forget what made it good and gradually and collectively began to assume that it had nothing to do with the cultural traditions of the _____ season.

With the strong politically correct influence of the news media, particularly nationally based television shows, and the entertainment industry the nation has tended to move away from the traditions that made _____.

It has never been necessary for the great majority of Americans to denigrate or disparage the traditions of minorities in order to

celebrate the long-standing culturally significant rites of the majority. Minority groups can and should preserve their traditions. But it does not follow that the majority must be embarrassed by or ignore their own traditions that do no harm.

And, as often happens in this bastion of capitalism, the light of right thinking goes on when money is the motivation. As _____ disappeared from the language of the season, the reasons for the gift giving that brought a boon to the market also disappeared. It has taken several bad years, but I have recently noticed a rebirth of the word long hidden at this time of year.

Perhaps we are finding that a nation needs its traditions to feel good about itself.

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CHRISTMAS MASTERPIECE

“I’ll Be Home For Christmas, if only in my dreams”

By Michelle Peterlin, Contributing Editor
Home sickness is something you don’t ever get over. Your heart always remembers where you came from. I love Indiana, but every Christmas Eve I want to go back home if only for a moment. The place I miss doesn’t exist anymore. It is from over 30 years ago.

For many, memories of Christmas past come alive this time of year. In my mind, I can be 7-years-old again and with grandmother, Memere. She lived in a fourth floor apartment in the heart of downtown. She moved there after she sold the family house.

We had a business in the city, and Memere knew everybody, as most were customers. She loved living on the square because it was bustling, especially since she lived next to the bank and across from the post office. Most of her friends lived in the building. Boy, did they have fun at that place.

My favorite memory is of a typical day we spent together. It is snowing hard and piling up deep. (Snow doesn’t stop New Englanders from getting out.) It is Christmas time, and the downtown is full of shoppers. We leave her building out the side door and go out onto the street.

I am bundled up like an overstuffed sock doll. Memere holds my hand. I look up to see the street lights decked out in colored lights and tinsel. They have speaker horns on top blaring out Christmas music. Snow pelts my face.

Memere knows exactly where I want to go. She indulges me hoping I will cooperate for the rest of the afternoon. We head straight for Priscilla’s candy shop. It has been in town forever. Its windows are full of molded chocolate figurines. There’s Santa, snowmen, angels, deer and all kinds of things. We go inside and Memere gets me a chocolate lollipop shaped like St. Nick. I get to watch candy makers work the chocolate from a glass viewing window in the back.

Now, we go to Carboose’s clothing store. The brothers, who owned the store, were the last of their kind, expert tailors and men’s clothiers. Their window dressing is distinguished. Their clothing rivaled Boston in quality. Memere looks around and asks questions about this and that. I check out the ties. I run my hand over them enjoying the feel of silk. No sale for Memere in here today.

We walk over to Goodnow Pierson’s Department Store. They had everything you could want for housewares, linens, makeup,



perfume, toys, children’s, women’s and men’s clothing. Goodnows employed one cashier for the whole store. When you bought something, the clerk took your money plus sales receipt and stuffed into a cylinder, then into a pipe which a vacuum sucked it up through the building to the cashier. Your change was put into the cylinder and shot back to the clerk. The process was mesmerizing to children.

The streets are full of people we know and the comradery feels good. There was a fabric store called Arnold’s. They sold quality fabrics and sewing supplies. Memere gave them her business. Next, we travel past Parker House of Pizza, John’s Sporting Goods, the shoe store and the bank.

Our next destination is J.C. Penny’s. We come in and go straight down the stairs where the linens are housed and look around. I’m now burning up in my coat and pushing Memere to hurry up. We finish our shopping quickly.

She wants to go home, but I beg her to take me to Betty’s Flower Shop. Betty was a lovely English lady, who married an American and came over to live in his hometown. Her shop was magical at Christmas time. Poinsettias, red roses, red, pink and white carnations were everywhere. The smell was intoxicating. She made fresh evergreen wreaths and swags. She stood behind a half wall so people could see her work from the retail part of store. People didn’t know that on the other side poor Betty was knee deep in stems and leaves. Betty always made time to talk to me and later, when I was in college I went to work there.

Finally, we made our way back to Memere’s apartment. I shuffled my boots tunneling through the snow frequently stopping to watch it hit the lit street lamps. The last thing I remember from this day is hearing the Holy Rosary’s church bells ring as I fell asleep on Memere’s couch.

Yesterday, the postman delivered a box from Priscilla’s. I got two pounds of French roll candies and 5 chocolate lollipops shaped like Santa. I hid the package from my kids.

I still love gazing at street lights in the snow. Every Christmas, I hope for one miracle. If I try really hard, sometimes I get it to happen. When it snows, which doesn’t happen very much in Southern Indiana, I look up at the street lamp and, if I don’t look down breaking the illusion, I can feel Memere’s hand in mine, I am a child again, and she is still with me.

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\$2.00 Blue Moon 16 oz. Draft

EVERY FRIDAY

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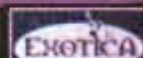
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Governor discusses latest state revenue forecast

INDIANAPOLIS (December 15, 2009) - Governor Mitch Daniels discussed the updated revenue forecast presented today to the State Budget Committee. The forecast is for the remainder of the current fiscal year and FY11.

Here is the text of the governor's opening comments at today's news conference:

"For over a year, I've cautioned that the revenue forecast used by the legislature seemed too rosy and out of touch with the severity of the national recession. Today the forecasters faced the reality we've been dealing with every day.

If we'd done nothing since the budget passed in June, the state's reserves would have been gone next summer. Of course, we have acted, but if we do nothing further, we'll run through every penny of our reserves and still have \$300 million in bills we can't pay by the end of this budget in 2011. The debate over the reserves is over, we are using them. The only question is whether we'll use every penny of them or find a way to have something left. And that's if this forecast finally is correct where the others were so incredibly wrong.

We have already cut state agencies by 20 percent and higher education by 6 percent. We are now forced to our last resort. K-12 spending is half the entire state budget, and it will have to contribute something to keeping us in the black.

I have asked the State Board of Education to meet quickly and recommend how much reduction can be absorbed without reducing the number of classroom teachers. I have also asked their guidance on steps superintendents, school boards, and teachers themselves can take to prevent layoffs. Their recommendations are due by Friday.

Our situation in Indiana remains far more manageable than most states. Thirty-nine of them have

already cut education and many are preparing to do so again. We still have reserves to draw on, while many of theirs are long gone. If all parties will accept a part in helping out, we'll get through whatever is left of this recession and come out the other side sooner and stronger than most."



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USI partners with GAGE and NSWC Crane for technology transfer showcase

The University of Southern Indiana, in partnership with Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (GAGE) and Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane (NSWC Crane), hosted a technology transfer showcase on December 10 at the Huntingburg Events Center in Huntingburg, Indiana.

Ten patented inventions created at NSWC Crane were presented, including a universal tactical trailer, an automatic ranging rifle mounted grenade launcher, and a non-invasive corrosion control sensor. Crane scientists and engineers explained each invention and were available for one-on-one discussions. Seventy-five attendees from the region were present.

The partnership between GAGE and NSWC Crane allows regional businesses to access NSWC Crane's technology, expertise, and patents for the production of new products, as well as processes for sale to the public sector.

USI is the education partner for Innovation Pointe, which opened in 2008 at 318 Main Street in downtown Evansville. The entrepreneurial division of GAGE, Innovation Pointe assists in the creation and growth of new businesses in the Evansville area.

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EDUCATION

Over \$70,000 in grants awarded to healthcare programs

Jennifer L. Craig, executive director of the Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center (SWI-AHEC), announced the awarding of \$70,920 to support 10 Southwest Indiana programs. The funding supports educational programs and experiences for current and future healthcare professionals. This is the second year that SWI-AHEC has awarded grant funding for area educational programs.

The Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center service area includes Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, and Warrick counties. The Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center, which is one of seven centers in Indiana, was formally established in the fall of 2008.

Dr. Nadine Coudret, University of Southern Indiana interim provost and vice-president for academic affairs, said, "Funding for these programs will create pathways for our future healthcare providers, increase the diversity of our healthcare workforce and provide continuing education for our practicing health care professionals. These programs along with other community partners will make a substantial contribution to advancing our efforts to make southern Indiana a healthy community."

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~Application of Life Form Trainers to Medical Education

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~Enhancing Baccalaureate Nursing Students Exposure to the Culture of Poverty and the Medically Underserved Population in Southwest Indiana

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EVSC Announces Establishment of New Tech Institute: Academies of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Leadership

The Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, through its commitment to the core focus area of innovative school models, announced today (12-11-09) the creation of an innovative high school which will open in Fall 2010. New Tech Institute: Academies of Innovation and Entrepreneurial Leadership will bring project-based learning and problem-solving partnerships with area business and industry to the EVSC.

NTI will provide learning environments centered on a strong culture of trust, respect, and ownership in which students and teachers are equally responsible for success. EVSC Superintendent Vince Bertram said that “innovation and creative ideas come from creating new links among disparate things and adapting technology in new ways to meet consumer needs.” So, rather than create a school program that teaches a specific technology, NTI will “teach students how to collaborate and think creatively and entrepreneurially to discover new ways to solve problems.”

Superintendent of Public Instruction Tony Bennett agrees that this creativity is important. “When we think about preparing students for success in the 21st century, the New Tech model represents the kind of innovative approach it takes to make that success a reality for every student,” Bennett said. “Across the state, I’ve seen firsthand the ways New Tech enriches student learning and benefits entire communities. I commend the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation’s administrators and teachers for their leadership and determination to develop the New Tech Institute.”

Project-based learning (PBL) is at the heart of the New Tech instructional approach, said newly named Principal Cory Herrin. PBL uses technology and inquiry to engage students with issues and questions that are relevant to their lives. “Students work in teams to acquire and apply knowledge and skills to solve problems, while also meeting state standards, as well as partnering with business and industry to give students real-world challenges,” Herrin said.

Nancy Sutton, school transformation liaison with the University of Indianapolis’ Center of Excellence in Leadership of Learning and a New Tech representative, said business leaders “like the idea of high academics and innovation in

high school. They want students who have developed critical thinking and problem solving skills. They want oral and written communication skills and they want innovation and entrepreneurship.” There are currently 22 New Tech High Schools in Indiana and about 100 sites across the nation. “We believe that Evansville will be the star in the crown of southern Indiana.”

New Tech’s approach to PBL fundamentally changes the role of teacher and student. Instead of traditional one-to-many instructors, teachers become facilitators and coaches who guide students to take charge of their own learning, invent their own solutions, and develop self-management techniques. New Tech invests deeply in this process through ongoing training and support to ensure all teachers can become effective in this transformative approach to learning.

Matt Meadors, president and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce of Southwestern Indiana, said that this school model seems to be ideally suited to “better prepare students to lead and succeed.” He said the business community goals and the goals of the school mesh well and will help to “develop a world-class educational system.”

New Tech Institute (NTI) will be a full-day high school program, open to incoming freshmen from Vanderburgh County. The new school will be housed within the Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center. Students will still be able to participate in extracurricular activities with what would have been their home school district.

Enrollment in EVSC’s New Tech Institute will now begin to take place with 8th graders who will be next fall’s freshmen. In order to ensure equity, fairness, and consistency with the policy of gender balance, NTI students will be selected by lottery at the end of the enrollment period. Applications to be included in the lottery are available online at www.evsc-schools.com/newtech and must be received by February 2, 2010, at 4 p.m. Students will be notified of acceptance by Feb. 8. Following the first 100 students selected, a waiting list will be established.

For additional information, contact Principal Cory Herrin at cory.herrin@evsc.k12.in.us or 435-0967.

SPORTS

Four Aces Make All-Region Soccer Team

For the first time since 1992, four University of Evansville soccer players have been selected as all-region. Junior midfielder Robby Lynch (Carmel, Ind./Carmel) was a second team selection on the NSCAA/Performance Subaru All-Midwest Region Team, while junior forward Tom Irvin (Collinsville, Ill./St. Louis U. High), sophomore defender Justin Sass (New Palestine, Ind./New Palestine) and sophomore midfielder Richard Menjivar (North Hills, Cal./James Monroe) were third team selections. Evansville put two players on the 2008 all-region squad, but had not placed as many as four players on the all-region squad since Trey Harrington, Shane Schmidt, Ian Dunbar and Diego Gutierrez were chosen in 1992.

Lynch was first team all-Missouri Valley Conference after finishing second on the team with five goals and seven assists for 17 points. Irvin and Menjivar were second team all-MVC selections, and Sass made the honorable mention team. Irvin led the Aces in scoring and ranked third in the MVC with six goals and eight assists for 20 points. Sass totaled three goals for six points, and led a defense that held opponents to 25 goals, the fewest since 2003 and second fewest since 1991. Menjivar was fourth on the squad with six assists from his center midfield position.

The Aces finished with a 12-8-1 record, their fourth consecutive

winning season under fourth-year coach Mike Jacobs. They defeated M V C champion Missouri State in the semifinals of the State Farm M V C Tournament



Robby Lynch was one of four Aces chosen for the NSCAA/Performance Subaru All-Midwest Region Team. ship match before losing in the championship match 2-1 to Drake, which went on to reach the Elite 8 in the NCAA Men's Soccer Championship.

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Eagles drain Lake Erie

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The University of Southern Indiana men's basketball team shot a blistering 60.9 percent from the field in defeating Lake Erie College, 105-64, Monday evening at the Physical Activities Center. USI raises its record to 9-0 overall, while Lake Erie falls to 4-8.

The Screaming Eagles opened the game by shooting 61.5 percent from the field (24-39) in the first half as they built a 57-31 lead by the intermission. USI was even better from beyond the three-point arc in the first half, dropping in 69.2 percent of the long-range bombs (9-13).

USI cooled a tiny bit in the second half, hitting 60 percent from the field (18-30) and 57.1 percent from beyond the arc (4-7). The Eagles pushed the lead to 42 points on three different occasions in the second half before finishing the game with a 41 point win.

Junior forward Nick Duncheon (Montgomery, Indiana) led the Eagles with a career-high 21 points. He was a blistering eight-of-nine from the field and a perfect five-of-five from beyond the arc.

Following Duncheon in the scoring column was senior guard Jamar Smith (Peoria, Illinois), who had 20 points and dished out a team-high five assists. Smith was eight-of-15 from the field, including four three-point field goals.

As a team, the Eagles had five players score in double



Junior forward Nick Duncheon scored a career-best 21 points against Lake Erie.

figures. Junior guard C.J. Trotter (Hopkinsville, Kentucky) had 15 points, two short of a season-best, while senior forward Tyrone Bradshaw (Cincinnati, Ohio) and senior center Jeron Lewis (Ft. Wayne, Indiana) rounded out the double-figure scorers with 11 points and 10 points, respectively.

USI won the rebounding battle for the ninth time in as many tries, controlling the boards, 40-35. Bradshaw and Lewis led the way for the Eagles with seven boards each.

The Eagles are scheduled to play the second game of the five-game homestand Saturday when they host Urbana University for a 3:15 p.m. contest. This is the final game for USI before the Christmas break.



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Aces To Honor Military Thursday Night

The University of Evansville is inviting all active and retired military personnel to attend Thursday's game against Georgia Southern University for just \$5 by displaying their military ID at the gate. Tip-off is at 7:05 at Roberts Stadium. Thursday's game will also feature the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP), a non-profit organization whose mission is to honor and empower servicemen and women who have been seriously wounded during conflicts in Iraq, Afghanistan and other locations around the world.

"Providing these military servicemen the chance to attend and be recognized at our basketball game is just a small token of gratitude considering they put their lives on the line for all of us," stated Liz Lewis, director of external affairs for the UE athletics department. "We hope that all of the men and women who have served our country enjoy the game and feel special as we thank them for their dedication to our country."

Wounded Warriors John D. Morris and Erik Goodge will be honored at the game. Master Sergeant Morris from Tennessee is a member of the United States Army, and Corporal Goodge from nearby Newburgh, Ind. is a Marine.

"While stationed overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan, our

nation's military personnel participate in sports during their downtime, and even after severe injury, wounded service members continue to use athletic endeavors as a tool in their rehabilitation," said Steve Nardizzi, Executive Director of Wounded



The Aces return home Thursday for Military Appreciation Night.

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USI baseball signs three in early period

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — The University of Southern Indiana baseball team announced the signing of three players — pitcher Silas Dill (Bernie, Missouri), pitcher/infielder James Mulvaney (Mt. Vernon, Illinois), and outfielder Bradley Wannemuehler (Evansville, IN) — to national letters of intent in the early signing period. The three players will join the Screaming Eagles and Head Coach Tracy Archuleta for the 2011 season.

Wannemuehler is a senior at Mater Dei High School and has lettered in baseball, soccer, and basketball during his four prep seasons. He was a member of the MDHS baseball team that was the state finalist team in 2007 and regional champion in 2009.

The three-sport Academic All-City performer also was the 2008 Evansville Soccer Player of the Year as well as being named All-City, All-Conference, and All-District this past fall.

“Brad has the capability of being a great lead-off hitter for us and can run down a baseball in the outfield,” said Archuleta. “He has great speed and handles the bat very well.”

Mulvaney is in his final year at Mt. Vernon High School (Mt. Vernon, Illinois) where he lettered in baseball, football, and basketball. He has been the South Seven Conference Pitcher of the Year twice, in addition to earning All-South Seven Conference honors twice.

“Jim is a competitor on the mound with good movement on his fastball,” commented Archuleta. “He will be expected to chew up some innings for us as a freshman.”

Dill will transfer to USI after playing his second season for St. Louis Community College-Florissant Valley this spring. He was a



two-sport letter winner at Bernie High School (Bernie, Missouri) in baseball and basketball prior to playing for Florissant Valley. The right-handed hurler earned All-State honors during his career at BHS.

“Silas will add deception to our staff next season,” Archuleta said. “He is a 6-foot-4 right-hander that throws from a low three-quarters.”

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Snowflake Derby set for January 17

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All pre-registered entries must be received by January 11 and pre-registered runners will receive a Snowflake Derby fleece running cap on race day. Running caps will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis. If supplies run out, the caps will be mailed to all participants as soon as possible. Food and drink will be available following the race in the PAC.

This year's event will be run entirely on grass and dirt (or mud) trails. Hills, hay bails, log jumps, and creek crossings will all be part of a terrain that varies from flat, to rolling hills, to short, steep inclines and declines. The start and finish will be at the Screaming Eagles Valley Cross Country and Disc Golf Complex on the south end of campus.

Awards go to the five finishers overall, plus the top two male and female finishers in the following age groups: 15–under, 16–19, 20–24, 25–29, 30–34, 35–39, 40–44, 45–49, 50–54, 55–59, 60–64, 65–69, 70–over. Food and drinks will be provided after the race.



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Waterfowl hunters throughout Indiana are being strongly reminded by Indiana Conservation Officers that a life jacket will not work unless it is being worn.

"Our 'Wear It' campaign to promote life jacket use is not just for the warm weather months" said Michael Crider, director of the Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division. "Under stressful conditions, there is just not enough time to put on a life jacket, and with the frigid water pulling every ounce of warmth from your body, it won't take long until you won't be able to swim anymore."

Crider said that there are reasonably priced inflatable life vests offered by a number of manufacturers that are comfortable and non-restricting, with most available in camouflage. Prices range from \$50-\$150.

Those who want a device that offers more protection from the elements, yet still acts as a life jacket need look no further than a float coat or jacket, which are available in camouflage. Prices range around \$150. Float coats and inflatable vests can be purchased through your favorite sporting goods store or catalog retailer and would be a great Christmas gift for a waterfowl hunter.

Indiana law requires there be one United States Coast Guard-approved wearable lifejacket per person in any boat, and that boats more than 16 feet in length have one throwable life-saving device on board.

Another successful year for state park deer hunts

Volunteer hunters helped the effort to restore habitat during the recent controlled hunts at 17 Indiana state parks, taking a total of 1,334 deer.

The controlled hunts took place Nov. 16-17 and Nov. 30-Dec. 1 at Chain O'Lakes, Charlestown, Harmonie, Lincoln, Ouabache, Pokagon, Potato Creek, Prophetstown, Shades, Shakamak, Spring Mill, Tippecanoe River, Turkey Run, Versailles, Whitewater Memorial, Fort Harrison, and Clifty Falls.

Versailles had the highest number of deer taken in the special hunts with 202, followed by Potato Creek (186), Charlestown (133), Tippecanoe River (119), and Harmonie (111).

DNR biologists evaluate which parks require a deer reduction each year, based on the recovery of vegetation that deer eat and previous harvest information at each park. The state parks are home to many unique natural communities and rare plants. The controlled hunts help reduce browsing by deer to a level that helps ecosystems and associated vegetation recover.

"In spite of poor weather during the first reduction and expanses of standing corn adjacent to many parks, our effort in 2009 was successful in maintaining the comfortable trend we've seen in recent years," said Mike Mycroft, chief of natural resources for the DNR Division of State Parks and Reservoirs.

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Bristol-Myers Squibb Sets Exchange Ratio of 0.6313 for the Exchange Offer

NEW YORK--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Bristol-Myers Squibb Company (NYSE: BMY) and Mead Johnson Nutrition Company (NYSE: MJN) announced today that Bristol-Myers Squibb has set the exchange ratio for its offer to exchange up to 170.0 million shares of common stock of Mead Johnson for outstanding shares of Bristol-Myers Squibb common stock that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn. The exchange ratio is 0.6313 shares of Mead Johnson common stock for each share of Bristol-Myers Squibb common stock accepted in the exchange offer.

The final calculated average Bristol-Myers Squibb price and the final calculated average Mead Johnson price, in each case determined in the manner described in the registration statement described below under "Additional Information," would have resulted in an exchange ratio of more than the upper limit of 0.6313 shares of Mead Johnson common stock for each share of Bristol-Myers Squibb common stock. Accordingly, the upper limit is in effect.

The exchange offer will expire at 12 midnight, New York City time, on December 17, 2009, unless extended. The exchange offer is subject to customary closing conditions, including a minimum tender condition.

Based on the final exchange ratio, Bristol-Myers Squibb will accept for exchange a maximum of 269,285,601 shares of its common stock. The exchange offer will be subject to proration if it is over-subscribed, and, accordingly, the number of shares of Bristol-Myers Squibb common stock accepted in the exchange offer may be less than the number of shares of Bristol-Myers Squibb common stock tendered. If the exchange offer is consummated but not fully subscribed, Bristol-Myers Squibb intends to distribute any shares of Mead Johnson common stock it continues to own as a pro rata dividend to Bristol-Myers Squibb common stockholders.

Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Goldman, Sachs & Co. and Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated are serving as the dealer managers for the exchange offer.

About Bristol-Myers Squibb

Bristol-Myers Squibb is a global biopharmaceutical company committed to discovering, developing and delivering innovative medicines that help patients prevail over serious diseases. For more information, please visit www.bms.com.

About Mead Johnson Nutrition Company

Mead Johnson Nutrition Company, a global leader in pediatric nutrition, develops, manufactures, markets and distributes more than 70 products in 50 markets worldwide. The company's mission is to create nutritional brands and products trusted to give infants and children the best start in life. The Mead Johnson name has been associated with science-based pediatric nutrition products for over 100 years. The company's "Enfa" family of brands, including Enfamil® infant formula, is the world's leading brand franchise in pediatric nutrition. For more information, go to www.meadjohnson.com.

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Additional Information

Mead Johnson Nutrition Company has filed a registration statement on Form S-4 (Reg No. 333-163126) that includes an exchange offer prospectus with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") registering the shares of MJN common stock to be issued to Bristol-Myers Squibb stockholders in connection with the exchange offer. In addition, Bristol-Myers Squibb and Mead Johnson have filed a tender offer statement on Schedule TO with the SEC. You are urged to read carefully and in its entirety the prospectus, and any other relevant documents filed with the SEC, before making any investment decision. None of Bristol-Myers Squibb, Mead Johnson or any of their respective directors or officers or any dealer managers with respect to the exchange offer makes any recommendation as to whether you should participate in the exchange offer. Free copies of the prospectus and other related documents filed with the SEC by Bristol-Myers Squibb and Mead Johnson may be obtained at the SEC's web site at www.sec.gov, and those documents may also be obtained for free, as applicable, from Bristol-Myers Squibb at www.bms.com or Mead Johnson at www.meadjohnson.com.

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Cold Weather Brings Risk of Frostbite and Hypothermia

INDIANAPOLIS—Current cold temperatures can make staying warm and dry a challenge. State health officials are urging Hoosiers to take steps to avoid prolonged exposure to the cold.

“Hypothermia occurs when people are exposed to cold temperatures,” said Joan Duwve, M.D., medical director for Public Health and Preparedness at the State Department of Health. “A person’s body begins to lose heat faster than it can be produced and prolonged exposure to the cold will ultimately use up your body’s stored energy. This results in hypothermia, or abnormally low body temperature.”

Dr. Duwve says a low body temperature affects the brain, making the victim unable to think clearly or move well. This makes hypothermia particularly dangerous because a person may not know it is happening, making them helpless to do anything about it.

According to Dr. Duwve, frostbite occurs with an injury to the body that is caused by freezing. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and color in affected areas. It most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite can permanently damage the body, and in severe cases lead to amputation. The risk of frostbite increases in people with reduced blood circulation and among people who are not dressed properly for extremely cold temperatures.

Exposure to cold can cause life-threatening health conditions. Avoid serious conditions such as frostbite and hypothermia, by keeping warm and wearing the following items:

- a hat or hood as most heat is lost through the head;
- a scarf or knit mask to cover face and mouth;
- sleeves that are snug at the wrist;
- mittens (they are warmer than gloves);
- water-resistant coat and boots; and
- several layers of loose-fitting clothing.

State health officials recommend people ensure the outer layer of their clothing is tightly woven, preferably wind resistant, to reduce body-heat loss caused by wind. Wool, silk, or polypropylene inner layers of clothing will hold more body heat than cotton. Most important, stay dry as wet clothing chills the body rapidly. Excess perspiration will increase heat loss, so individuals should remove extra layers of clothing whenever they feel too warm.

“If possible, stay inside during extremely cold weather,” said Dr. Duwve. “If you must go outside, be prepared by dressing in layers and having a blanket and hand warmers on hand in your car. If you get wet or start to shiver, take a break and go indoors.”

Do not ignore shivering,” warns Dr. Duwve. “It’s an important first sign that the body is losing heat. Persistent shivering is a signal to return indoors.”

State health officials urge Hoosiers to take precautions to

ensure they are heating their home safely, including having a working carbon monoxide detector. Improper use of portable heating equipment can lead to fire or dangerous levels of carbon monoxide.

Tips for staying warm and safe while at home include:

- Use fireplace, wood stoves, or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented to the outside;
- Never use a charcoal or gas grill indoors—the fumes are deadly;
- Never leave lit candles unattended;
- Keep as much heat as possible inside your home;
- Check the temperature in your home often during severely cold weather;
- Leave all water taps slightly open so they drip continuously; and
- Eat well-balanced meals to help you stay warmer.



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American General Life Companies Reprices AG Select-a-Term

American General Life Companies (American General) has announced that it has repriced AG Select-a-Term, issued by American General Life Insurance Company and The United States Life Insurance Company in The City of New York. Overall, rates decreased and the policy fee was lowered to \$64. This term life insurance product offers guaranteed level premiums for 17 term durations: 10-year and 15- through 30-year durations.

“AG Select-a-Term provides customers with the most flexible, customizable guaranteed level term available, and now we are offering it at a lower, highly competitive price,” said Mike Murphy, vice president, marketing. “Life insurance protection is more important than ever in this economy, and AG Select-a-Term’s flexibility and new, lower premium rates make it the best solution on the market for many family and business needs.”

The product also offers:

- Instant rate quotes with the Rapid Rater sales tool
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- Issue ages and durations that make coverage available into the mid-80s for older clients
- Convertibility to fixed, index and variable universal life policies
- Convertibility in the first two years to AG ROP Select-

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American General Life Companies, the top issuer of term life in North America through year-end 2008 according to the Life Insurance Market Research Association (LIMRA), offers insurance that meets a wide variety of needs. For more information about the features and benefits of AG Select-a-Term, visit www.americangeneral.com/select-a-term.

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70 Pine Street New York, New York 10270

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