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Evansville Brownfields Corp. received \$2.6 million in 2009, records still closed to media

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

A property located at 1112 Parrett Street has been the source of much conversation around the Haynie's Corner Arts District. This property was acquired by the city last year on behalf of Evansville Brownfields Corp. In the last couple of weeks, the staff of the City-County Observer has fielded many phone calls and emails regarding this property.

Research shows that the property located at 1112 Parrett St. was purchased by the city for the amount of \$190,000 last July. The Vanderburgh County Assessor's Office determined the assessed value at \$132,600. The property was purchased from a company called Klougi Enterprises LLC, who purchased the property in 1999 for \$118,000.

The property was purchased by the city to help with the revival of the Arts District in that area. Before the property can change hands, a proposal must be submitted directly to Tom Barnett, Executive Director of the Dept. of Metropolitan Development (DMD), that follows the guidelines set for this area.

According to staff members at the DMD, they are willing to give this property (free of charge) to an investor or artist who has the money to invest in the repair of the building and if it falls within the goals of the district.

A potential investor recently called the City-County Observer to ask questions. Having been out of the area for some time and only recently returning, she asked about the coalition between Evansville Brownfields Corp. and the DMD. "Why is the city answering questions about a property owned by a non-profit organization? Why did a man working for DMD tell me that the City of Evansville bought that property?"

Evansville Brownfields Corp. is considered a 501(c)3, or non-profit, organization by the State of Indiana. Their articles of incorporation were filed with the Secretary of State's Office on March 24, 2003. Carolyn Rusk, who is the Evansville Brownfields Coordinator within the Dept. of Metropolitan Development, signed the documents as "incorporator."

According to the documents received from the State, the purposes for which Evansville Brownfields Corp. was formed are:

A. "To acquire "brownfield" properties and/or environmen-

tally distressed real estate, to improve and/or remediate the real estate and to thereafter retain, sell or lease the real estate, in order to benefit the City of Evansville and its economic development thereby lessening the burdens of government.

B. To assist government agencies in promoting economic development of environmentally distressed real estate in the City of Evansville.

C. To exclusively promote and carry on any other charitable or educational purposes and activities for which corporations may be organized and operated under the relevant provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended; and

D. To exercise and enjoy any and all other powers, rights and privileges granted by the Indiana Nonprofit Corporation Act of 1991, and acts amendatory, to corporations organized thereunder."

In the last six months, the City-County Observer has requested documents, contracts, payments, property records, meeting minutes and other such items that show the City of Evansville's relationship to Evansville Brownfields Corp. According

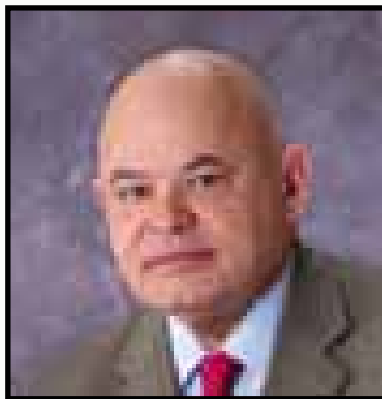
ing the Brad Salmon, who serves as legal council for the Evansville Redevelopment Commission, Evansville Brownfields Corp. is a nonprofit company whose documents do not fall under the governance of the Indiana Open Door Law.

In the past year, many questions have been asked and remained unanswered, such as:

~If the Evansville Redevelopment Commission or Dept. of Metropolitan Development are giving this organization money or properties, how are they not subject to Open Door Laws? Don't the money and properties belong to the taxpayers?

~If they are a separate organization, why are Tom Barnett and Carolyn Rusk making decisions for this organization? And why is the address of Evansville Brownfields Corp. the same as that of the Dept. of Metropolitan Development?

Barnett and Rusk, both of whom are employed by the Evansville Dept. of Metropolitan Development, are listed on Evansville Brownfields Corp.'s latest tax return as "Directors." Several properties listed with the Vanderburgh County Assessor's Office state



**Tom Barnett, Executive
Director of DMD**

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that properties were purchased in care of Carolyn Rusk with Evansville Brownsfields Corp. listed as the property owner. These properties were reportedly purchased with city money. Proposals for some properties listed are to be sent to Tom Barnett. This begs the question, "Is there some sort of conflict here?"

In further researching this matter, calls were made to Evansville City Clerk Alberta Matlock and Vanderburgh County Clerk Susan Kirk. Both stated and proved no "Conflict of Interest Statements" were on file for these individuals.

Evansville City Councilwoman Connie Robinson is also listed as a Director of Evansville Brownsfields Corp., according to the latest tax return. Robinson also failed to provide a conflict of interest statement for her involvement.

On December 16, 2009, the City-County Observer, after months of rejection from Evansville Brownsfields Corp., submitted a Freedom of Information Act form to the City Controller, Mayor Jonathan Weinzaepfel's Office, DMD and made an appearance before the Evansville Redevelopment Commission to ask for their assistance in obtaining the requested documents.

On January 14, 2010, the City-County Observer received a portion of the information requested from DMD. A list of payments made to the city by Evansville Brownsfields Corp. was presented along with accounts payable vouchers from the Vanderburgh County Commissioners to Evansville Brownsfields Corp. for tax sale redemptions, copies of a check from the Evansville Housing Authority to EBC, copies of EBC deposits, Homestead Credit refunds and copies of resolutions by the Evansville City Council appropriating funds for Evansville Brownsfields Corp.

Additional information was provided by the Evansville City Controller's Office. In 2006, the corporation received only \$7,200. These funds are said to have come from the "Other Contractual Services" line from the Riverboat account. In 2007, the organization received a total of \$4,858. The money in that year came from the "Other Contractual Services" line from the Riverboat Fund and from the Community Development Block Grant - Brownfield Initiative Fund. In 2008, Evansville Brownsfields Corp. received \$1,693.60. These monies came from the CDBG and again from the "Other Contractual Services" line.

In 2009, Evansville Brownsfields Corp. received a total of \$2,629,750.64. These monies came from CDBG grants, DMD grants and Economic Development Loans from DMD. The lines represented by these donations include "Grants and Subsidies" and "Other Contractual Services."

The City-County Observer requested contracts along with the payments, knowing that payments were made from the "Other Contractual Services" lines. The DMD, through a letter from Barnett, stated, "There are no agreements between the Evansville Redevelopment Commission and the Evansville Brownsfields Corp." It also states, "There were no documents reflecting action taken by the Evansville Redevelopment Commission in reference to the Evansville Brownsfields Corp. dur-

ing these years."

In returning to questions about the property located at 1112 Parrett St., the staff of the City-County located 260 properties linked to the DMD. The breakdown of a few goes like this: 65 are owned by Evansville Brownsfields Corporation.; 9 are owned by Evansville Brownsfields Corp. C/O Carolyn Rusk; 117 are owned by Evansville Brownsfields Corp.; 1 is listed under Evansville Brownfield Corporation; 4 properties are listed as owned by the Evansville Redevelopment Commission; 3 are owned by the City of Evansville - Dept. of Redevelopment; etc.

Calls and emails to Vanderburgh County Assessor Jonathan Weaver revealed additional information. When asked questions about the assessments on properties and property taxes owed by Evansville Brownsfields Corp., he said, "It's a government entity."

The staff of the City-County Observer questioned this statement because other offices had stated that Evansville Brownsfields Corp. was a nonprofit, not a government entity.

Weaver then cited the Indiana law which was used to determine what gave them an exempt status. He said that Evansville Brownsfields Corp. falls under the 620 municipality code. He stated the law as Indiana Code 6-1.1-10-16.7 section 1.

The questions now turn to:

1. If Evansville Brownsfields Corp. is considered a government entity in exemption from property taxes, should they also be accountable to the Open Door Law?
2. Where is the mention of property received from the City of Evansville?
3. Where are the contracts between the City of Evansville and Evansville Brownsfields Corp. for their dealings?
4. Why is Evansville Brownsfields Corp. refusing to merely provide meeting minutes, financial documents and allow the public to attend their meetings?

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NEWS

Money Trail: Westside Water tower Project Brings Campaign Donations

By Jamie Grabert, Publisher

On February 11, 2010, the staff of the City-County Observer published a story about a new water tower on Evansville's Westside, more specifically on the USI Campus. After receiving responses from several residents, Evansville Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel's campaign finance reports were consulted for possible connections. Three donors of note were found.

R.W. ARMSTRONG

From 2007-2009, Mark L. Turner and Roland T. Salman, who are affiliated with R. W. Armstrong, gave an approximated total of \$48,595 to the mayor's campaign fund. These donations were actually made by employees of the company directly, rather than by the corporation itself. Here is the breakdown by year:

~In 2007, the same two donors gave a total of \$5,000.

~In 2008, Turner and Salman gave \$18,300.

~In 2009, two donors were years, and there was one new Amico. The three combined R.W. Armstrong was center plan for the City of Evansville. This was completed in 2008.

R. W. Armstrong is participating in Plant improvements, which is a million.

R.W. Armstrong, an Indianapolis-based firm, is also working on the new USI Elevated Tank Project. The contract amount on this project is \$24,100.

The Evansville Regional Airport is also working with R.W. Armstrong on Runway 4-22 RSA improvements.

BEAM LONGEST AND NEFF LLC

Beam Longest and Neff is also an Indianapolis-based consulting firm with engineers that specialize in the "design of roads, highways, bridges, structural, site development, water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer," according to the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns.

From 2006-2009, Beam Longest and Neff donated an estimated \$25,733 to Mayor Weinzapfel's campaign fund. In 2006, the company gave \$6,200. In 2009, Beam Longest and Neff paid gave \$8,700.

The company is currently working on the USI Elevated Tank Project. The amount Beam Longest and Neff is being paid for this contract is \$245,400.

The company also participated in the City of Evansville's park on the grounds of the State Hospital.

INGEN TECHNOLOGIES INC.

InGen Technologies Inc. is an Evansville-based firm. Only one campaign donation was located. On August 31, 2006, InGen Technologies gave \$800 to the mayor's campaign fund.

The local company has the telemetry commissioning contract for the USI Elevated Tank Project. The amount the Water and Sewer Utility is paying for this project is \$34,400.

InGen Technologies also has a contract for the Water Treatment and Distribution System Improvements SCADA update. The contract amount is \$212,329.



also gave at total of the same as the previous donor – Paul and Molly donated \$25,295. tracted to update the mas- Water and Sewer Utility. ing in the Water Treatment project totaling over \$3

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POLITICS

Becker: Senate Unanimously Supports Bill Setting New Mark for Ethics Reform

STATEHOUSE - Indiana Senate lawmakers voted unanimously today for an ethics reform package sponsored by State Sen. Vaneta Becker (R-Evansville).

Passage of House Bill 1001, which was amended to mirror language in Senate Bill 114, marks what Becker calls "the most comprehensive ethics reform package in years." The vote came on a key deadline. By today the House and Senate had to pass bills that originated in the opposite chamber in order for those bills to be sent back for consideration.

"Today, Senate lawmakers sent a message to Hoosiers that public trust is of great value, and accountability and transparency in state government is a top priority," Becker said. "I look for the leaders in the House of Representatives to agree with the amended bill and send this measure to the governor for his consideration."

Here are highlights of House Bill 1001 as amended in the Senate:

- Requires lawmakers to wait at least one year after leaving office before becoming lobbyists;
- Requires uniform reporting by all lobbyists;
- Reduces the threshold for reported one-time lobbyist expenses from \$100 to \$50 and reduces the annual total from \$500 to \$250;
- Expands state registration and reporting requirements to include the executive branch and university legislative lobbyists;
- Prohibits lobbyists from paying for out-of-state travel expenses for legislators;
- Requires the Lobby Registration Commission to publish more of its information on the Internet;
- Increases penalties from \$10 per day to \$100 per day for failure to file lobbyist registrations and reports in a timely manner. Increases the maximum penalty for failure to file lobbyist registration statements and activity reports from \$100 to \$4,500;
- Prohibits state candidates and office holders from political fundraising during the long session when lawmakers are already barred from doing so;
- Prohibits legislators from accepting honoraria for appearances and speeches related to legislative matters;
- Requires county clerks to locally provide copies of state candidates' documents from state Web sites; and
- Prohibits statewide officeholders from appearing or using their name in a print, radio or television advertisement funded with state-appropriated money unless there is a "compelling public policy reason" and permission is granted from the State Budget Committee and State Budget Agency. Gubernatorial public service announcements related to public health or safety would automatically be allowed.

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- Indiana Department of Administration - MBE and/or WBE State Certification
- Indiana Department of Transportation - DBE (Disadvantaged Business Enterprise) Certification
- Indiana Minority Supplier Development Council – MBE Certification

When: Thursday, March 11th
Time: 10 a.m.
Where: Innovation Pointe
 First Floor Media Suite
 318 Main Street
 Evansville, IN 47708

RSVP to: Debbie Spalding, CPO
 Email: dspalding@evansvillegov.org

Assistance Request for Reorganization Committee

(EVANSVILLE, IN)- Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel and County Commission President Stephen Melcher are seeking groups or individuals who are interested in assisting the Government Reorganization Committee with its work. Specifically, they are looking for proposals from law firms and accounting firms to provide legal and financial services as well as staffing for the Committee.

Interested parties should submit their proposals to Mayor Weinzapfel and County Commission President Melcher no later than Tuesday, March 16th and be prepared for a possible presentation to the Consolidation Committee when it meets on the evening of Tuesday, March 23rd.


The mailing address for the Mayor’s office is:
 One NW Martin Luther King, Jr., Boulevard
 Room 302
 Evansville, IN 47708

The mailing address for the County Commissioners’ office is the same except it is room 305 instead of room 302.

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ASK THE TAX MASTER

Taxing Social Security Benefits



By Jeff Day, EA

Prior to 1993 legislation, the taxing of social security was quite simple. A person with incomes exceeding the base amount excluding the social security benefits themselves were subject to a tax of 50% of their social security benefits.

Since 1993, the computation of taxing social security became much more complex, and although the US has had inflation causing 50% higher prices in 2009 than 1993, the base amounts to compute the taxing of social security has not changed. Furthermore, the formula

in computing taxing of social security is one that strongly discourages elderly persons to marry a 2nd time if a spouse dies. The persons that were responsible for such a system have been able to convince the greatest amount of persons that they care about the family and the poor while they pass legislation deliberately steered to cause tax increases without their knowledge or understanding.

The base amounts for single persons is \$25,000 and for married persons the base amounts are \$32,000, therefore married couples oftentimes pay taxes on income up to \$15,800 more than if they were not married and there are no other differences. To figure the taxable amount of social security, if all provisional income is less than \$25,000 for singles and \$32,000 for married couples there is no taxable social security. The provisional amount is the total worldwide income not including any social security. Adding the provisional amount of income plus one-half of social security together becomes the threshold amount. Threshold amounts less than \$34,000 for single persons and less than \$44,000 are under the old rules and over those amounts are subject to the 1993 rules. If the provisional amount of income plus one half of social security is less than \$34,000 for singles and less than \$44,000 for married couples social security is taxed at 50% of the social security amount. That formula is the exact same as Pre-1993 and those provisional amounts did not change. If the provisional amount of income plus one half of social security is over \$34,000 for singles and over \$44,000 for married couples the social security is taxed at 85% of the social security for the amount of social security over the threshold amount.

Examples if a single person has an income without social security of \$26,000 and social security benefits of \$18,000. Provisional income is \$26,000 plus 50% of \$18,000 = \$35,000. He would have \$8000 taxable social security under the old rules at 50% and \$1,000 under the 1993 rules at 85%.

If a married filing joint couple has income without social security benefits of \$43,000 and social security benefits of \$18,000. Provisional income is \$43,000 plus 50% of \$18,000 = \$52,000. The first \$44,000 of provisional income will be taxed according to the old rules, and the final \$8,000 of provisional income will be taxed under the new rules. Taxable Social Security on the first \$44,000 of provisional income equals \$6,000 (\$44,000 less \$32,000). Taxable social security on the final \$8,000 of provisional income equals 85% of (\$52,000- \$44,000) or \$6,800. A total of \$12,800 is taxable social security. Finally, we add the two components of tax (\$6,000 and \$6,800). The amount of Social Security benefits taxable is the lesser of this sum and 85% of all Social Security benefits. The amount of taxable Social Security benefits under the pre-1993 was 50% of the amount by which provisional amount exceeded the base amount. Therefore \$9,000 would have been taxable social security under pre-1993 law. These particular taxpayers would have had \$3,800 less taxable income under the old law. So the 1993 "reform" passed by an overwhelmingly Democrat Congress with the tie breaking vote by Al Gore causes a tax hike for this couple.

Since the Congress has not passed any legislation to offset inflation and since inflation has been about 50% since 1993, senior citizens with just this meager income have seen tax increases almost 50% since 1993.

If taxpayers are married and live with each other at any time during the year and file married filing separately they may plan on paying taxes on 85% of their social security amount.

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EDITORIAL

IS IT TRUE?



Compiled by 'Moles' Number 1 through 141...and counting

IS IT TRUE that the city of Evansville through the Evansville Redevelopment Commission, has agreed to pay up to \$31,000 for the Development, Design and Deployment Services for a Web Site? IS IT TRUE that McCool Media received the contract? IS IT TRUE that Website is for the construction of the new Arena and will feature a webcam? IS IT TRUE this is a waste of taxpayers' money?

IS IT TRUE people have been asking were the rubble from the demolished Executive Inn is going? IS IT TRUE if you want to see what's left of the building, you can take a trip down First Avenue and look at the property that once housed the old Igelhart Mill? IS IT TRUE if a common citizen tears down an old building, they are required to take the remains to City-County dump to dispose of? IS IT TRUE this is a blatant example of double standards? IS IT TRUE we wonder why "KEEP EVANSVILLE BEAUTIFUL" hasn't filed a formal complaint against the City for causing this area to become blighted? IS IT TRUE one of "KEEP EVANSVILLE BEAUTIFUL" funding sources is the City of Evansville? IS IT TRUE we wonder if the Evansville EPA checked to see if rubble from the Executive Inn had any asbestos or if the soil taken from this area had any lead or oil based problems? IS IT TRUE the Evansville EPA is also funded by the City of Evansville?

IS IT TRUE on March 1, 2010 the publisher of the City County Observer sent an E-mail to John Kish-Arena Czar asking him the following questions? IS IT TRUE the question went as follows: "Mr. Kish, Can you please tell where the steel from the demolition of the Executive Inn is going? Is it being sold by the city to help to pay for new materials or was that calculated into the demolition costs for the contractor?" IS IT TRUE Mr. Kish response was: "Ms. Grabert: I do not know the steel from the Executive Inn demolition is going but typically the material like that becomes the property of the demolition contractor. That value or lack thereof, is something that factors into the price of the demolition? IS IT TRUE our response to Mr. Kish answers to our publisher's question "are you kidding us?"

IS IT TRUE we are sad to hear that County Councilmen Royce Sutton is withdrawing to run for re-election in this upcoming election? IS IT TRUE the reason is because he accepted a big promotion offer from Fifth/Third bank in St. Louis? IS IT TRUE we wish him well and thank him for

his years of public service to the citizens of Vanderburgh County? IS IT TRUE the answer is "yes?"

IS IT TRUE that Pat Pittman is a great American? IS IT TRUE Pat Pittman is also a Patriot?

IS IT TRUE we can't believe that US Environmental Protection Agency was planning to store lead and arsenic contaminated soil in a lot next to Glenwood School? IS IT TRUE we are extremely pleased that Mayor Weinzapfel stopped this from happening? IS IT TRUE this the same agency that is suing the city for the pollution problems at the Wastewater Treatment plant and South Side Water and Sewer challenges? IS IT TRUE the Mayor is right on when he suggest taking this "POISONED SOIL" directly to the City-County landfill? IS IT True this entire situation reeks of double standards practiced by the EPA? IS IT TRUE the answer is "YES?"

IS IT TRUE we can't wait to getting copies of GAGE'S 2008 and 2009 financial statements? IS IT TRUE we will make these statements public once we get them? IS IT TRUE the answer is "yes?" IS IT TRUE the past top leadership may have some tough questions to answer to city and county taxpayers when statements are made public?

IS IT TRUE we would like to publically thank 1st Ward City Councilman Dan McGinn for leading the battle to stop an unwanted not-for-profit, section 8 housing project from happening in his Ward? IS IT TRUE the answer is a re-sounding "yes?"

IS IT TRUE the local "TEAPARTYERS" are planning an upcoming MONSTER event? IS IT TRUE some local elected officials may not like what they see and hear at this event? IS IT TRUE it will likely be held on Tax Day?

IS IT TRUE that the City-County Observer staff has requested the 2010 employment contract of Mildred Motley, who currently serves as the Executive Director of the Evansville Housing Authority? IS IT TRUE this contract was requested over 10 days ago? IS IT TRUE this request was hand-carried? IS IT TRUE they have failed to send a letter of acknowledgement as is required by the Indiana Open Door Law? IS IT TRUE this is the second time the staff of the CCO has had to ask the state to intervene on our behalf? IS IT TRUE the first round went to the CCO? IS IT TRUE the CCO has grounds to win this one as well?

IS IT TRUE that Republican Sue Ellspermann should be

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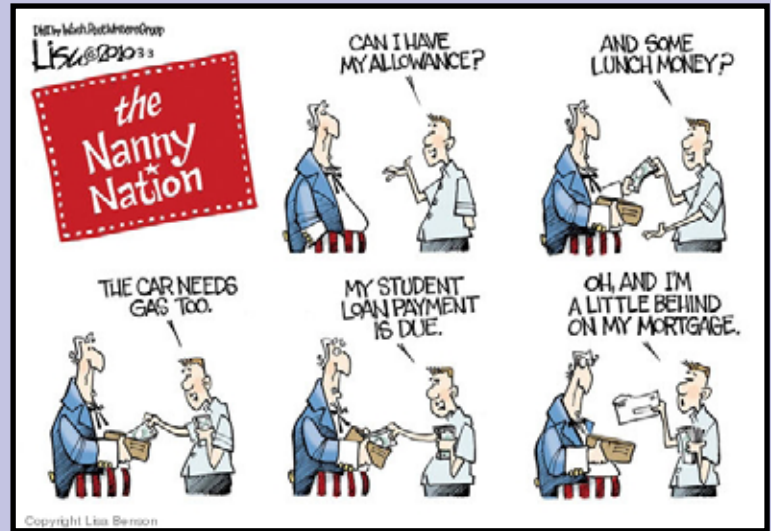
IS IT TRUE?

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allowed to remain on the ballot as a candidate for Indiana House District 74? IS IT TRUE that the attempt to remove her from the ballot seems extremely petty? IS IT TRUE this should be up to the voters of her district to determine her political fate and not people playing partisan political games?

IS IT TRUE we are extremely impressed with the way that Matthew Justak coordinated last night's Lincoln Day Dinner gala? IS IT TRUE the Vanderburgh County Republican is extremely fortunate to have Matt in their mist?

IS IT TRUE a group of local political types is hosting a fundraiser for Dave Mosby, who is running for Perry Township Trustee? IS IT TRUE the hosts are Mayor Jonathan Weinzapfel, Councilman Curt John, Councilman John Friend, Councilman BJ Watts, Councilwoman Missy Mosby, Senator Bob Deig, Commissioner Steve Melcher, and Commissioner Troy Tornatta? IS IT TRUE with this kind of political backing, Mosby should win big? IS IT TRUE, he won't?



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MONUMENTS MATTER

BLACK HISTORY MONTH SPEECH

*Given February 21, 2010 at the
Alexandrian Public Library, Mt. Vernon, Indiana*

By Judge James Rediwne

I was born and raised on the Osage Indian Nation in the state of Oklahoma at a time when Oklahoma legally segregated African Americans from the rest of us. They could not go to our schools, eat in our restaurants, sit downstairs in our movie theaters or even attend our white churches. Of course, my Native American friends were not kept separate from the white community by law, but their culture was systematically disrespected by the dominate white society.

Please stop and think for a moment about our community of Posey County, Indiana and envision all of the important monuments erected to the memory of our heroes and significant events. Can you think of one monument erected to African Americans or to Native Americans? I thought not. Let me assure you the same is true as to African Americans in my old home county in Oklahoma and, ironically enough, is pretty much true even as to Native Americans in the state that bills itself as "Native America". It is my opinion it is not a mere happenstance that there are few, if any, monuments to African and Native Americans, especially in our nation's capital.

During this important celebration of black history I would like to discuss with you why, I believe, monuments matter.

History can quickly forget even the most horrendous tragedies. We humans have but scant time to complete our individual struggles. We are not prone to dwell for long on the misfortunes of others, especially if we ourselves or our ancestors contributed to those misfortunes.

It is not a coincidence that there is a memorial on our Capital Mall to the atrocities committed by Nazi foreigners but no memorials to the holocausts we ourselves committed against Native Americans and African Americans.

As Jesus said, why do we search for the sins of others and ignore our own? That normal but inglorious human weakness is why monuments matter. Out of sight truly is soon out of mind and the facts of history are often changed to appease our nagging consciences. We need public admission and remembrance of our collective sins even more than we need public veneration of our heroes.

These truths are self-evident from the way we have conveniently and comfortably rewritten or left unwritten hundreds of years of our systematic destruction of Native American and African American cultures. Thanks to white Americans, the histories of both of these races are similar and inextricably intertwined.

And speaking of truth,

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

Thomas Jefferson wrote those words in 1776. Thomas Jefferson

owned many of his fellow human beings.

And, at the time fifty-six of our famous forefathers signed this Declaration of Independence, several of them owned their fellow human beings.

George Washington did not join Jefferson and the others in signing the Declaration of Independence, but Washington did join Jefferson in owning his fellow human beings.

Our United States Constitution took effect in March 1789, and provided in Article IV, § 2 (3) that it was illegal to refuse to surrender an escaped slave to his or her owner. This provision was later made significantly more odious by the Fugitive Slave Act of 1850.

Our Constitution based the number of each state's congressional representatives on a census of all free persons and certain indentured servants, but excluded Native Americans and included only 3/5 of each slave (Article I, § 2).

Article I, § 9 provided that the importation of slaves (mainly from Africa) could not be legally stopped by Congress until 1808. And the lawful breeding and trading of domestic slaves continued until December 1865, eighty-nine years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence.

We have erected impressive monuments to Washington and Jefferson. Abraham Lincoln, who ran for the presidency on a promise that he would free none of the slaves or some of the slaves or all of the slaves, depending upon which out-come would best preserve the union, and who endorsed the forced removal of Native Americans from their homes, is honored with many monuments.

We have carefully enshrined the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution in impressive displays in our nation's capital. And we still venerate Posey County's own Alvin Peterson Hovey, who, as a Posey County delegate to Indiana's Constitutional Convention of 1850, voted to deny African Americans the right to even move into Indiana or vote or testify in court or serve on juries.

Further, Hovey lived right across the street from the campus of our Posey County courthouse where five African American men were murdered by a well disciplined group of two to three hundred Posey County white men in October of 1878. There is a monument to Hovey at the entrance to Bellefontaine Cemetery and, also, at our state capital in Indianapolis. But there is no memorial to the victims of those horrific crimes of 1878.

I suggest it is long past time that the United States of America acknowledges the greatest stains on our country's honor by creating fitting memorials to Native Americans who were treated as savage trespassers on their own lands and African Americans who were treated as so much livestock.

And we in Posey County should lead the way by installing a fitting tribute to those African American men who were murdered in October 1878, and to all the black families who were driven out of our community in the pogrom that followed.

This monument to justice should be established on the courthouse campus where that great injustice was committed then covered up by a conspiracy of silence.

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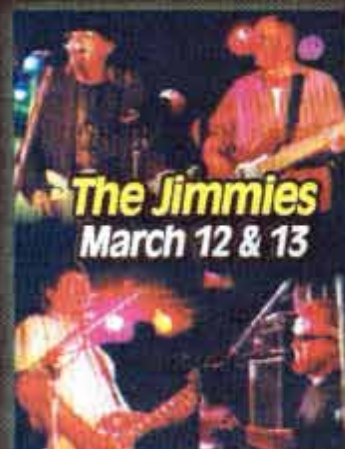
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Civic Theatre debuts.

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 spring. Paula Boenigk plays Lorette, 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

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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.

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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.

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

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SpringFest 2010 tickets on sale now

The University of Southern Indiana's SpringFest 2010, featuring about 20 bands, carnival rides, food booths, games and contests, a car show, and other performances, will be held Friday and Saturday, April 9-10, on the USI campus. Activities Programming Board is sponsoring the two headlining acts: country artist Luke Bryan on Friday and rock band Motion City Soundtrack on Saturday.

Brooks Cooper, a student organizer of the event and president of the USI chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, said, "We've more than doubled the budget this year and more than doubled the activities, so we're really excited to be able to share fun and music with the whole campus."

The headliners were chosen by USI students through an on-line survey. "We went with not just the number one choice but the number two as well, so we have both rock and country," Cooper said.

Other events include:

- A Car and Truck Show sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi to benefit the United Cerebral Palsy Foundation of Greater Indiana
- "Trike-A-Palooza," giant tricycle races to benefit the Jamel Lewis Education Fund in memory of Jeron Lewis
- A "USIdol" competition to select the best vocalist at USI

- Appearance by the Rollergirls of Southern Indiana roller derby team

USI students, employees, alumni and their families can ride the carnival rides for free (with valid ID). USI students pay \$15 for the Luke Bryan concert and \$20 for Motion City Soundtrack or \$30 for both.

The general public pays \$20 for Bryan and \$25 for Motion City Soundtrack or \$40 for both. The door will open at 8 p.m. for each 's concert. Carnival ride tickets for the general public are \$2 each or 10 tickets for \$15. An armband for one day costs \$16.

Tickets for SpringFest 2010 are sale in the USI Bookstore or online at <http://usibook.usi.edu/MerchList.aspx?ID=14885>. Online ordering includes a \$5 handling fee. SpringFest is supported by an SOS Grant from the Student Government Association (SGA).

To stay updated on events, join the USI SpringFest 2010 Facebook group.

Tim Buecher, director of Career Counseling, is advisor for SpringFest. For more information, call Career Counseling at 812/465-1136.

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Why The World Needs More SWIRCA

By Hobart Scales, Contributor

Country music Icon Hank Williams Jr. once wrote "all my rowdy friends have settled down", his ode to the challenges of aging.

The "human condition" - the fact that everyone grows older with the passage of time - is inevitable. For nearly all of us this will mean a change of lifestyle - a slowing down of pace - and perhaps the need for some assistance from time to time.

For those of us who are around retirement age, or maybe have loved ones who are, its comforting to know that there are kind and good people who are dedicated to helping us maintain an independent life outside of nursing care. People who can answer tough questions about government services, who can explain what long term care options exist if we do need assistance living at home, or who are available just to sit and chat with over lunch.

We are blessed to have just such a group of people right here in Vanderburgh County. The Southwestern Indiana Regional Council on Aging (SWIRCA) has been providing such needed services since 1974 and serves Gibson, Vanderburgh, Posey,

Warrick, Spencer, and Perry counties.

SWIRCA, a not-for-profit organization that uses private contributions along with federal and state funding, operates with 90 -100 paid staffers and hundreds of volunteers who all work to make living independently a reality for thousands of disabled and elderly. But SWIRCA is more than just programs and services to help many stay out of long term nursing care.

Take the Nutrition Program for instance. SWIRCA provides over 1200 meals daily spread out over 16 different locations throughout Southwest Indiana. At the Vanderburgh County location, hundreds come to share lunch with friends, many staying for some Bingo as dessert. For those who can't make the trip, SWIRCA delivers over 600 meals to homes every day. All of this, as with many of SWIRCA's programs, is free of charge - although suggested contributions are always welcomed.

Of the 90 paid staffers, SWIRCA employs 27 case managers. From financial asset planning, to questions about medicare and social security, to managing over pre-admission screenings for nursing home care - these case managers can, and do, handle it all. A typical day for a case manager: over 30 calls each ranging all kinds of questions. Each manager is equipped with equal amounts of heart and knowledge as they help thousands every year.

SWIRCA also provides the community with the Ivy Room: a beautiful 9,000 square foot room for hire. During the day, many of the activities SWIRCA provides are run out of this room including Bingo and exercise programs. But the Ivy Room is available for rental and can seat up to 700 people. As a full service room for rent, the Ivy Room can provide food and beverages to any event you care to hold there.

The vast amount of services that SWIRCA provides are far to numerous to name here. But needless to say, the good folks that run the Southwest Indiana Regional Council on Aging are providing a much needed service to this community. We here at the City-County Observer applaud their efforts. We encourage our readers to take a closer look. You can visit their website at www.swirca.org, give them a call at 812-464-7800, or simply stop by their Vanderburgh County headquarters at 16 West Virginia Street.



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EDUCATION

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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EDUCATION

UE Named Among Top Community Service Universities in America

The University of Evansville again received national recognition this morning, when the Corporation for National and Community Service announced its 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll.

The recognition – which reflects community service performed between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009 – is given each year to colleges and universities for the breadth and quality of their service initiatives. This is the first time the University of Evansville has applied to the Corporation for National and Community Service, and thus the first time it has earned the distinction of an Honor Roll university.

More information on the award can be found at http://www.learnandserve.gov/about/programs/higher_ed_honorroll.asp.

“Congratulations to the University of Evansville and its students for their dedication to service and commitment to improving their local community,” said Patrick Corvington, CEO of the Corporation for National and Community Service. “Our nation’s students are a critical part of the equation and vital to our efforts to tackle the most persistent challenges we face. They have achieved impactful results and demonstrated the value of putting knowledge into practice to help renew America through service.”

UE was named an Honor Roll university after a year when more than 1,300 of its 2,208 full-time undergraduate students participated in some form of community service. In all, that totaled 21,600 hours of service that UE students performed in the community during the 2008-09 academic year.

Another 200 students participated in service learning projects – community service projects that faculty have worked into their classroom curriculum.

Among the highlights of the year were the annual Freshman Service Project, which saw 427 students offer 1,281 hours of community service; and the Pause for a Cause Girl Scouts project, where 15 students in one of UE’s all-female residence halls opted to adopt a Girl Scout troop, leading to 1,200 hours of community service throughout the year.

“For years, community service has been a focal point of the University of Evansville experience for our students – a key part of their preparation to enter the world as informed, ethical, and productive citizens,” said Rachel Carpenter, UE’s assistant dean of students and director of the Center for Student Engagement. “We feel this is such an important piece of what we do, the phrase ‘Civic Mission’ is engrained in our University logo. But before this year,

we had never really cataloged the full extent of our students’ community service in a given year.

“In doing that, what we found was that our students truly are engaging in the community; we felt that their work was impressive and worthy of recognition, and with this announcement, we are proud to see that the Corporation for National and Community Service agrees.”

College students make a significant contribution to the volunteer sector; in 2009, 3.16 million students performed more than 300 million hours of service, according to the Volunteering in America study released by the Corporation. Each year, the Corporation invests more than \$150 million in fostering a culture of service on college campuses through grants awarded by its programs; the education awards that AmeriCorps members receive at the conclusion of their term of service to pay for college; and through support of training, research, recognition, and other initiatives to spur college service.

The Corporation oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education.

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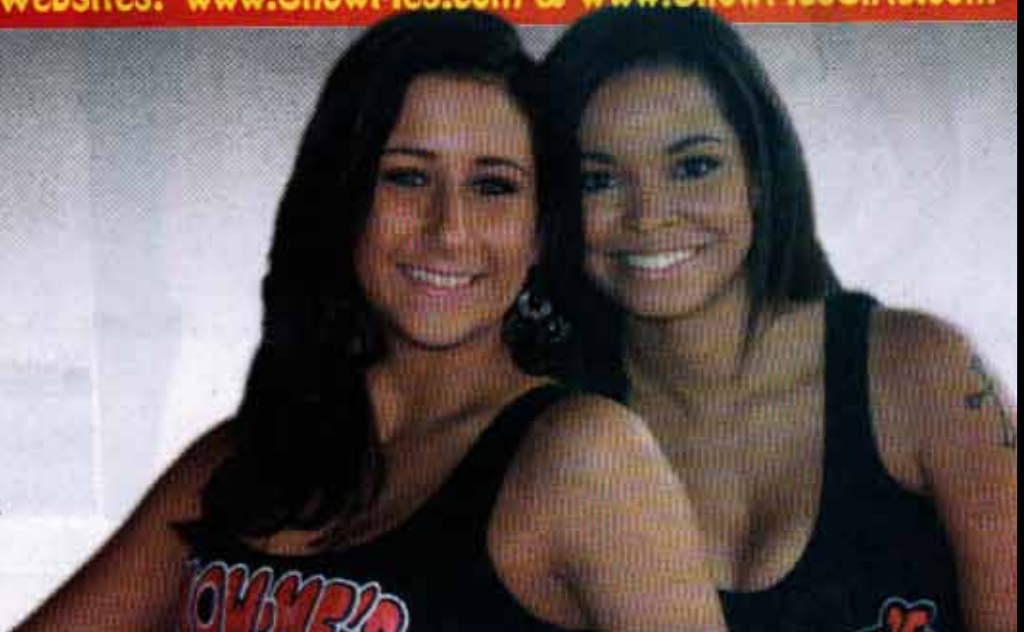
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USI named to national honor roll for community service

The University of Southern Indiana has been named to the 2009 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll, which annually recognizes institutions of higher education for their commitment to and achievement in community service.

The President's Honor Roll increases the public's awareness of the contributions that colleges and their students make to local communities and the nation as a whole.

USI President Linda L. M. Bennett said, "It is an honor for the University to be named to the national honor roll, and I congratulate the USI students who gave willingly of their time and talent to improve our community."

USI service learning programs submitted with the community service honor roll application included work with young children enrolled in an early intervention program through a local school, a partnership with Wesselman Woods Nature

Preserve to create a standards-based curriculum for a special event, and a program offering workshops and learning activities related to multicultural literature for an Evansville Boys and Girls Club chapter.

The Corporation for National and Community Service announced the annual Honor Roll award recipients today and recognized more than 700 colleges and universities for exemplary, innovative, and effective community service programs. The corporation oversees the Honor Roll in collaboration with the Department of Education, Department of Housing and Urban Development, Campus Compact and the American Council on Education. Honorees are chosen based on a series of selection factors including scope and innovation of service projects, percentage of student participation in service activities, incentives for service, and the extent to which the school offers academic service-learning courses.

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SPORTS

Aces Split Decision At Murray State

MURRAY, Ky.-- The University of Evansville softball team (2-4) split its doubleheader at Murray State (1-6) on Wednesday, as the Aces won the first game 6-2 and lost the second game 6-2.

"In the first game, I felt we had a really good approach and plan at the plate and hit pitches in the zone," said Evansville head coach Mark Redburn. "Both our pitching and defense was solid. Halie (Malone) threw two runners out attempting to steal, and that was big for our defense. Kelci (Alsip) and Amy (Gaertner) both hit solo home runs at critical times to extend our lead.

In game two, I felt that we didn't stick with the plan, and that's where we have to be more consistent. We looked at too many first pitch strikes and even some called third strikes, and we just can't go down at the plate without giving ourselves a chance. Our pitching, defense and base running was not as good as game one, and all of those things make it nearly impossible to win. I know it's still early, and we will continue to learn and work hard so we can be the best we can."

Game One

The Aces started the scoring early in the second, as an error placed Krista Price on the bases. A walk from Ashleigh Rahming and sacrifice bunt from Allison Aguilera put runners in scoring position. Malone's single pushed Price to home while a Jamie Lindauer sacrifice fly gave a run to pinch runner Brianna Villanueva.

After the Racers answered back with a run of their own in the bottom second, UE put up another run in the fourth with Aguilera. The sophomore reached first after an error from the catcher while a Malone single advanced her to second. After Lindauer grounded out but runners advancing, Gaertner's fielder's choice scored Aguilera.

UE did it again in the sixth with an Alsip homer before Murray State put up a run in the bottom of the inning. Gaertner put the icing on the cake with her own home run to start off the seventh.

Kendall Kautz (2-0) pitched 5.2 innings, as she struck out six and allowed three hits and two runs. Elizabeth Grover also saw action, as she retired two batters of her own.

Game Two

The nightcap offered a role reversal, as the Racers put up two runs in the first inning after a two-run home run.

UE was able to keep Murray State's lead small early after Price started the second with a triple. Alicia Betancur caused the third baseman an error to take a base, which also scored Price.

However, Murray State's offense kept coming, as the Racers scored two runs in the bottom second, one in the fourth and one in the fifth. The Aces tried to keep the game alive in the sixth with Jen Stahlhut hitting a double to get the rally started. Rahming was able to take first after an error from the catcher while an Aguilera single enabled Stahlhut to score, but it wasn't enough to take two wins.



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SPORTS

UE's Ryan Chosen As MVC Freshman Of The Year

There was little surprise regarding one category today in voting for the All-Missouri Valley Conference Men's Basketball Team. The University of Evansville's Colt Ryan is MVC Freshman of the Year.

The league's second leading scorer with a 14.8 scoring average and 429 total points, Ryan easily broke Jason Holsinger's four-year-old University of Evansville freshman scoring record of 365 points. In fact, Ryan already has more points than any MVC freshman in the past decade. He'll have a chance to keep increasing the tally this week in the State Farm MVC Tournament at St. Louis, where the Purple Aces play Missouri State in the first round Thursday at 8:35 CST. The winner plays #2 seed Wichita State on Friday at 6:05.

"Colt has a combination of outstanding skills and very keen basketball knowledge," says his coach, Marty Simmons. "He has also become a leader on our team, which speaks for the respect that his teammates have for him."

As those who have watched him know, Ryan is more than a scorer. He has ranked among the MVC's top 10 most of the season in steals and assists, and his 4.3 rebounds per game are the third most on UE's team. The 6'5" Ryan was also chosen as the only freshman on the five-man MVC All-Newcomer Team, which included one senior and three juniors. Ryan is Evansville's first MVC Freshman of the Year.

"It's a very difficult jump, but I've just tried to learn and give a good effort," Ryan said when asked about the move from high school basketball to the Division I level. "The speed and athleticism are very different from high school. Here we run off of screens and there's a lot to learn about the offense. It's demanding physically, too. My body went through a lot of different things this season that it hadn't gone through before.

"But it's been a good experience, especially since we've won some games here late in the season. We wanted to make sure we got some momentum going, and if you catch a hot streak, which we hope to do, there's no telling how far you can go in the tournament."

Northern Iowa's Adam Koch was the clear choice as the Larry Bird MVC Player of the Year, leading UNI to its second straight regular season championship and first outright title in school history. Other first team selections included Defensive Player of the Year Dinma Odiakosa and Osiris Eldridge of Illinois State, Clevin Hannah of league runner-up Wichita State and Josh Young of Drake.

The All-Bench and Most Improved Teams will be announced Wednesday, and the Scholar-Athlete Team and Coach of the Year will be announced Thursday at the tournament banquet at the Hilton At The Ballpark Hotel in downtown St. Louis.

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SPORTS

USI hosting Dunn Hospitality Invitational this weekend

EVANSVILLE, Ind. – University of Southern Indiana baseball team resumes its 12-game homestand with the Dunn Hospitality Invitational Friday through Monday at the USI Baseball Field. The Screaming Eagles (6-3) are scheduled to play the University of Wisconsin-Parkside Friday at 3 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m., while concluding the invitational against Wayne State College (Neb.) Sunday at 2:30 p.m. and Monday under the lights at 5 p.m.

The USI-WSC game on Monday will be the first night game in the history of the USI Baseball Field.

The Eagles, who climbed back in to the Collegiate Baseball Magazine/Division II Top 30 poll at number 26, are coming off a three-game sweep of Tiffin University. USI started the series by taking a doubleheader, 5-0 and 11-7, before coming-from-behind to win the series-finale, 15-11.

Leading the Eagles at the plate is junior outfielder Michael Huling (South Bend, Indiana), who is batting .400, and junior outfielder Justin Blinn (Vincennes, Indiana), who is hitting .371 with a team-high 11 RBIs. Blinn also has a team-best two home runs.

On the mound, junior right-hander Trevor Leach (Danville, Indiana) has made seven appearances in nine games and is 1-0 with a 1.23 ERA. He also has struck out eight batters in 14.2 innings of work.

In the win column, senior right-hander/infielder Tyler Choate (Carmi, Illinois) leads the Eagles with a 3-0 mark and is second on the squad with a 3.60 ERA in three starts.



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Junior Justin Blinn has a team-high 11 RBIs this year.

The Rangers of UW-Parkside (1-7) will be making their first visit to the USI Baseball Field under the direction of Head Coach Joel Weaver, who was an assistant at USI the last three seasons. USI leads the all-time series with UW-Parkside, 22-21, after the Eagles swept four games from the Rangers in 2009. USI also has won eight of the last 10 meetings with UW-Parkside.

The Wildcats of WSC (3-5) come to Evansville after losing three of four to Winona State University last weekend in the Metrodome in Minneapolis, Minnesota. WSC is under the direction of new Head Coach Brian Disch, who was a player when USI Head Coach Tracy Archuleta was an assistant coach for the Wildcats (1999-2001).

The Eagles lead the all-time series with WSC, 2-0, after sweeping the two games at the USI Baseball Field last year.

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Super Crossword

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- 1 — pole
 - 6 Miss Marple
 - 10 Canine tooth
 - 16 "Nowhere —" ('66 hit)
 - 19 Luncheonette lure
 - 20 Bard's river
 - 21 May or Stritch
 - 22 Clark's "Mogambo" co-star
 - 23 She's not a bleached blond, she's ...
 - 26 Tear
 - 27 Walk confidently
 - 28 Composer Albeniz
 - 29 Stevenson scoundrel
 - 30 Singer Sumac
 - 31 Fill to the gills
 - 34 Papier
 - 37 —Locka, FL
 - 40 Eastern dye
 - 42 Raven maven?
 - 45 —terrier
 - 48 She's not old, she's ...
 - 54 Conductor's concern
 - 55 "— Nidre"
 - 56 Right-fielder Tony
 - 57 Discontinue measure
 - 58 "Strange Interlude" playwright
 - 60 Quaker colonist
 - 62 Baby bites
 - 64 Hazard
 - 65 Keats' "— a Nightingale"
 - 66 Scuba site
 - 68 Tach meas.
 - 69 Actress Ruby
 - 70 He doesn't have detention, he's ...
 - 75 Ring figure
 - 78 Brit. lexicon
 - 79 Puente or Jackson
 - 80 Cognizant
 - 84 Actor
 - 86 Rushed
 - 88 Poet
 - 90 Teasdale
 - 92 Sacks
 - 94 Urania's sister
 - 96 Seer's gift
 - 98 Undo an error
 - 99 He's not ignorant, he's ...
 - 103 Approaches
 - 104 Superlative suffix
 - 105 It's up in the air
 - 106 '60s campus org.
 - 107 Printer's measure
 - 109 Entangle
 - 110 "A Yank in the —" ('41 film)
 - 113 — pro quo
 - 116 Beethoven dedicatee
 - 120 Sahara vision
 - 123 Decorative vase
 - 124 He doesn't snore, he's ...
 - 130 FBI employee
 - 131 Asian peninsula
 - 132 Give off
 - 133 Bar food?
 - 134 Metro or Prizm
 - 135 Lowdown hound
 - 136 Trick
 - 137 Serengeti springer
 - 218 Start to snooze
 - 219 Vane letters
 - 220 Chubby Checker has three
 - 221 Forearm bone
 - 222 Actress Thompson
 - 223 Segment
 - 224 Lodging
 - 225 PD abbr.
 - 226 Designer Quant
 - 227 Gung-ho house?
 - 228 Spine start
 - 229 Spud state
 - 230 Quiche, e.g.
 - 231 Young bovine
 - 232 Pry
 - 233 Some fishermen
 - 234 Skater
 - 235 Babylonian
 - 236 Sty guy
 - 237 Hockey's Lindros
 - 238 Word form for "eight"
 - 239 Chemical prefix
 - 240 Ready for a fight
 - 241 Lodge brother
 - 242 Comrade
 - 243 Ken or Lena
 - 244 "— Madigan" ('67 film)
 - 246 Demure
 - 247 "Siddhartha" author
 - 249 Mayberry moppet
 - 250 Nick of "Cape Fear"
 - 251 NYC power co.
 - 252 Like some dogs
 - 253 Astronaut Slayton
 - 259 Trademark designs
 - 261 Tree
 - 263 Gung-ho house?
 - 263 Lipstick mishap
 - 267 Chalky cheese
 - 271 Drive off
 - 272 Swimmer Gertrude
 - 273 Actor Lamas
 - 274 Nerd
 - 275 Jazz phrase
 - 276 French spa
 - 277 Compel
 - 281 Unit of area
 - 282 Savanna sounds
 - 283 Facilitated
 - 285 Impede
 - 287 TV's "Happy —"
 - 291 Turner and Koppel
 - 293 Certain
 - 295 Boy King
 - 297 Play on words
 - 300 Quiet — mouse
 - 301 Myriads of moons
 - 302 Worth
 - 308 Southwestern sights
 - 309 Essential
 - 311 Crop up
 - 312 "— Attraction" ('87 film)
 - 313 Bog, for short
 - 314 Press
 - 315 "So — You" ('77 song)
 - 317 Research sites
 - 318 First name in tennis
 - 319 Blind part
 - 320 Dole (out)
 - 321 Arizona river
 - 322 Writer Hunter
 - 324 Collar a crook
 - 325 Coach Parseghian
 - 326 Word with carpet or cabbage
 - 327 Aussie walker
 - 328 "Great Expectations" character
 - 329 Byrnes or Roush

DOWN

- 1 Eavesdrop electronically
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- 4 Atlanta campus
- 5 Adage
- 6 Shade of green
- 7 Broad st.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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HEALTH

DR. DONOHUE'S

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DEAR DR. DONOHUE: My father is 88 and quite headstrong. He has taken a daily dose of mineral oil for years and years. He says it keeps him regular. Should he continue to do this? Could it harm him? -- K.H.

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ANSWER: If food or anything else gets caught in the windpipe (the trachea), a solo person can dislodge it by bending over a sturdy chair so the abdomen, just above the navel (bellybutton), rests on the top of the chair. A kitchen chair with a wooden back is a good choice. Then the person pushes the abdomen with an inward and slightly upward thrust against the top of the chair. It should generate a burst of air through the windpipe to dislodge whatever is stuck there. Repeat the thrust as many times as necessary. If a chair is unavailable, then make a fist with one hand and cover it with the other hand. Put the fist in the same location, above the navel, and make a forceful inward and upward thrust. Repeat as needed.

The forced vomiting idea isn't a good one. Vomited material leaves the stomach and enters the mouth through the esophagus. It doesn't unblock the trachea.

DEAR DR. DONOHUE: Do you lose more nutrients from vegetables when you cook them in a microwave than when you cook them on a stove? -- A.T.

ANSWER: You lose fewer vitamins and minerals when you microwave vegetables than when you cook them on top of a stove. Little water is needed when microwaving, so nutrients don't pass out of the vegetables and into the water.

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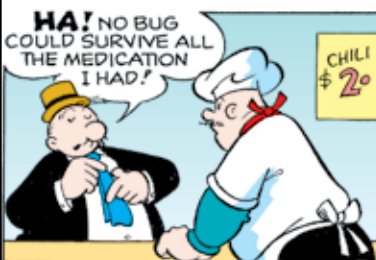
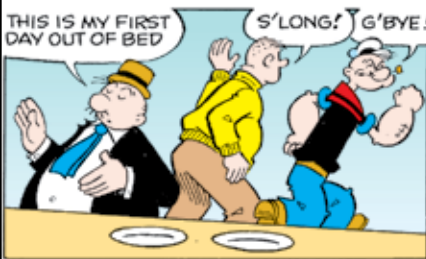
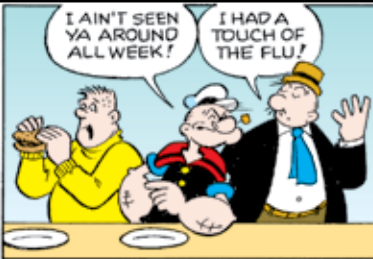
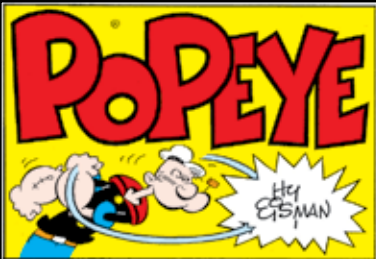


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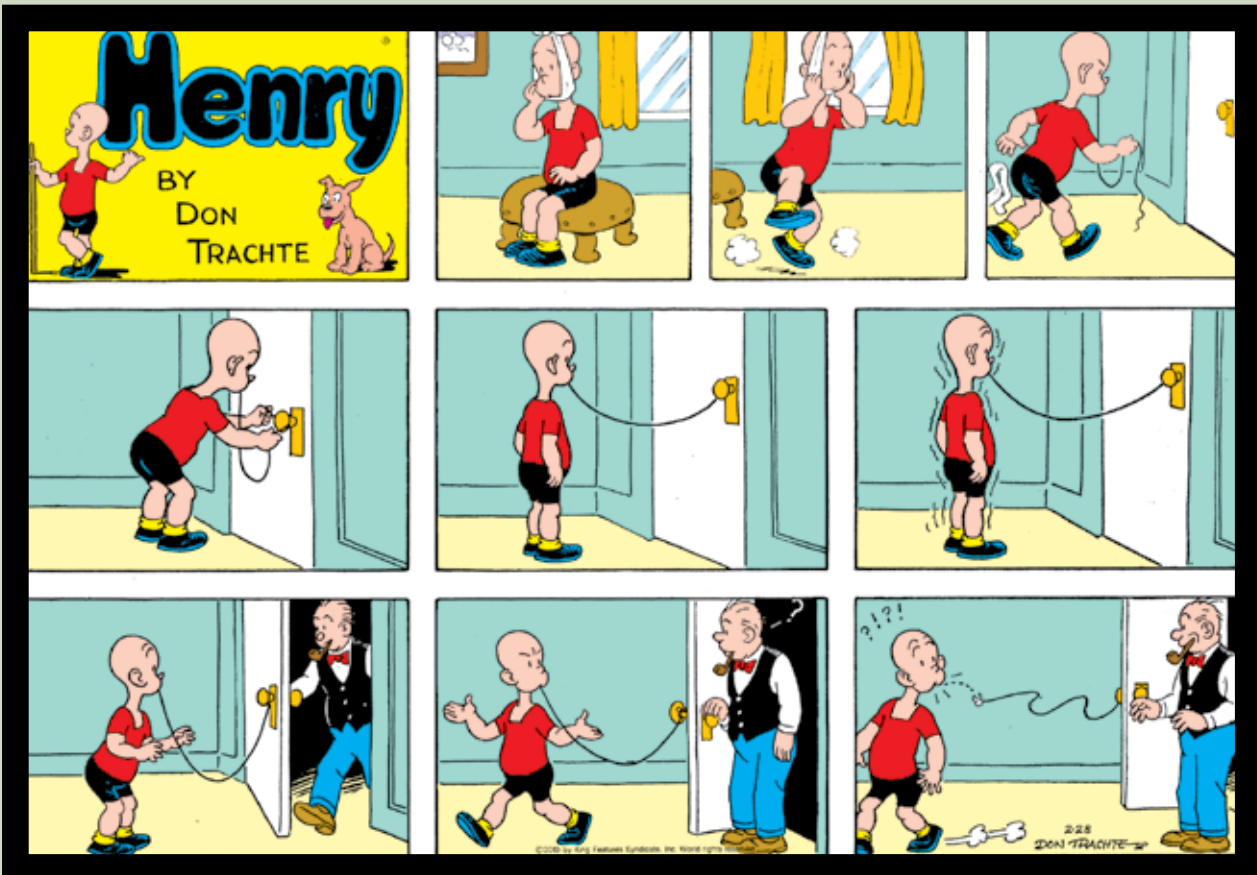
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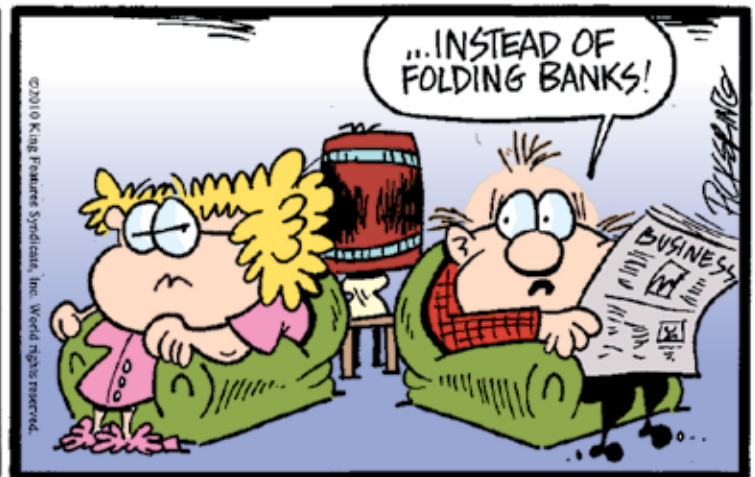
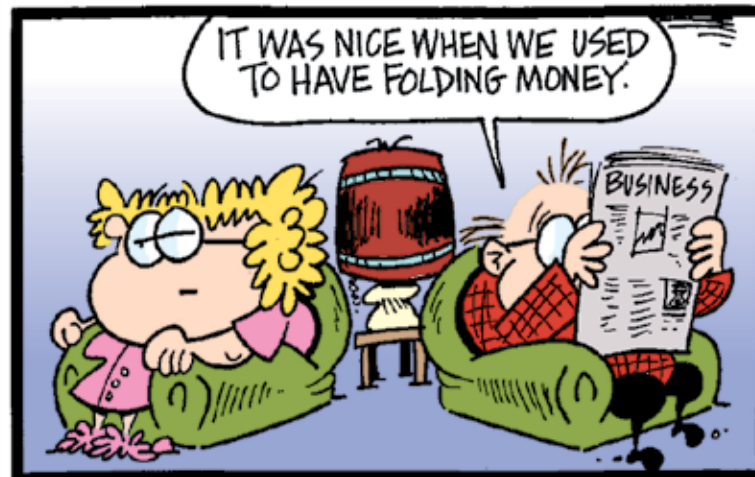
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