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# GAGE in need of further public scrutiny

#### By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

The Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville (more commonly known as GAGE) has come under fire in the last 18-months for their shortcomings, especially in terms of local events that know fall under their umbrella. A few other questions have been asked and vague, if any answers at all are given.

In researching the actually purpose of this organization, the staff of the City-County Observer found meeting minutes stating that GAGE was the successor to Vision-e. The primary focus of the organization was supposed to be economic development.

According to the Indiana Secretary of State's Office, Vision-e began a legal entity on January 16, 1990. On that day, the organization's Articles of Incorporation were filed with the state. The legal name of the entity was Evansville Regional Economic Development Corp. While, Vision-e reportedly became GAGE in 2006, the administrative dissolution was filed on August 28, 2009.

The Secretary of State's Office also states that Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville was incorporated as a non-profit domestic corporation on August 18, 1989. Other names for this entity are listed as A Business Center for Developing Enterprises, Inc. and Innovation Pointe Inc. (as former names). Articles of Merger were filed on March 27, 2007.

Julie Gorman is listed as the Registered Agent for GAGE. Her signature is also present on tax returns obtained by the City-County Observer.

According to a statement by former GAGE President and CEO Joe Wallis in the 2008-2009 Annual Report, "The City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County, as stakeholders in GAGE, rely on us to perform critical economic development functions, including oversight of the tax phase-in process."

On Monday, documents regarding the relationship between GAGE and the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County were requested. Madelyn Grayson, of the Vanderburgh County Auditor's Office, emailed all requested documents to the City-County Observer within four hours of the request. These documents include the contracts between the county and GAGE, meeting minutes where the contracts were approved and the voucher inquiry for 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010.

According to the contracts, the Vanderburgh County Commissioners agreed GAGE \$150,000 annually as part of the Service Agreement. Payment is to be made in one lump sum at the beginning of the year. Records from the Auditor's Office show that payments in the amount of \$150,000 were made in 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010 to GAGE.

The contracts also spell out the scope of work, term of the contract, insurance, non-discrimination, compliance with state and other laws, and other items.

One of the more specific items is the "Reports" section. The following statement is included in each of the contracts: "Further, from time to time, at the request of the Vanderburgh County Commissioners, and not less often than annually, Growth Alliance shall appear personally before the Vanderburgh County Commissioners at a regular meeting of the Vanderburgh County Commissioners to report on the activities of and support provided by Growth Alliance."

Trips to the County Commissioners' Office and Vanderburgh County Council Office revealed that no annually reports had been presented to Vanderburgh County Officials. County officials have not questioned the annual activities of GAGE, who performs the research portion of the tax phase-in process for the county and does report on those phase-ins on an annual basis for the phase-in to remain in effect.

At the March 13, 2007, Vanderburgh County Commissioners meeting, Ted. C. Zeimer, Jr. said, "We have been negotiating with GAGE, which is Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville, for what we were originally considering a grant, and for a variety of reasons GAGE would rather be in a position to perform services for the county in return for a fee...This has been approved by [deceased]Greg LaMar of the Metropolitan Development Department and also by the attorney for GAGE. It's satisfactory for execution, should you approve it."

Under the "Termination for Cause" section of the contract, "... If the failure is not remedied within the reasonable time allotted, the Vanderburgh County Commissioners may delay future payment to the Growth Alliance until such Agreement requirements are met..." This begs the questions:

•Are there any other payments made to GAGE from Vanderburgh County for services?

•If payments were made, where is the record for those payments?

•If you make a payment up front, what recourse do you really

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#### have?

While GAGE considers the City of Evansville and Vanderburgh County stakeholders, the following statement was located in the contracts: "Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to create an agency relationship between the Vanderburgh County Commissioners and the Growth Alliance shall operate independently of the Vanderburgh County Commissioners' authority, subject only to the general obligations contained in this Agreement regarding satisfactory performance."

However, in Mayor Weinzapfel's October 24, 2007, speech to the Chamber of Commerce, he stated, "And on the local level, we've created GAGE – the Growth Alliance for Greater Evansville – a unified city/county partnership dedicated to nurturing businesses and seeking out investment opportunities in Downtown Evansville."

The 2007 contract was signed by the respective members of the Vanderburgh County Commissioners and Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel as Chairman of GAGE. The 2008 contract was again signed by the commissioners, while Joe Wallace signed the contract as President and CEO of GAGE. The contract for 2009 was signed by the commissioners, yet no representative of GAGE signed the contract maintained by the county. The current county commissioners signed the 2010 agreement on December 15, 2009, with little to no question or discussion. Erika Taylor signed as the Vice President of GAGE.

While the county was forthcoming with most of its documentation, the city has failed to provide any information other than an acknowledgement of receipts of requests for information. The staff of the City-County Observer has managed to locate some documentation through previous press releases and meeting minutes from city offices and boards.

In the December 2, 2009, issue of the City-County Observer, the loan from the Department of Metropolitan Development, through the

tion and delivery of this loan agreement. The terms of the Promissory Note are as follows:

(a) Principal Amount: \$280,000.00.

(b) Interest Rate: No interest.

(c) Payments: No monthly payments required. The entire remaining unpaid balance of principal owing hereunder shall become due and payable on November 17, 2009.

(d) Disbursements. The principal amount will be distributed upon signing all of the Loan Documents."

No further discussion has taken place regarding this loan as of post time today.

In GAGE's 2008 federal tax return, which is the most recent return, it states that the non-profit corporation had an ending cash balance of \$1,014,675. They show \$1,602,527 in net assets or fund balances.

In Garret Mathews column dated July 15, 2009, it states that GAGE lost approximately \$290,000 through the Freedom Festival. On that same day, the Evansville Redevelopment Commission approved the loan for GAGE in the amount of \$280,000.

According to the meeting minutes, former President and CEO of GAGE Joe Wallace stated that the roof of the Innovation Pointe building was leaking and in need of repair. The estimated cost he discussed with the appointed board was \$105,000.

On March 4, 2010, GAGE presented a request for funds to the Evansville Local Public Improvement Bond Bank. This particular request was for \$262,000 for Contractual Services. The request was approved as part of the annual budget.

The staff of the City-County Observer is working on obtaining additional information from the Bond Bank, the City of Evansville, the Evansville Redevelopment Commission and the Dept. of Metropolitan Development. More information will be forthcoming in the near future.

Evansville Redevelopment Commission, to GAGE was discussed.

An agreement was signed on July 17, 2009, for a loan in the amount of \$280,000. The only signature on the agreement was that of Tom Barnett, Executive Director of the Dept. of Metropolitan Development. According to the last page of the agreement, there were no other signatures. No representative of GAGE signed the agreement. At the November 18, 2009 meeting, the ERC passed resolution ERC 09-ERC-81, which extended the loan.

According to the "Recitals" section of the agreement, GAGE applied to ERC for a loan in the amount of \$280,000.

Article II contains the "Terms of Note and Mortgage." According to Section 2.01, "Promissory Note. The Note has been executed and delivered by the Borrower [GAGE] contemporaneously with the execu-

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## $\exists WS$ **Money Trail: Utility Contracts Linked to Mayor's Campaign Fund**

#### By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

This week's "Money Trail" article discusses the links between Evansville Water and Sewer contracts and Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel's campaign fund. In this, the third, installment of the series the focus is on Bowen Engineering and HNTB Corporation.

#### **BOWEN ENGINEERING**

Bowen Engineering is an Indianapolis-based engineering company. Over the course of the last five years, the company has made a total of \$8,200. In 2005, the company gave a total of \$6,500. The firm donated \$1,700 in 2006. No corporate donations were listed on the campaign finance reports for 2007, 2008, or 2009.

The staff of the City-County Observer found a link to individual donations of significance from Jeffrey Purdue, who is listed as Sr. Vice President & Division Manager – Power & Industrial with Bowen Engineering. According to the mayor's campaign finance reports, Purdue He donated \$5,000 in 2007

gave a reported total of \$15,000. and gave \$10,000 in 2009. No do-

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#### **HNTB CORPORATION**

HNTB Corporation is a Kansas City-based firm specializing in infrastructure. This company has given Weinzapfel's campaign fund an approximated total of \$14,600 through corporate political action committees and individual donations. In 2007, two individuals reportedly associated with company (John Kupke and Charles Dulic) gave \$700 each on April 18. On that same day, the HNTB Corp. PAC gave \$3,000. This is a combined total of \$4,400 for that

vear. On June 20, 2008, HNTB Corp. PAC donated \$5,000 to the mayor's campaign fund. On September 16, 2008, John Kupke made a donation of \$1,200.

Two donations were cited in 2009, one on October 1 and the other on December 16. Each donation was \$2,000, for a total of \$4,000 last year.

HNTB is currently working on five projects for the City of Evansville.

The first project located is for the construction engineering for the First Avenue at Pigeon Creek Utility Relocation. The amount of that contract is \$186,000.

The next project located is for the preliminary design services for the US 41at SR 62 Interchange (which is also an INDOT project). This contract amount is \$118,000.

HNTB Corporation also has the contract for the preliminary design services for the Eagle Creek Slough to SR 66 Water Main Relocation (which is an INDOT project as well). The amount of this contract is \$30,000.

The fourth Evansville-HNTB contract located is for design through construction engineering for the Static Mixer Project at the Water Filtration Plant. The amount of this contract is \$96,000.

HNTB Corporation also has a contract to update the Water Master Plan. The amount of this contract is \$198,000.

Check the City-County Observer next week as we continue our "Money Trail" series.

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nations were found in 2008. has a contract with the city Main Relocation Project. this contract is \$3,124,400. the contract for the Fi-Stormwater Project. The contract is \$17,073,250.54. contract for the new filters Plant. The total contract gineering is \$3,115,650.

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## NEWS CHAMBER NAMES 2010 SMALL BUSINESS AWARD RECIPIENTS

EVANSVILLE, Ind. - The Chamber of Commerce of Southwest Indiana announced its 2010 Small Business Award recipients at the 2010 Small Business Awards brunch, hosted today, Thursday, March 11 at The Centre in Downtown Evansville.

The Chamber Small Business Awards celebrate small businesses and the contributions they make to our communities and economy. There were over 90 nominations this year and a committee of independent judges narrowed the field to five finalists per category. The five finalists from each category were recognized and one recipient in each category was presented with the award at The Small Business Awards ceremony.

#### 2010 Give Back Award: Just Rennie's, LLC

Just Rennie's Catering began in September 2003 when Marla Rennie started the business on her own. In its first year, promoted only by word of mouth, the company offered light lunches of sandwiches, salads, pasta and desserts.

Doug and Marla bought a building at 100 SE Fourth Street in downtown Evansville, Indiana, and hired interior designer Cinda Vote to transform it into a Tuscan wine room-bistro. The unique setting accommodates groups up to 48. Catering services can also be provided at Just Rennie's clients' own locations.

Marla and Doug's businesses continue to expand and thrive due to the couple's personal dedication to unsurpassed quality, service and attention to detail.

In 2009, Just Rennie's donated to the following not-for-profits: Cancer Society, Heart Association, Holly's House, March of Dimes, Race for the Cure, Substance Abuse, Aids Foundation. Various Church Organizations, Various Local School Organizations, SWIR-CA, Evansville Museum, Koch's Family Museum – CMOE, Reitz Home, United Way. South Sector for the Police, Gilda's Club, University of Evansville, Deaconess Golf Classic, St. Mary's Cornet Ball and many more.

#### The finalists for the 2010 Give Back Award were:

C. Larry Rhodes Insurance Agency Evansville Otters Just Rennie's, LLC Regency Properties Tracy Zeller Jewelry

### 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year Award: Tom and Lisa Slade, AlphaGraphics

Founded in 1993 as a total start up operation, AlphaGraphics has grown to be a leading provider of print related products to the Evansville and Tri-State Region over the past 17 years. The company was founded with four employees including the Slades and today employs 17 full time staff. In an extremely competitive industry, AlphaGraphics has flourished due to the competency and longevity of a dynamic group of employees. The Slades believe teamwork and core competency of their staff is the single most important element to their business. The loyalty and development of their corporate clients over the years is testimony to the importance placed on delivering a quality product in a timely and efficient manner.

AlphaGraphics has earned the respect of clients and the community over the past 17 years as they strive to bring printing technologies, customer service and community involvement to a level which sets them apart from their competition. AlphaGraphics currently operates out of two locations, their main office on Vogel Road and a production facility on Temple Avenue where they produce large

### The finalists for the 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year Award were:

Tom Ashby – American Legacy Fishing Company, LLC Keith Barnett – Information Technology Architects, Inc. Jaye Moseley – Excursions of Evansville Doug and Marla Rennie – Just Rennie's, LLC Tom and Lisa Slade – AlphaGraphics

#### 2010 Non-Profit of the Year Award: Tri-State Food Bank

Located in Evansville, Indiana, the Tri-State Food Bank (TSFB) impacts the community in many ways. The Food Bank provides safe food to hundreds of feeding charities serving local women, men, and children in the 33-county Tri-State service area.

Last year, the Tri-State Foodbank provided over six million pounds of food to over 200 feeding programs including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters serving the homeless, victims of domestic violence, and families and individuals in need. An estimated 114,200 different people receive food from the food bank annually. In just the southern Indiana counties, the TSFB provided over 2.6 million pounds of food to help people needing assistance.

Partnering with schools and after-school programs, the Tri-State Food Bank provides nutritious weekend meals to nearly 1800 kids through our Weekend Back Pack-Food for Kids program. Too many kids rely on the free school lunch as their primary meal and do not have adequate food over the weekend.

Kids Cafe, a nutritional meal program began in 2003. It operates year round, in partnership with Media Ministries Dream Center located in Evansville. The Kids Café program serves healthy meals to local "at risk" children. The Tri-State Food Bank provides nutritious food to prepare the meals, nutrition education and primary program support.

In the spring of 2009, Tri-State Food Bank launched on our first "Kids Crop", a children's community garden project. The garden, located in the Tri-State Food Bank is a team effort between the children, staff members, and experienced volunteers, including Master Gardens. This program objective is to teach growing, harvesting,

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cooking, and marketing skills to children. The program is set up to become practically self-sustaining for many years.

#### The finalists for the 2010 Non-Profit of the Year Award were:

American Red Cross Community Marriage Builders Habitat for Humanity of Evansville Tri-State Food Bank Wesselman Nature Society

2010 Small Business of the Year Award: Information Technology Architects

Information Technology Architects is an IT consulting firm in Evansville in business since 1996 with over 300 years of combined IT experience in systems integration, computer, and network support services. During an economic downturn ITA continues to grow increasing their employees by 233% and number of clients by 900%.

ITA has two divisions, System Integration and Business Solutions, ITA's System Integration Division has 100's of global clients which includes NASA, Pratt & Whitney, Deaconess and St Mary's Hospitals. Specializing in the health care arena, ITA's focus in 2010 will be a Hosted Integration Solution for Rural Hospitals and Clinics.

ITA started the local division of the company by creating the Business Solutions Division in 2007. Business Solutions bring a whole new and affordable solutions to tri-state businesses. ITA takes a proactive approach at IT by doing a FREE network evaluation. ITA's goal is to give local businesses guidance and support when it comes to IT; not just fixing broken stuff but making sure their infrastructure is stable thus allowing them to grow with IT that fits their dreams and budget. ITA prides themselves by providing solutions to fit the needs of each client. ITA does not partner with hardware or software vendors. This allows ITA to be their client's advocate knowing they don't promote any one vendor. ITA prides themselves on building relationships with their clients and by being there for the long term.

The finalists for the 2010 Small Business of the Year Award were:

AmeriStamp/SIGN\*A\*RAMA Evansville Garage Doors, Inc. Hayes, Powers & Associates of Ameriprise Financial Information Technology Architects, Inc. Torian, Hofmann, Dillow & Flittner Insurance

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## **ASK THE TAX MASTER** Self-Employed or known as Independent Contractor



#### By Jeff Day, EA

I respected my father-in law (Lee Roy), who passed away some years ago very much. There was absolutely nothing he could not do with his hands. He could build walls, he could install electrical wiring, he could install electrical wiring, he could install plumbing. This was all before the government decided it needed to have controls over the proletariat all in the guise of protecting the consumer. By the

time Lee was about 70 years old he could no longer physically continue to earn his living and started drawing social security. Lee. His social security, although he was 70 at the time he started drawing, was only about \$550 a month.

Lee had bitterness that he only drew such a meager amount, since he knew others that were drawing more than double his. He did not understand why they drew so much more than he "since they didn't work a day in their lives. Too him persons that sat behind a desk didn't really work. All the years of his working life, however he only showed on his tax returns a small amount of net income and thus only contributed a small amount into his social security fund. Since he had been pay-

ing in miniscule amounts all his working life there was only a small amount for him to draw from.

This past week, I met a man (Dan) who had had his 2009 taxes prepared by another tax "professional"? This person had gross income approximately \$49,000. However when the return was prepared and all expenses taken against the income the net income was only \$5400. This man is married, his wife has the most important job of raising the children. They have two children, one of which is 19. The 19-yr-old was still a senior in 2009. The senior moved out of her parents' house in Sept, 2009 to live with the boyfriend. (typical sad situation). Dan did not think they could claim his daughter. Her only income was less than \$3000. The tax "professional" did not probe and discover the daughter was able to be claimed by

her parents. Dan and his wife receive no food stamps, Dan and his family do not live in Section 8 housing. The rent these folks pay is \$550 a month. Isn't it obvious they have a net income more than \$5,400?

Dan believed it was in his best interest to minimize his income as low as he could. With a net income of only \$5,400 the amount being paid in on the social security for the year is \$773.00. With only one child on his tax return his earned income credit offsetting the social security tax is \$1,845 thus a net refund on the return of \$1,050, although none was paid in.

If the reported income had been the more reasonable \$15,405. The amount paid into the social security system amount on the return would be \$2,200 three times greater to draw from when he can no longer work). The earned income credit for two children instead of just one is \$5,028. This allows a net refund on the return of over \$3,000.

Dan told me, he had been going to the same preparer 12 years with the same type of results on every return. Which return is the most "honest", which return would you want for your father in law?

Next week, the article continues with employee versus independent contractor.

If you have a question for the Tax Master, please email him @ jeffrey.day@tax.hrblock.com



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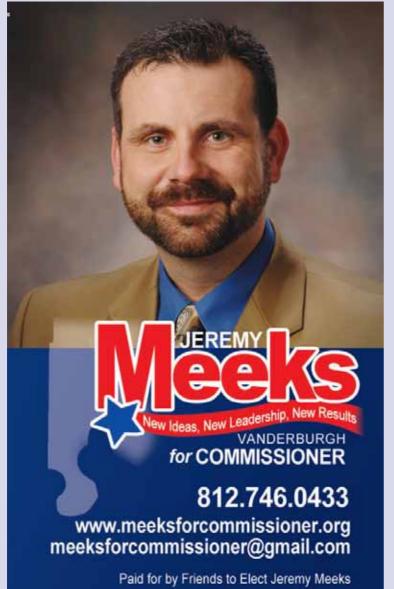
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#### Compiled by 'Moles' Number 1 through 146...and counting

IS IT TRUE the publisher of the CITY COUNTY OBSERV-ER asked TOM BARNETT, Director of Metropolitan Development of Evansville the following questions 14 days ago? IS IT TRUE we haven't heard a peep from MR. BARNETT since we E-Mailed him? IS IT TRUE the questions we ask Mr. Barnett to answer are as follows; 1) Have you ever served on the GAGE board? If so, when? 2) Have you ever personally received any funds or payments directly from GAGE? If so, how much and when? If so, did they pay you directly with a check? 3) If you receive any funds from Gage, what was the reason for receiving such payments from them? 4) Have you ever received a 1099



tax form from GAGE reporting monies you receive from them? If so, when? 5) Did the Board of Directors of GAGE formally approve any funds you may have received from them? 6) If you received money given by the City Of Evansville to GAGE to pay you as an employee or consultant of GAGE, who worked this financial arrangement out with you and the leadership of GAGE? 7) Can you provide us with a written agreement or contract stating the terms of your employment with GAGE?

IS IT TRUE we weren't surprised to read that Councilman Curt John finally admitted that he is part-owner (not consultant) of the MAIN GATE SPORTS BAR and Restaurant directly located across from the new downtown Arena? IS IT TRUE since Mr. John owns a couple of bars located in Evansville he should recues himself from discussing and/or voting on City Councilman DR. Dan Adams attempt to amend the Evansville Smoking Ordinance? IS IT TRUE if any other City Councilmen have any interest in any city bar or restaurant they also should not only rescue themselves from voting on this issue but also file a "conflict of interest statement" with the County Clerk?

IS IT TRUE the State Legislature should pass a law that would require that all elected or appointed officials be required to pass a breathalyzer test before they are allowed to conduct the taxpayers' business?

IS IT TRUE the State of the City speech given by the Mayor to the Rotary Club lacked real substance? IS IT TRUE we can't wait to hear the rebuttal speech to be given by the minority member of City Councilman Dan McGinn on his view of the State of the CITY? IS IT TRUE why Councilman McGinn speech is so important is that there is a movement afoot to push him to run for MAYOR? IS IT TRUE we are awaiting to see when the Republican Party Chairman Nick Hermann will make arrangements to set up Dan McGinn's rebuttal speech with the Rotary Club?

IS IT TRUE the race is on for the 6th Ward City Council seat? IS IT TRUE Al Lindsey consulted with his Beloved Llamas and they determined that he should run for the Sixth Ward City Council seat?

IS IT TRUE Evansville Firefighters will be meeting City Officials later on this month for reasons not being disclosed to Firefighters? IS IT TRUE many rank and file firefighters suspect this meeting was called to talk about the Union contract with the City? IS IT TRUE the Firefighters Union members have been waiting for 2 years to get an employment contract with City?

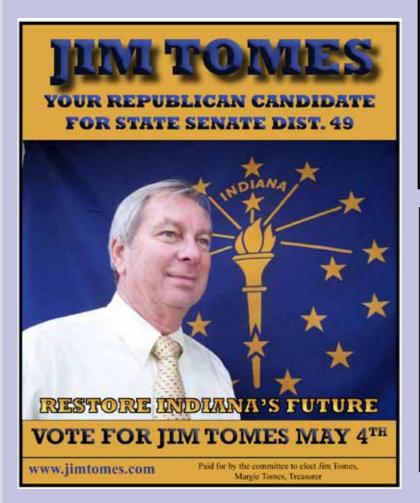
IS IT TRUE that that some of the rank and file members of the Evansville Fire Department Union may be calling for an official vote that will require Union President Paul Anslinger to

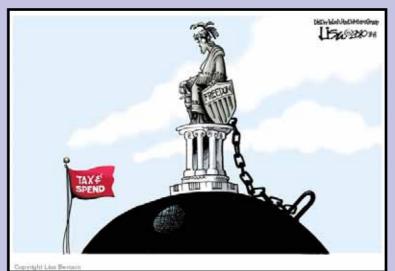
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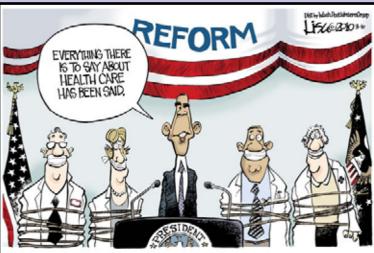
have a least one board member present when he discusses any official Union business with the Mayor, Safety Board or City Council members ? IS IT TRUE they may also ask that he not be allowed to make any official decisions concerning the future of the Union without the permission of the Union board?

IS IT TRUE that the MAYOR is upset because he didn't want the public to know that plans are being made to tear down ROB-ERTS STADUIM in order to develop a baseball/softball complex on that property? IS IT TRUE we informed our readers a while back that the Mayor was quietly asking General Contractors to give him a bid on how much it will cost to tear Roberts Stadium down?

IS IT TRUE an Evansville Convention and Visitors Bureau board member holds a full-time, paid, executive position with French Lick Casino? IS IT TRUE French Lick Casino is in direct competition with Casino Aztar of Evansville? IS IT TRUE that the CVB receives funds from Casino Aztar to market Evansville proper? IS IT TRUE it makes no business/public policy sense that the mayor would appointment an employee of a direct gaming competitor?









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## **EDITORIAL** WHY DO THEY DO IT?

On the way into to work from JPeg Ranch this morning I listened to National Public Radio's interview of Dr. Philip Hurley. I had never heard of Dr. Hurley who was identified as an orthopedic surgeon from Owensboro, Kentucky.

Dr. Hurley is planning for his return trip to Haiti to help Haiti's twenty-six orthopedic surgeons care for Haiti's 200,000 patients in need of orthopedic care. On his first trip he was working without much of the equipment and supplies needed for the best practices. "Fixating" of fractures, not surgical repair, and amputation were the best Hurley and others could do in that triage situation.

Now he is returning under better circumstances to follow-up previous care and provide more advanced care. My thoughts somehow turned from Haiti to New Orleans and the Gulf Coast and Posey County's own response in the fall of 2005 to the horror that was Katrina and her evil little sisters, Rita and Wilma.

We had a great outpouring of goods and contributions from the Red Cross, the churches, civic organizations and individuals. If you happen to have read this column for September 12, 2005, you may recall that several Posey County people were named who gave of their time, talent and money to help people they had never met.

And, as a Director of the Posey County Historical Society, I was reminded of Barry Cox of Warehouse Services, Incorporated, who was one of the ones who helped in 2005. You might wonder, "Whither the connection?" Well, once again a member of the Cox family, this time Kay, and her friend and business partner, Judy Winiger, have stepped forward to help others.

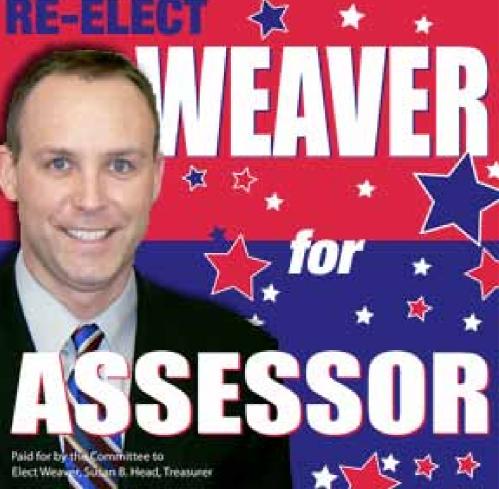
They are not going to Haiti, but they are investing in our community and helping the Posey County Historical Society to finally have a permanent home after three quarters of a century of moving valuable and irreplaceable items of our history from temporary shelter to temporary shelter.

With the hard work of Society President Becky Higgins and others and with a generous gift from Pauline Burgdorf, the Historical Society and Kay and Judy may soon enter

upon a cooperative venture that all of the public may get to enjoy. Perhaps this will lead to more people joining in the effort to preserve our history while it can still be preserved.

Thank you to such generous citizens as Dr. Hurley, Posey County relief workers and contributors, and to Kay, Judy and Pauline. Of course, we have not addressed the issue of "Why do they do it?", but we are all better off because they and many others do.

IS IT TRUE the best way to get the word out about the City-County Observer is for you to forward it on to your friends? IS IT TRUE we encourage you to pass it on?



## NEWS

## EVSC STUDENTS ADVANCE TO NATIONAL BUSINESS COMPETITION

Eight students from the Evansville Vanderburgh School Corporation, will be among the approximate 5,000 high school students converging on Anaheim, Calif., for the Business Professionals of America (BPA) national conference, May 5-9.

The following students have qualified to compete at the conference. The award they won at the state level and school is noted below.

Danny Chaparro, 5th in Advanced Accounting, Harrison High School

· Megan Coomes, 5th in Advanced Word Processing, Reitz High School

\* Natalie Dickinson, 4th in Advanced Accounting, Harrison High School

\* Michael Forston, 2nd in Presentation Management Individual, Harrison High School

\* Tony Huang, 2nd in Advanced Word Processing, Reitz High School

\* Juli Ringwall, 1st in Administrative Support Research Project Individual, North High School

\* Vanessa Purdue, 5th in Desktop Publishing, Central High School

\* Thomas Yeh, 4th in Java Programming, Reitz High Schoool

The students advanced to the national competition by competing against nearly 1,500 students at the state level in Indianapolis in early March. In order to advance, students had to finish in the top two for teamed events, the top three for judged events and the top five for written or computer tests.

Other students who placed at the state level but who did not advance, include:

· Daniel Albin, 9th in Fundamental Spreadsheet Applications, Bosse High School

· Angela Bonner, 6th in Database Applications, Central High School

· Damon Brantley, 9th in Fundaments of Web Design, Harrison High School

 $\cdot$  Taylor Brazelton and Zach Bell, 3rd in Web Application Team

· Molly Groves, 7th in Advanced Word Processing, Bosse High School

· Carrie Kraft, 5th in Presentation Management Individual, North High School

· Kevin Manely, 6th in Desktop Publishing, North High School

· Emily Preskey, 7th in Basic Office Systems and Procedures, Central High School

· Anna Shelton, 9th in Payroll Accounting, Harrison High School

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Civic Theatre debuts.

#### CIVIC THEATRE EVENTS LOCAL FLAVOR ADDS SPICE TO "BETWEEN DAYLIGHT AND BOONVILLE" AT CIVIC THEATRE

Set in coal mining country only a few miles from Evansville, Between Daylight and Boonville comes to Civic Theatre in February. Written by Evansville native and professional screenwriter Matt Williams, the story focuses on Carla who dreams of escaping her dreary existence, but whose plans are interrupted when an ordinary day becomes extraordinary as an unforeseen crisis strikes her community. The play is a touching and humorous study of the women who rise above the grimmer facts of their existence with gritty humor and fierce dignity.

•Between Daylight and Boonville opens Feb. 12, and runs Friday, Saturday and Sunday (except for Sunday, Feb. 14, when there is no show) through Feb. 28. Friday and Saturday shows are at 8:00pm, and Sunday matinees are at 2:00.

•Tickets are \$17 for adults, \$16 for seniors 65 and older and \$12 for students 21 and younger. Tickets can be purchased at the theatre box office at 717 North Fulton Avenue, or by calling 425-2800.

Matt Williams, a Reitz High School graduate, went on to help create the sitcoms Rosanne and Home Improvement, and is now a partner in the New York production company, Wind Dancer Production Group.

Kensington Blaylock returns to the Civic stage as Carla; she was last seen in Steve Martin's The Underpants last Paula Boenigk plays Lorette, spring. and Kate Small Scheu portrays Marlene, two of Carla's friends and wives of coal miners. Leo Kempf, who last appeared in the summer of 2007 in Almost, Maine, play Cyril, one of the coal miners. Ebony Kiegel plays Wanda, a miner's widow, in her Civic Theatre debut. Maddy Plough, last seen in last spring's Anne of Green Gables, plays Carla's daughter Stacy. Reece McDaniel and Harrison Holder, playing Jimmy and Bobby respectively, who are Marlene's sons, are both making their THE MAINSTAGE SEASON:

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#### EVANSVILLE JAZZ SOCIETY ESB Big Band in Concert

The ESB Big Band will present the next concert in the Jazz Guest Artist Concert Series in Wheeler Concert Hall on Sunday, February 28, at 4:00 p.m. This event is cosponsored by the UE Department of Music and the Evans-

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#### ville Jazz Society.

The ESB Big Band, with members from the ranks of the Evansville Symphonic Band, has become a favorite of local audiences since its founding in 2007. Normally performing as a part of the summer concert season of the Evansville Symphonic Band, this will be the band's first concert independent of the Symphonic Band.

The band will be playing a variety of selections, representing styles ranging from the swing era of the 1930's and 40's to the best of today's contemporary big band jazz, with selections from the libraries of the Orchestras of Count Basie, Woody Herman, and many others.

The band is directed by Dr. Tim Zifer, director of jazz studies at the University of Evansville, and the members include many performers familiar to local audiences, including Tim Smith, trumpet; Mark Eifler, trombone; and Matt Kincaid, guitar.

Admission to the concert is \$15.00 for adults, \$10.00 for Evansville Jazz Society members and \$5.00 for students with I.D. Tickets can be obtained by contacting the UE Department of Music at 488-2754, at H&H Music, or at the door.

For more information, contact:

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Winter hours. Visitors are being welcomed Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from Noon - 5:00 p.m. The Museum will be closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays. These hours will be ef-

fective through Tuesday, February 23, 2010.

Admission is free, but there is a suggested contribution of \$2 per person.

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#### **Main Gallery**

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#### **EVANSVILLE PHILHARMONIC GUILD EVENTS**

All events are open to the public & are fund raisers for the Guild.

#### Vintage Style Show

On March 4, at the Evansville Country Club, the Philharmonic Guild will hold another of its Vintage Style Shows. This year's theme is "The Perfect Prom" and will feature dresses from five decades. A highlight of the program will be a Signature School student wearing her grandmother's dress which she also wore to her own prom. Social hour is 11, lunch is at noon, and the style show is at 12:45. Cost is \$40. For more information, contact Pat Bateman 471-3750.

#### **HOMES OF NOTE house tour**

On Saturday, April 24, the Philharmonic Guild will hold its HOMES OF NOTE house tour. The tour is to be held in the Sutherland Subdivision from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Bus service, underwritten by Vectren, will be available at the South end of Washington Square where cars can be parked. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 the day of the tour. They can be purchased at Wildflower, Paul's Men Store, Schnucks, and the Philharmonic office. For more information, contact Nancy Heavrin at 476-8912. 10400 W. State Road 662, Newburgh, IN 47630 812/853-2537

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I have included a link above for our current Continuing Education Workforce Training and Personal Enrichment classes. Hopefully, you and your employees can take advantage of some great offerings and the tremendous resources through Ivy Tech.

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#### GALLERY EVENTS

The Ohio Valley Art League is proud to present "The Luster of Silver: Contemporary Metalpoint Drawings" on loan for the permanent collection of the Evansville Museum.

#### RiverWind Gallery presents:

Art by some of North America's most sought after artists will be displayed at Riverwind Gallery March 9 through April 30. Limited edition canvas giclee images of cowboy and Native American images, some from real life scenes in today's west with others from days past, show the majesty and beauty of the land and the people.



## **COMMUNITY** Evansville's Celebration of Diversity Distinguished Lecture Series 2010 Speaker: Actress Rosie Perez

EVANSVILLE, IN) – Evansville's Celebration of Diversity Distinguished Lecture Series is pleased to announce its guest speaker for spring 2010. Rosie Perez, choreographer, AIDS activist, and Oscar® nominated actress, will appear on Thursday, April 22nd, at The Centre. The topic of Perez's lecture will be, "I am Puerto Rican, just so you know."

"We welcome Rosie Perez as the first Latina speaker for the Diversity Lecture Series. Her appearance in Evansville continues the Lecture Series' mission of bringing speakers to our community who will encourage us to explore the issue of diversity, broaden our horizons and inspire us all to think creatively about the future," said Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel.

Rosie Perez's lecture is free to the public; however, tickets are required for admission. Tickets will be available at

10:00 a.m. on April 3rd at The Centre box office. There will be a maximum of four tickets distributed per person. Group tickets will not be available. Upon request, tickets and seats will be set aside for anyone needing special accommodation. The lecture will begin at 7:00 p.m. at The



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## RELIGION **THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURES**

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THURSDAY......"REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS: AND AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE !!" Philippians 4:4

FRIDAY......"BEHOLD, GOD IS MY SAVATION; I WILL TRUST, AND NOT BE AFRAID: FOR THE LORD JEHOVAH IS MY STRENGTH AND MY SONG; HE ALSO IS BECOME MY SALVATION." Isaiah 12:2

SATURDAY ......"BUT HE THAT RECEIVED SEED INTO THE GOOD GROUND IS HE THAT HEARETH THE WORD, AND UNDERSTNDETH IT: WHICH ALSO BEARETH FRUIT, AND BRINGETH FORTH, SOME A HUNDREDFOD, SOME SIXTY, SOME THIRTY."

Matthew 13.23

SUNDAY ...... "IN THAT DAY, I WILL RESTORE DA-VID'S FALLEN TENT. I WILL REPAIR ITS BROKEN PLACES, RESTORE ITS RUINS, AND BUILD IT AS IT



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USED TO BE, AND ALL THE NATIONS THAT BEAR MY NAME" DECLARES THE LORD. Amos 9:11-15

MONDAY...."BE DRESSED READY FOR SERVICE AND KEEP YOUR LAMPS BURNING, LIKE MEN WAIT-ING FOR THEIR MASTERS TO RETURN FROM A WED-DING BANQUET, SO THAT WHEN HE COMES AND KNOCKS THEY CAN BE IMMEDIATELY READY FOR HIM"

Luke 12:35-37

TUESDAY ...... "SEE, I WILL BECKON TO THE GEN-TILES, I WILL LIFT UP MY BANNER TO THE PEOPLE" Isa. 49:22

WEDNESDAY ..... "IN THE BEGINNING WAS THE WORD, AND THE WORD WAS WITH GOD, AND THE WORD WAS GOD. HE WAS WITH GOD IN THE BEGIN-ING." John 1:1

## **BIBLE TRIVIA**

by Wilson Casey

1. Is the book of Daniel in the Old or New Testament or neither?

2. Which of his sons did the dying Jacob compare to a vicious lion? Joel, Judah, Peter. David

3. What golden graven image did the Israelites dance in front of? Calf, Ox, Horse, Camel

4. Who primarily made that golden graven image in above question? Joseph, Michal, Lot. Aaron

5. From Genesis 1, what was the first color mentioned in the Bible? Black, Violet, Green, Red

6. Which Old Testament passage prophesied the virgin birth? Hosea 10, Isaiah 7, Psalm 1. Micah 4

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# **EDUCATION**

### **Robert C. Roeder is 2010 Commencement speaker**

The University of Southern Indiana Board of Trustees, at their March meeting, approved awarding master's, baccalaureate, and associate degrees to more than 1,500 students who are completing degree requirements this academic year.

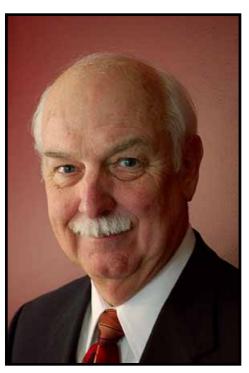
Commencement will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, May 9 at Roberts Stadium.

The Commencement speaker will be a member of the Class of 1971, USI's first graduating class. Robert C. Roeder, a nationally recognized specialist in human resources management, is Principal and Senior Human Capital consultant in the Indianapolis office of William M. Mercer, Inc. He specializes in executive compensation, employee rewards, and human resources management consulting.

A student leader while enrolled at the young campus, Roeder was a founding member of the Student Union Board (now Activities Programming Board) and served as president for three years. He has been active in the development of the USI Alumni Association and serves on the USI Foundation Board of Directors. During the ceremony he will receive an honorary Doctor of Laws degree.

David and Sarah Huber of Cannelton and Evansville

will receive honorary degrees for their University service and support. David Huber served as a University trustee for a decade, chairing the board for two years. Sarah Huber is a member and past chair of the USI/New Harmony Foundation Board David also served on that board as a representative of the USI trustees. Both will receive a Doctor of Laws degree.



Robert C. Roeder

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## **EDUCATION** Reitz Journal Department Honored at Regional Conference

Reitz High School's Journalism Department was honored with several awards recently at the 60th Annual Southern Illinois School Press Association Spring (SISPA) Conference and Contest, held March 3 at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale. Reitz was one of 38 schools that competed in the Conference. Overall, Reitz received 19 awards for its yearbook and school newspaper.

The Mirror, the school's newspaper, was named a Blue Banner Newspaper for its overall excellence in reporting and design. Judges cited the papers' strength of reporting, the variety of topics covered and the depth with which topics were dealt as reasons the newspaper was named one of the best.

Reitz's 2009 yearbook, 2009 Reflections Yearbook, also received accolades at the conference. The yearbook was awarded a Golden Dozen Award, which recognizes the top regional yearbooks for coverage, graphics, photography and writing. In addition, the yearbook also received first place in



Reitz High School's Journalism Department was honored Coverage; first place in Layouts; second place in Dividers; and second place in Cover Design.

Several Reitz students also received awards for their work in the school yearbook and newspaper. The 2010 Reflections Yearbook staff earned awards in all six categories for the yearbook currently being produced. The staff received first place in Feature Spread Design; first place in Theme Development; second place in Cover Design; and an honorable mention in Sports Spread Design. Photographers Amanda Breeze earned first place in Feature Photography and Kyra Williams received first place in Sports Photography.

Eight students were honored for their work on The Mirror. First place awards were presented to Grant Adcock for Original Artwork, Marika Garrett for Sports Writing and Nate Tinner for Feature Writing. Second place awards were presented to Melody Hart for Photography with a Caption, Marika Garrett for Sports Feature Writing and Sierra King for her feature writing in the Cub Division. Five students

> also received honorable mentions, including Marika Garrett and Brian Adcock for Editorial Writing; Kyra Williams for Photography with a Caption; Nate Tinner for Feature Writing and Shelby Daugthery for Review Writing. The entire newspaper staff was awarded first place for Computer Generated Artwork and Overall Layout.

> SISPA is a regional scholastic press organization started in the late 1920s, making it one of the oldest school press organizations in the United States. Sixty years ago the organization began to host a conference to give students a chance to hone their skills with advice of experts, professionals and educators through workshops and classes. The contest portion was quickly added. Now students can compete in a live, on-site contest or by sending in their published works.

> SISPA covers an area that stretches from St. Louis to Evansville, and Champaign, Illinois to Paducah, Kentucky. This year, almost 40 schools participated in the conference, onsite contests and mail-in judging.

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# **PT Receives Grant to Help U.S. Military**

Three members of the University of Evansville's physical therapy faculty will collaborate over the next year with a team of researchers at Army Baylor University working to keep America's soldiers in the field.

Assistant Professors Phil Plisky and Rob Butler, and Associate Professor Kyle Kiesel - all members of UE's Department of Physical Therapy - along with researchers at Army Baylor University recently were awarded a \$240,000 IP Screening Technology grant to help them identify the U.S. Army soldiers who are most susceptible to injury. Once completed, work from the grant also will enable them to recommend exercises to those soldiers to help reduce their injury risk.

"We are extremely honored to have the opportunity to work with the brave men and women serving our country and to have a way we can help keep them in good physical health," Plisky said. "This type of study is something we have been working on for some time, and it has proven accurate in athletic populations for predicting physical injuries that will occur. "So after several months of preparation, the funds for this grant will help us set up a one-stop shop for American soldiers, where they can be tested, learn their injury risk, and receive information about how they can reduce their risk of those injuries."

The group plans to begin this testing in San Antonio later this year, after refining their procedure with athletes in Evansville.

The IP Screening Technology grant is aimed specifically at creating the technology needed to give soldiers instant feedback on their testing. The goal is to have the soldiers be able to walk up to the test, swipe their identity card, go through the test, then have a computer generate their results, their injury risk (low, medium, or high), and the exercises they should do to reduce that risk. Plisky, Kiesel and Butler have done similar work with players from the National Football League and other professional sports, demonstrating increased injury risk in those who did not score well on their movement tests. Additionally they have published work on exercise strategies to correct the identified deficits.

"We can't think of a better application for this research, than the United States military," Plisky said. "What's exciting to us, and most valuable to the military, is the ability to give instant feedback, which is being made possible by the IP Screening Technology grant."

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## SPORTS

### **UE Divers Prepare For First NCAA Zone Championships**

The University of Evansville diving team has experienced many firsts this season like a first-year coach and first records broken since the 1995-96 season. Now three divers will get to experience their first NCAA Zone C Diving Championships March 12-14 at Purdue University.

"I think it's really awesome that three have made it this year," said Evansville diving coach Eric Blevins. "They have all worked really hard this year. I'm just happy that they are going to get to experience the next level where they are going to be competing at a much higher level than they have in the past, so it will be very rewarding for them."

Juniors Andy Balczo and Jennifer Childers and freshman Sadie Wells are all very excited for the experience.

"It means that all the hard work I have done this year is actually going toward something, and it's not going to waste," Balczo said. "I'm very excited, and there are going to be Olympians there, so it's going to be a really good show."

With Missouri Valley Conference and Mid-American Conference championships finally both over, the divers could concentrate strictly on their dives for zones. Wells said that they have been practicing like they normally have through the regular season, but that things have picked up a little as the competition draws near.

To qualify for zones, divers must reach certain point totals in at least one board in meets during the regular season. For men, they must reach 300 on the one meter and 320 on the three meter while women must total over 265 on one meter and 280 on three meter. Balczo and Wells both reach their marks early in the fall, so plans were made. However, Childers didn't qualify until the last home meet in January, so her spring break plans had to be altered.

"I was supposed to go on a trip with some of my friends from high school, but obviously plans changed a bit," Childers said. "But it is all worth it."



*Junior Andy Balczo will compete in the NCAA Zone C Championship March 12-14 at Purdue University.* 

At zones, each diver has a chance to compete in three events with one meter, three meter and platform. Although Evansville doesn't have a platform, Wells' experience from high school will give her a chance to compete on the board. Practice time on the platform has been limited, as Wells did get to go to Southern Illinois for a little practice time, but she will mostly get practice when she gets to Purdue the days before she performs the event.

With all three divers returning next year, zones will be greatly used as a learning experience.

"I want them to see what is out there and the upper-level competition," Blevins said. "Our zone is typically the hardest zone. We have Olympians in our zone and most of the time a national champion comes out of our zone, so they will be competing against people like that. I want them to see what they are doing. What is good is that they will see that they can compete with them. I think it is going to be a great motivational factor the next couple of years."



## **SPORTS** Smith honored by SIDs as Midwest Player of the Year

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – University of Southern Indiana senior guard Jamar Smith (Peoria, Illinois) was named the Daktronics Midwest Region Player of the Year and first team All-Region in the vote by the region's sports information directors. Smith is the second USI player to earn the Daktronics Midwest Region Player of the Year award and first team All-Region honors. USI has had 10 prior players earn second team honors.

Chris Thompson was the first Eagle to earn the region player of the year honors in 2006.

Smith, who was the seventh Eagle to be named GLVC Player of the Year, averaged a team-high 21.6 points per game and set the USI single-game (10) and the single-season (108) marks for three-point field goals made. He also set the USI career record with 20.2 points per game in two years.

The first team All-GLVC selection became the second USI men's basketball player to reach the 40-point plateau in a game. The 40 points against the University of Illinois-Springfield was the most by an Eagle in the history of the Physical Activities Center. He also averaged 4.1 rebounds and 3.7 assists per game.

The senior physical education major was named GLVC Player of the Week twice this year and the December Division II Bulletin Player of the Month nationally.

>Jamar Smith is the second USI player to be named the Daktronics Midwest Region Player of the Year.





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## SPORTS

### **Diamond Aces Double Up Nationally-Ranked Wildcats, 8-4**

LEXINGTON, Ky.—The University of Evansville baseball team exploded for five runs in the sixth inning to grab a four-run lead, and relievers Matt Netherton and Tom Heithoff made it stand up, as the visiting Purple Aces doubled up the nationally-ranked University of Kentucky Wildcats, 8-4, on Wednesday at Cliff Hagan Stadium in Lexington, Kentucky.

After UK used single runs in each of the first four innings to build a 4-3 lead against UE starter Seth McCabe, Netherton (1-1) kept it a onerun game by shutting down the Wildcat offense with three scoreless innings of two-hit relief. His teammates would then give him his first career mound victory with a sixth-inning explosion off of sophomore right-hander Alex Meyer, a typical weekend starter for the Wildcats and a projected first-round pick in the 2011 Major League Baseball draft.

Freshman shortstop Eric Stamets began the sixth inning with a fourpitch walk. He then proceeded to steal second and third base against Meyer (2-2) to put a runner at third base with no one out. After a walk to Heithoff and a hit-by-pitch to junior infielder Cody Fick, junior outfielder Greg Wallace cleared the bases with a three-run triple down the right field line to give UE a 6-4 lead. Sophomore infielder Trentt Copeland then followed with a first-pitch home run to left field, his second of the year, to push UE's lead to 8-4 and chase Meyer from the game.

"That was a really emotional inning," said UE head coach Wes Carroll. "Greg was able to come through in a huge spot with that base hit to clear the bases and give us the lead, and then Trentt really got into one on the first pitch he saw and that really gave us the energy to pick up a very big win against a very good Kentucky ballclub."

Heithoff would eventually move from the field to the mound in the bottom of the seventh inning after a lead-off double by Kentucky, but



Trentt Copeland's two-run home run capped UE's fiverun rally.

he would yield just a one-out single in the eighth inning in tossing three shutout innings to record his second save of the year and secure UE's 8-4 victory.

"I thought that both Matt and Tom did a great job on the mound today against a very good offense," said Carroll. "Matt came in and made some big pitches and was able to really settle us down on the mound with his three innings of work. He threw strikes and hit his spots and that was key.

> "And, Tom continued to show today why he is so valuable to our team, as his presence both at first base and in the middle of our lineup, and also on the mound as our closer is what we need as a team.

> "I'm very proud of my ballclub. We lost a tough game yesterday, but bounced right back to pick up a big win today by showing a lot of heart and character, and now it's time to finally go home and play in front of our home crowd this weekend."

> Stamets went 2-for-3 with two doubles, two RBI and two stolen bases to lead Evansville offensively, while Copeland also went 2-for-4 with a home run and two RBI for UE. Outfielder Cory Farris went 3-for-3 with a home run to lead Kentucky's attack.

With the victory, Evansville concludes its season-opening 13-game road trip with a 4-9 record. Kentucky, ranked as high as 19th nationally in the various collegiate baseball polls, meanwhile suffers its first home loss of the season and falls to 10-2 overall with the loss. Evansville will now return home to the confines of Charles H. Braun Stadium this weekend to host Morehead State, Le Moyne and Purdue in the annual Dunn Hospitality Diamond Classic. Diamond Classic play will begin at 11:00 a.m. Friday morning with Purdue and Le Moyne doing battle, before UE will take the diamond at 3:00 p.m. against Morehead State in the home opener.



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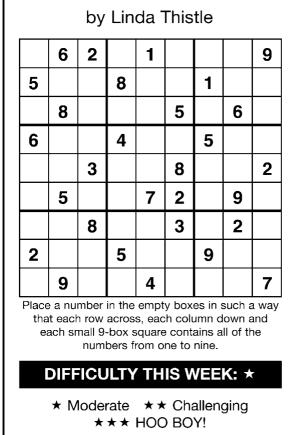
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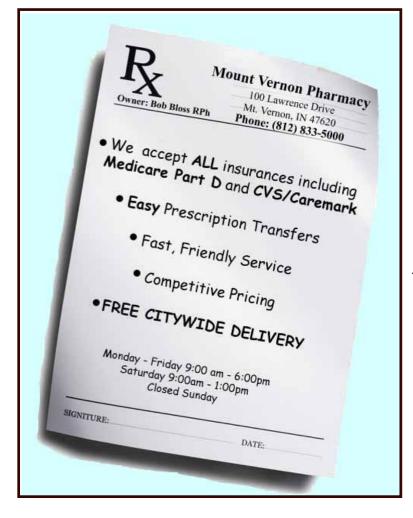
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## HEALTH DR. DONOHUE'S **TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH** NPH, an Unfamiliar Cause of Dementia

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My wife, 78, has had headaches, some memory problems and confusion. A brain scan showed hydrocephalus. We were referred to a neurosurgeon, and he ordered an infusion study. We have waited six weeks for that appointment. At an earlier appointment, we met someone who had had the infusion study and then had a shunt placed. He said he got his life back. Someone else told us that 10 percent of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease really have normal pressure hydrocephalus, which is fixable. What is your reaction to this? -- J.R.

**ANSWER:** Dementia is a fog that descends on the brain, erasing memory and impairing many other mental functions. Alzheimer's disease is the major cause of dementia. However, there are other causes, and one of them is normal pressure hydrocephalus. I can't vouch for the statement that 10 percent of Alzheimer's patients have NPH, but I am sure there are a few who do. I don't



want to raise false hopes for Alzheimer's patients.

In NPH, the balance between the production and absorption of cerebrospinal fluid is lost. The volume of fluid within the brain increases and compresses it. That leads to the signs and symptoms of NPH.

The three major indicators of NPH are an abnormal walk, a diminution of memory and other mental functions (dementia) and an urgency to empty the bladder with frequent loss of bladder control. The NPH gait is one where steps are taken slowly, in short strides and with the legs wide apart. People look as though their feet are glued to the ground and they have difficulty turning themselves. A person doesn't need all three criteria to merit the diagnosis.

If signs, symptoms and tests, including a brain scan and the infusion test your wife is going to have, point to normal pressure hydrocephalus, then drainage of the excess brain fluid often can restore a person's life, as the man you met in the doctor's office said. A thin, plastic tube (a shunt) drains the fluid to other body sites where it is absorbed.

Alzheimer's disease is far and away the leading cause of dementia. The booklet on Alzheimer's disease describes it and its treatments in detail. To order a copy, write to: Dr. Donohue -- No. 903W, Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475. Enclose a check or money order (no cash) for \$4.75 U.S./\$6 Canada with the recipient's printed name and address. Please allow four weeks for delivery. \*\*\*

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: When my son was 10, the doctor gave him a nasal spray to stop his bedwetting. It worked well. He told us to use it only when the boy was going to be away for the night. My son is now an adult and is 6 feet 8 inches tall. Did that inhaler make him grow so tall, a height that is uncomfortable for him? -- B.P.

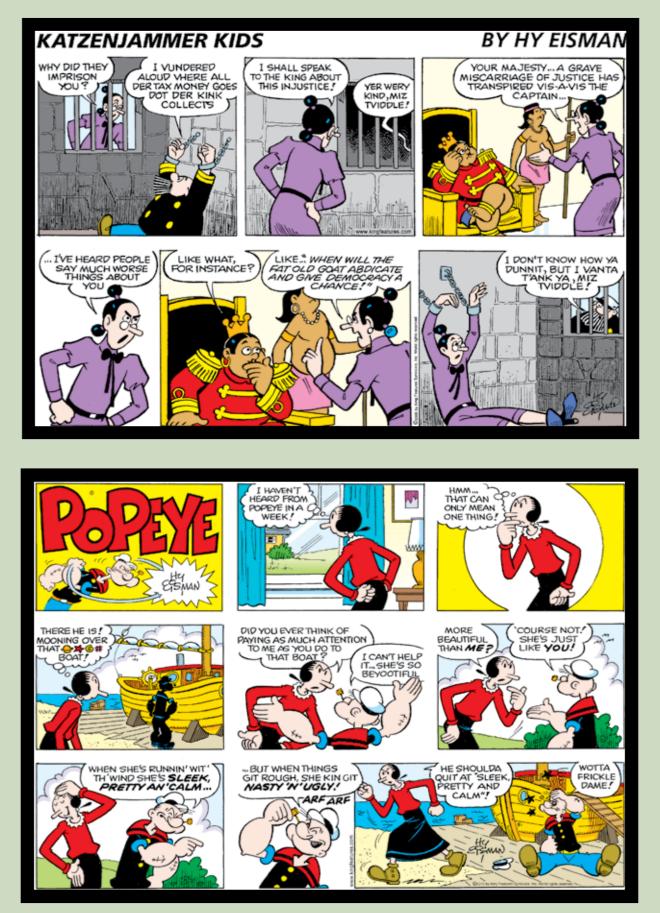
**ANSWER:** The medicine in the inhaler was a synthetic version of a pituitary gland hormone called antidiuretic hormone, a hormone that slows urine production. It has nothing to do with growth. I guess the world can be inhospitable to the very tall, but many of us wouldn't mind trading places with them.

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

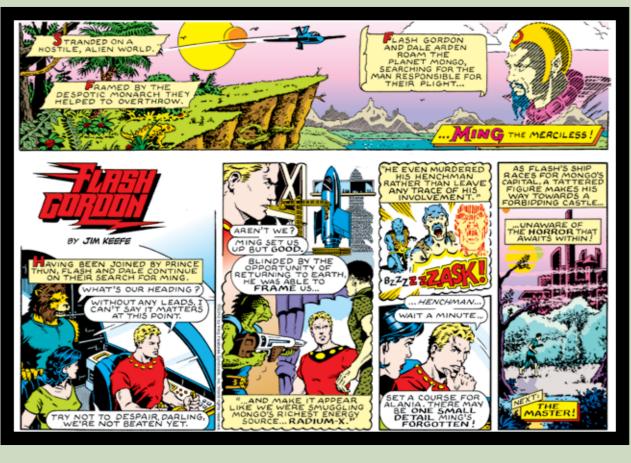
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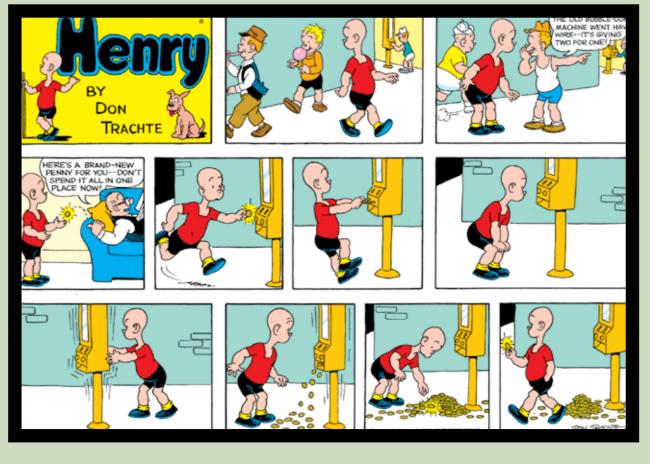
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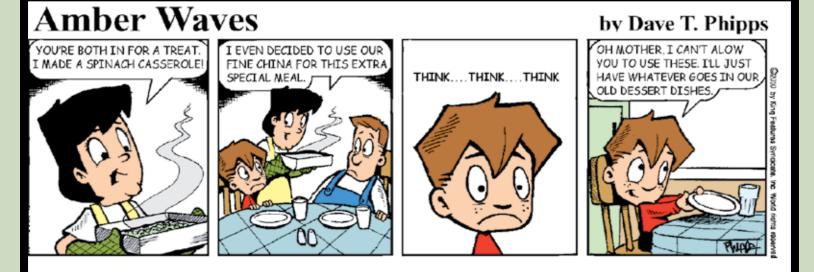
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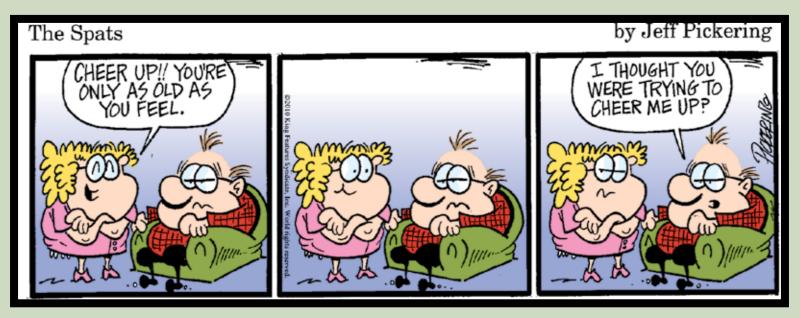


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Special Music: The Conquerors Quartet, organized eighteen years ago, the Conquerors have continually witnessed God's blessing upon their ministry. The four-part male vocalists and pianist create a unique sound that spans all stylistic and generational boundaries. Their selections which blend the old with the new are sure to please every listener.

Special Guest: Abby Johnson, is the former Planned Parenthood Director who quit her job. That simple act has become a national news story because Johnson, 29, was the director of a Planned Parenthood clinic in Bryan, Texas who said she experienced a "change of heart" while participating in an abortion procedure. Johnson has now joined a group called Coalition for Life which prays outside the clinic where she worked. You won't want to miss this compelling story that changed a life forever.





Keynote Speaker: Kirk Cameron, is an American actor best-known for his role as Mike Seaver on the television situation comedy *Growing Pains*. Recently, he portrayed the lead roles in the *Left Behind* film series and in the 2008 drama film, *Fireproof*. Cameron is also an active Christian evangelist, currently partnering with Ray Comfort in the evangelical ministry. The Way of the Master, and has co-founded The Firefly Foundation, a camp for children with special needs. Kirk has a very personal pro-life story to share and has a tremendous passion for adoption.

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